

**ESSB 5998** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3714.1/26) **2099**

By Representative Schmidt

**NOT ADOPTED 02/28/2026**

1 On page 260, after line 15, insert the following:

2 "(42)(a) Within the amounts appropriated in this section:

3 (i) \$50,000 from the accident account-state appropriation and  
4 \$50,000 from the medical aid account-state appropriation are for the  
5 department to develop and publish written guidance, checklists, and  
6 related technical assistance materials for sponsors of proposed new  
7 registered apprenticeship programs and for sponsors submitting  
8 revisions to existing program standards. The guidance must be designed  
9 to assist sponsors in identifying and addressing issues that have  
10 historically resulted in objections during the Washington state  
11 apprenticeship and training council approval process prior to formal  
12 submission for council consideration, consistent with chapter 49.04  
13 RCW and chapter 296-05 WAC;

14 (ii) The department shall update the apprenticeship objection  
15 process and associated forms to include that any objection to a  
16 proposed apprenticeship program or revision to program standards  
17 clearly cite the specific statute or administrative rule upon which  
18 the objection is based, including but not limited to chapter 49.04 RCW  
19 and chapter 296-05 WAC; and

20 (iii) The department shall review objections for completeness and  
21 clarity and may accept an objection as submitted or return the  
22 objection to the objector for clarification if the objection does not  
23 clearly identify the statutory or regulatory basis for the objection.

24 (b) Nothing in this proviso alters the statutory authority of  
25 the Washington state apprenticeship and training council under RCW  
26 49.04.010, 49.04.040, and 49.04.050 to approve or deny apprenticeship  
27 programs or revisions at its regular meetings, nor does it modify

1 existing rules governing the submission or review of apprenticeship  
2 program standards under chapter 296-05 WAC. Registered apprenticeship  
3 programs approved by the Washington state apprenticeship and training  
4 council remain subject to ongoing oversight by the department and the  
5 council as provided in law."

EFFECT: Provides the Department of Labor & Industries with guidelines for the registered apprenticeship program objection process.

FISCAL IMPACT (2025-27):

No net change to appropriated levels.

FOUR YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT:

No net change to appropriated levels.

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