

**SB 5731** - H AMD TO CDH COMM AMD (H-2250.1/11) **487**

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1 On page 3, line 4, after "24.50.005(2)." insert the following:

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3 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 24.50.005 and 2006 c 34 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) Manufacturing accounts for nearly ten percent of employment in  
7 the state and provides significantly higher than average wages;

8 (b) The success of the manufacturing sector is critical to getting  
9 Washington's economy back on track;

10 (c) To perform in the emerging global marketplace, Washington  
11 manufacturers must master new technologies, production processes, and  
12 methods of work organization;

13 ~~((b))~~(d) Only through modernization can Washington manufacturers  
14 both compete successfully in the market of the future and pay good  
15 wages;

16 ~~((e))~~(e) Most small and midsize manufacturers cannot easily  
17 access the technical assistance and skills training needed to make  
18 them globally competitive; and

19 ~~((d))~~(f) To be effective, any program to improve the capability  
20 of Washington small and midsize manufacturers must reflect the  
21 specific needs and capabilities of those firms.

22 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that the state:

23 (a) Increase its support for delivery of modernization services to  
24 small and midsize manufacturers and leverage federal and private  
25 resources devoted to such efforts~~((. It is the further intent of the~~  
26 ~~legislature that the state))~~;

27 (b) Facilitate the delivery of modernization services~~((and+))~~;

1        ~~((a))~~(c) Encourage small and midsize firms to aggregate their  
2 demand for training and other modernization services, thus driving  
3 down the cost to the individual firm and securing more effective  
4 services; ~~(and)~~

5        ~~((b))~~(d) Encourage large firms to support training consortia  
6 among their suppliers and validate the importance of high performance  
7 work organization and workplace learning as desirable supplier  
8 practices;

9        (e) Support manufacturing; and

10       (f) Let's get Washington working again."

EFFECT: Inserts and amends the existing Washington  
Manufacturing Services' intent section by adding: (1) findings  
related to manufacturing's employment, wages, and value to the  
economy; and (2) the legislatures intent to support manufacturing  
and get Washington to work.

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