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HOUSE BILL 2211

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1            AN ACT Relating to work force training; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 28C.18 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            The legislature finds that the work force training and education  
7 coordinating board has identified work force development goals,  
8 performance indicators, standards, and evaluation criteria for our  
9 state's comprehensive work force training system. However, despite  
10 these efforts, the legislature finds that Washington's work force  
11 training system is unduly fragmented, spending eight hundred sixty-six  
12 million dollars in fiscal year 1996 through eighteen agencies and more  
13 than sixty-eight different training programs. In order to identify and  
14 coordinate the most efficacious use of work force training funding and  
15 to streamline program efforts, the legislature finds that the work  
16 force training and education coordinating board must intensify its  
17 efforts on: (1) Identification of program funding; (2) options for  
18 program consolidation; and (3) coordination of related programs in  
19 order to redirect resources toward programs that most effectively meet

1 the needs of those businesses which produce family wage jobs for  
2 workers in our state. The legislature therefore intends to direct the  
3 work force training and education coordinating board to develop a  
4 comprehensive matrix of current work force training programs, program  
5 participation requirements, and corresponding resources allocated for  
6 program purposes, both federal and state allocations, in order to  
7 develop a fiscally prudent work force training system that is  
8 responsive to the needs of both employers and employees in the state of  
9 Washington.

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