

ESB 5863 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.01.435 and 2012 c 66 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall expend federal funds received by the
6 department, and funds that may be available to the department, under
7 23 U.S.C. Sec. 140(b) to increase diversity in the highway
8 construction workforce and prepare individuals interested in entering
9 the highway construction workforce by conducting activities in
10 subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

11 (2) The requirements contained in subsection (1) of this section
12 do not apply to or reduce the federal funds that would be otherwise
13 allocated to local government agencies.

14 (3) The department shall, ~~((to the greatest extent practicable,))~~
15 in coordination with the ~~((apprenticeship and training council~~
16 ~~described in chapter 49.04 RCW))~~ department of labor and industries,
17 expend moneys for apprenticeship preparation and support services,
18 including providing grants to local Indian tribes, churches,
19 nonprofits, and other organizations. The department shall, to the
20 greatest extent practicable, expend moneys from ~~((other))~~ sources
21 other than those specified in subsection (1) of this section for the
22 activities in this subsection and subsections (4) and (5) of this
23 section.

24 (4) The department shall coordinate with the ~~((apprenticeship and~~
25 ~~training council))~~ department of labor and industries to provide any
26 portion of the following services:

27 (a) Preapprenticeship programs approved by the apprenticeship and
28 training council;

29 (b) Preemployment counseling;

30 (c) Orientations on the highway construction industry, including
31 outreach to women, minorities, and other disadvantaged individuals;

32 (d) Basic skills improvement classes;

33 (e) Career counseling;

1 (f) Remedial training;

2 (g) Entry requirements for training programs;

3 (h) Supportive services and assistance with transportation;

4 (i) Child care and special needs;

5 (j) Job site mentoring and retention services; (~~and~~)

6 (k) Assistance with tools, protective clothing, and other related
7 support for employment costs; and

8 (l) The recruitment of women and persons of color to participate
9 in the apprenticeship program at the department.

10 (5) The department must actively engage with communities with
11 populations that are underrepresented in current transportation
12 apprenticeship programs.

13 (6) The department, in coordination with the (~~apprenticeship and~~
14 ~~training council~~) department of labor and industries, shall submit a
15 report to the transportation committees of the legislature by
16 December 1st of each year beginning in 2012. The report must contain:

17 (a) An analysis of the results of the activities in subsections
18 (4) and (5) of this section;

19 (b) The amount available to the department from federal funds for
20 the activities in subsections (4) and (5) of this section and the
21 amount expended for those activities; and

22 (c) The performance outcomes achieved from each activity,
23 including the number of persons receiving services, training, and
24 employment.

25 (7) By December 31, 2020, the department must report to the
26 legislature on the results of how the department's efforts to
27 actively engage with communities with populations that are
28 underrepresented in current transportation apprenticeship programs
29 have resulted in an increased participation of underrepresented
30 groups in the department's apprenticeship program over a five-year
31 period."

32 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to hire a full-time equivalent (FTE) employee to coordinate and engage with communities with populations that are underrepresented in current transportation

apprenticeship programs. Instead, the WSDOT is required to do this activity without hiring a new FTE.

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