

SENATE BILL REPORT

SCR 8405

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor & Workforce Development, February 4, 1999

Brief Description: Adopting the work force training and education coordinating board comprehensive plan update.

Sponsors: Senators Fairley, Bauer, Franklin and Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor & Workforce Development: 1/26/99, 2/4/99 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Hochstatter, Kline, Oke and Wojahn.

Staff: Jill Reinmuth (786-7452)

Background: The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is required to develop a comprehensive plan for workforce training, update it every two years, and submit it to the Legislature for approval.

Summary of Bill: The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is commended and thanked for producing the updated comprehensive plan "High Skills, High Wages."

Long-term goals set forth in the updated comprehensive plan are adopted as follows:

- (1) K-12 education will prepare students for education and work;
- (2) the gap between demand for and supply of postsecondary technical training will be closed;
- (3) the training system will be a coherent and integrated system of customer services; and
- (4) training programs will be accountable.

Two-year objectives and recommendations for achieving long-term goals are forwarded to appropriate policy committees for their consideration.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: The Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board commends the recommendations and strategies in its updated comprehensive plan to the Legislature.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Ellen O'Brien-Saunders, Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board (pro).