

**SB 5717-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that skill centers provide students with high quality educational opportunities through programs that combine academics with career and technical education.

Finds that skill centers provide extremely valuable support to local businesses seeking skilled entry-level employees and to communities attempting to enhance local economic development opportunities.

Finds that skill centers permit a number of school districts to cooperatively offer programs that the school districts cannot provide individually.

Directs the work force training and education coordinating board, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to conduct a study and report back to the 2007 legislature regarding how best to provide increased opportunities for students living in areas of the state that are currently not adequately served by a skill center. If plausible, the work force training and education coordinating board, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall provide preliminary recommendations to Washington Learns by June 2006.