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By Senate Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Hochstatter, Fairley, Long, Deccio, Prentice, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Winsley, Costa, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training
2 opportunities for WorkFirst clients; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.08A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The employment security department shall appoint a WorkFirst
8 apprenticeship coordinator, whose duties shall be to:

9 (a) Develop and sustain relationships between the employment
10 security department, the department of social and health services, the
11 business community, and the supervisor of apprenticeship or the
12 supervisor's designee in order to facilitate the creation of
13 apprenticeship opportunities for WorkFirst clients;

14 (b) Work with the business community and the supervisor of
15 apprenticeship to develop preapprenticeship training opportunities
16 which meet the WorkFirst requirements for preemployment training;

17 (c) Ensure that sufficient support services are available for
18 WorkFirst clients who choose to participate in apprenticeship and
19 preapprenticeship training programs;

1 (d) Work with staff of the employment security department and the
2 department of social and health services to integrate information about
3 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training programs into
4 introductory training for new caseworkers and ongoing training for
5 currently employed caseworkers;

6 (e) Work with staff of the employment security department and the
7 department of social and health services to integrate information about
8 apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training programs into initial
9 WorkFirst client orientation;

10 (f) Work with staff of the employment security department and the
11 department of social and health services to create and disseminate
12 written materials regarding apprenticeship and preapprenticeship
13 training opportunities to be distributed to WorkFirst clients; and

14 (g) Ensure that department staff are meeting the requirements set
15 forth in subsection (2) of this section.

16 (2) Department of social and health services caseworkers and
17 employment security job service specialists providing direct service to
18 WorkFirst clients are required to:

19 (a) Inform WorkFirst clients that apprenticeships qualify as work
20 experience and preapprenticeship training programs qualify as
21 preemployment training;

22 (b) Inform female WorkFirst clients of apprenticeship and
23 preapprenticeship training opportunities in nontraditional fields; and

24 (c) Encourage WorkFirst clients to pursue apprenticeship and
25 preapprenticeship opportunities, as well as other preemployment
26 training opportunities.

27 (3) The department shall provide information about apprenticeship
28 and preapprenticeship training opportunities:

29 (a) At introductory training for new caseworkers and ongoing
30 training for currently employed caseworkers;

31 (b) At initial WorkFirst client orientation; and

32 (c) In written materials to be distributed to WorkFirst clients.

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