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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1061**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, Kenney, Conway, Cox, Hunt, Clements, Morrell, Campbell, Kessler, Simpson, Wood and Berkey)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating associate degree pathways for  
2 apprentices; adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Apprenticeships are very rigorous and highly structured  
7 programs with specific academic and work training requirements;

8 (2) There is a misperception that apprenticeships are only for  
9 noncollege bound students; and

10 (3) The state should expand opportunities for individuals to  
11 progress from an apprenticeship to college by creating pathways that  
12 build on the apprenticeship experience and permit apprentices to earn  
13 an associate degree.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) An apprenticeship committee may recommend to its community or  
17 technical college partner or partners that an associate degree pathway  
18 be developed for the committee's program.

1 (2) In consultation with the state board for community and  
2 technical colleges, the apprenticeship committee and the college or  
3 colleges involved with the program shall consider the extent  
4 apprentices in the program are likely to pursue an associate degree and  
5 the extent a pathway could reduce redundancy of course requirements  
6 between the apprenticeship and a degree.

7 (3) If the apprenticeship committee and the college or colleges  
8 involved with the program determine that a pathway would be beneficial  
9 for apprentices and assist them in obtaining an associate degree, the  
10 apprenticeship committee may request that a pathway be established as  
11 provided in section 3 of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) At the request of an apprenticeship committee pursuant to  
15 section 2 of this act, the community or technical college or colleges  
16 providing apprentice-related and supplemental instruction for an  
17 apprenticeship program shall develop an associate degree pathway for  
18 the apprentices in that program, if the necessary resources are  
19 available.

20 (2) In developing a degree program, the community or technical  
21 college or colleges shall ensure, to the extent possible, that related  
22 and supplemental instruction is credited toward the associate degree  
23 and that related and supplemental instruction and other degree  
24 requirements are not redundant.

25 (3) If multiple community or technical colleges provide related and  
26 supplemental instruction for a single apprenticeship committee, the  
27 colleges shall work together to the maximum extent possible to create  
28 consistent requirements for the pathway.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The state board for community and  
30 technical colleges shall convene a work group to examine current laws,  
31 administrative rules, and practices regarding related and supplemental  
32 instruction for apprentices that is provided by community and technical  
33 colleges.

34 (2) The objectives of the work group shall be to improve  
35 coordination of related and supplemental instruction by apprenticeship  
36 committees and community and technical colleges and remove or reduce

1 barriers for apprentices to earn associate degrees. The work group  
2 shall develop common standards for when it is appropriate to make  
3 related and supplemental instruction courses graded rather than  
4 ungraded courses and clarify the standards for tuition waivers for  
5 related and supplemental instruction courses.

6 (3) The work group shall include, but not be limited to,  
7 representatives from the state board for community and technical  
8 colleges, the state apprenticeship council, the department of labor and  
9 industries, local apprenticeship committees, and community and  
10 technical colleges.

11 (4) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to  
12 the legislature, including recommendations for legislative action if  
13 necessary, by December 15, 2003.

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