

**EHB 1706** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Labor & Commerce

**NOT ADOPTED 04/17/2019**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.46  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning July 1, 2020, no state agency may employ an  
6 individual to work under a special certificate issued under RCW  
7 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the employment of individuals with  
8 disabilities at less than the minimum wage. Any special certificate  
9 issued by the director to a state agency for the employment of an  
10 individual with a disability at less than minimum wage must expire by  
11 June 30, 2020. For the purposes of this subsection (1), "state  
12 agency" means any office, department, commission, or other unit of  
13 state government.

14 (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, no entity in the state may employ  
15 an individual to work under a special certificate issued under RCW  
16 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the employment of individuals with  
17 disabilities at less than the minimum wage. Any special certificate  
18 issued by the director for the employment of an individual with a  
19 disability at less than minimum wage must expire by December 31,  
20 2022.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 2022, the department of  
22 labor and industries and the department of social and health services  
23 shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of the  
24 legislature with the following information:

25 (a) The number of workers currently working under a special  
26 certificate issued under RCW 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the  
27 employment of individuals with disabilities at less than the minimum  
28 wage as of the date of the report;

29 (b) The counties of residence of the workers in (a) of this  
30 subsection; and

1 (c) Whether the workers in (a) of this subsection are eligible to  
2 receive individualized technical assistance and the estimated cost to  
3 the department of social and health services to provide  
4 individualized technical assistance to the workers who are not  
5 eligible.

6 (2) This section expires June 30, 2023."

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the  
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
9 49.46 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: (1) Prohibits subminimum wage certificates for  
individuals with disabilities employed by state agencies beginning  
July 1, 2020.

(2) Prohibits subminimum wage certificates for individuals with  
disabilities employed by all other entities beginning January 1,  
2023.

(3) Requires the department of labor and industries and  
department of social and health services to submit a report to the  
legislature by December 1, 2022.

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