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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing regional apprenticeship programs  
2 through educational service districts; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 28A.310 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that apprenticeship  
6 programs provide important graduation pathways and future career  
7 opportunities to students. These programs also benefit employers by  
8 providing them with an opportunity to train students for jobs in  
9 industries that are important to local communities.

10 Regional apprenticeship programs are an approach to better match  
11 the state's education offerings with the needs of local employers and  
12 employees. To support this effort, the legislature intends to direct  
13 educational service districts, in collaboration with the office of  
14 the superintendent of public instruction, to jointly establish a  
15 regional apprenticeship pilot program in two geographic areas of the  
16 state.

17 In recognition of the unique circumstances of small and rural  
18 school districts, including challenges associated with geographic  
19 distance, fewer and smaller population centers, and fewer  
20 opportunities for work-integrated learning, the legislature intends  
21 for one of the pilot program sites to be located in an educational

1 service district with a high percentage of small, rural school  
2 districts.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.310  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
6 specific purpose, educational service districts and the office of the  
7 superintendent of public instruction shall jointly establish a  
8 regional apprenticeship pilot program.

9 (2)(a) The pilot program must consist of two sites: One located  
10 in and implemented by an educational service district west of the  
11 crest of the Cascade mountains; and one located in and implemented by  
12 an educational service district east of the crest of the Cascade  
13 mountains. When selecting a site east of the crest of the Cascade  
14 mountains, priority must be given to a location within the boundaries  
15 of an educational service district that can demonstrate the ability  
16 to effectively implement the pilot program and that has a high  
17 percentage of small, rural school districts.

18 (b) When selecting pilot program sites, educational service  
19 districts may seek input and recommendations from an organization  
20 representing educational service districts.

21 (3) In implementing the pilot program, educational service  
22 districts:

23 (a) Must coordinate with local stakeholders to identify  
24 industries or professions that are best suited for apprenticeship  
25 opportunities and curricula development. These stakeholders may  
26 include community colleges, local labor unions, local apprenticeship  
27 programs, and local industry groups;

28 (b) Must coordinate with local school districts, charter schools,  
29 and state-tribal education compact schools to make the apprenticeship  
30 programs available to high school students; and

31 (c) May establish interlocal agreements with stakeholder  
32 entities, and interdistrict agreements to address enrollment  
33 reporting, pupil transportation, and other terms necessary to enroll  
34 students in apprenticeships of the pilot program.

35 (4) Enrollments in apprenticeship programs under this section may  
36 be funded at up to 1.2 full-time equivalent students. The office of  
37 the superintendent of public instruction shall develop procedures to  
38 ensure that school districts do not report any student for more than  
39 1.2 full-time equivalent students, combining both the student's high

1 school enrollment and enrollment in a regional apprenticeship program  
2 established under this section.

3 (5) By December 1, 2026, and December 1, 2028, the office of the  
4 superintendent of public instruction shall, in accordance with RCW  
5 43.01.036, provide reports to the appropriate committees of the  
6 legislature on the pilot program established by this section. The  
7 reports required by this subsection shall summarize the  
8 implementation of the pilot program, include recommendations for its  
9 operation, and provide information about participating students,  
10 including graduation rates and enrollments in registered  
11 apprenticeship programs and institutions of postsecondary education.

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