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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Horn, Shin, Winsley, Oke and Kohl-Welles; by request of The Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation)

Brief Description: Investing in human resources for transportation.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 1/16/02)

Directs the apprenticeship council to work with the department of transportation, local transportation jurisdictions, local and state joint apprenticeships, representatives of transportation labor groups, and representatives of the state's universities and community and vocational colleges to establish technical apprenticeship opportunities specific to the needs of transportation.

Requires the council to issue a report of findings and recommendations to the transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2002. The report must include, but not be limited to, findings and recommendations regarding the establishment of transportation technical training programs within the community and vocational college system and in the state universities.

Requires the state-interest component of the statewide multimodal transportation plan to include a plan for enhancing the skills of the existing technical transportation work force.

Requires the department of labor and industries, in cooperation with the department of transportation, to conduct an assessment of the current practices, including survey techniques, used in setting prevailing wages for those trades related to transportation facilities and transportation project delivery. The assessment must include an analysis of regional variations.

Requires a final report to be submitted to the governor and the transportation committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 1, 2002.