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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding registered apprenticeship programs;
2 adding a new section to chapter 49.04 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The apprenticeship council under
6 chapter 49.04 RCW and the workforce training and education
7 coordinating board under RCW 28C.18.020 shall develop a strategic
8 plan focused on apprenticeship. In consultation with the governor's
9 office, the apprenticeship council and the workforce training and
10 education coordinating board shall collaborate with the state board
11 for community and technical colleges, the employment security
12 department, and the office of the superintendent of public
13 instruction to:

- 14 (a) Review existing registered apprenticeship programs;
15 (b) Analyze barriers to statewide expansion of registered
16 apprenticeship programs and preapprenticeship programs; and
17 (c) Recommend policies to implement strategies that increase
18 registered youth and adult apprenticeships.

19 (2) The apprenticeship council and the workforce training and
20 education coordinating board shall consult individuals from the
21 public and private sectors with expertise in apprenticeships,

1 including representatives of labor unions, professional technical
2 organizations, and business and industry in the development of their
3 recommendations.

4 (3) The apprenticeship work group is established to review the
5 work being done by the governor's office concerning students'
6 preparation for pathways towards a living wage, to study policy
7 recommendations, and to advise the legislature on a future statewide
8 cross-sector registered apprenticeship system.

9 (a) The work group shall consist of the following members:

10 (i) The chair and ranking members of the senate higher education
11 and workforce development committee;

12 (ii) The chair and ranking members of the house of
13 representatives higher education committee;

14 (iii) The chair and ranking members of the senate labor and
15 commerce committee;

16 (iv) The chair and ranking members of the house of
17 representatives labor and workplace standards committee; and

18 (v) One representative from each of the agencies collaborating in
19 subsection (1) of this section.

20 (b) The work group shall choose two cochairs, one from among its
21 legislative membership and one representative of a state agency. The
22 apprenticeship council and the workforce training and education
23 coordinating board shall convene the initial meeting of the work
24 group.

25 (c) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for
26 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
27 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
28 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
29 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
30 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

31 (d) The expenses of the work group must be paid jointly by the
32 senate and the house of representatives. Work group expenditures are
33 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
34 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
35 successor committees.

36 (e) The work group shall meet three times before October 15,
37 2018.

38 (4) The work group shall consolidate its findings and
39 recommendations into one report delivered to the governor and the

1 higher education and labor committees of the legislature by October
2 15, 2018.

3 (5) This section expires December 31, 2018.

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

6 Subject to appropriations, the department of labor and industries
7 shall, through the supervisor of apprenticeship, employ a coordinator
8 to do outreach to the private sector and assist industries in
9 establishing registered apprenticeship and training programs where
10 they do not exist.

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