

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HCR 4415

As Reported by House Committee On:
Higher Education

Brief Description: Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.

Sponsors: Representatives Sells, Haler, Reykdal, Manweller, Ormsby, Wylie, Ryu, Moscoso, Hayes, Zeiger, Condotta, Johnson, Kilduff and Santos; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Higher Education: 2/2/16, 2/24/16 [DPA].

**Brief Summary of Amended Bill
(As Amended by Committee)**

- Approves the most recent state comprehensive plan for workforce training submitted by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Zeiger, Ranking Minority Member; Haler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Frame, Hargrove, Holy, Reykdal, Sells, Stambaugh, Tarleton and Van Werven.

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) was created in 1991 to provide planning, coordination, evaluation, monitoring, and policy analysis for the state workforce training system as a whole, and to advise the Governor and the Legislature concerning the training system.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Every four years, the Workforce Board must provide the Legislature and the Governor with an update of the state comprehensive plan. The Legislature, after public hearings, must approve or recommend changes to the plan and the updates by way of a concurrent resolution. Once approved, the plan becomes the state's workforce training policy unless legislation is enacted to alter the policies set forth in the plan.

The most recently updated plan is called "Talent and Prosperity for All" and emphasizes four priorities: (1) improving customer experience in the workforce system; (2) strengthening engagement with the business community; (3) leveraging technology; and (4) refining performance accountability.

Summary of Amended Bill:

The House of Representatives and the Senate, by way of concurrent resolution, approve the state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The amended resolution makes a technical correction.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The Workforce Board made changes to the comprehensive plan because of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The revised plan will help serve clients better. Numerous stakeholders participated in public forums and in writing the plan, including business and labor.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Sells, prime sponsor; and Nova Gattman, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.