

**SB 5809-S2.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that individuals who are eligible for services under the workforce investment act adult and dislocated worker programs, or are receiving or have exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation benefits be provided the opportunity to enroll in training programs to prepare for a high-demand occupation.

Requires funds appropriated in the 2009-2011 operating budget for the purposes of the act, subject to the availability of funds through March 1, 2011, to be distributed by the employment security department to workforce development councils as a match to American recovery and reinvestment act formula funds or local workforce investment act funds that workforce development councils provide specifically for the education and training of eligible individuals in high-demand occupations for the purposes identified in section 5(2) of the act.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SSB 5809

May 19, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members,  
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to workforce employment and training."

I am vetoing Section 4 of this bill. The policy intent of the bill can be accomplished without the Legislature directing how the Governor's discretionary Workforce Investment Act 10% fund is used. Although federal law does not prohibit the state Legislature from directing the Workforce Investment Act 10% funds, the approach taken by this bill would set an undesirable precedent.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809.

With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5809 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor