

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6182

As of February 5, 2004

Title: An act relating to apprenticeship utilization requirements on public works projects.

Brief Description: Providing for apprenticeship utilization requirements on public works projects.

Sponsors: Senators Roach, Keiser, Winsley, Kline and Franklin; by request of Governor Locke and Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Trade: 2/6/04.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

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Background: Executive Order 00-01 required that apprentices in programs approved by the Apprenticeship and Training Council should make up at least 10 percent of the total labor hours on public works projects of more than \$2 million awarded after July 1, 2000. The percentage was set to increase over time; currently, apprentices must account for 15 percent of the total labor hours on projects of more than \$1 million.

The Executive Order applies to state agencies under the authority of the Governor, which excludes the Transportation Commission, four-year institutions of higher education, and agencies headed by a separately elected public official.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The current requirements of Executive Order 00-01, including the authority to adjust the utilization level, are codified. The Department of General Administration (GA) must collect certain data, and GA and the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) must provide information and technical assistance to affected agencies. If requested by designated legislative committees, GA, L&I and the Governor must submit a joint report, including recommendations on how to improve the program and data on shortages in each trade or craft.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill was not considered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.