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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2508

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By House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Carlson, Conway, Hankins, Grant, Delvin, Santos, Dunn, Cox, Dickerson, Lantz, Dunshee, Voloria, Reardon, Cooper, Lovick, Ogden, Ruderman, Linville, Kessler, Regala, Stensen, Constantine, Haigh, Hurst, Keiser, Wolfe and Kagi; by request of Governor Locke)

Read first time 02/07/2000. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to economic development by improving the skills and  
2 productivity of Washington workers; adding a new section to chapter  
3 28C.18 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration  
4 date.

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

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

8 The board shall create a skills gap program for the purpose of  
9 promoting economic development in Washington state by increasing the  
10 skills and productivity of Washington workers. The program shall be  
11 used to create partnerships with business, labor, and the work force  
12 employment and training system to close the skills gap in Washington  
13 state. The grants shall be provided to a consortia which include local  
14 work force development councils, community and technical colleges, and  
15 industry associations. Other consortia partners may include economic  
16 development councils, businesses, labor organizations, and other  
17 employment and training providers. The purpose of the consortia is to  
18 determine the future employment and training needs in high-demand  
19 industries and occupations to:

- 1           (1) Create partnerships with businesses, labor organizations, and  
2 industry associations that share common occupations for the purpose of  
3 determining their future employment and training needs;  
4           (2) Bring together community colleges and other employment and  
5 training providers to develop programs that meet the employment  
6 training needs defined by the above industry partnerships;  
7           (3) Expand the use of skills standards and customized training  
8 designed to meet the specific needs of business;  
9           (4) Upgrade the skills of existing workers; and  
10          (5) Support increased use of on-the-job learning strategies among  
11 small and medium-sized enterprises.

12          NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

13          NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   This act expires June 30, 2003.

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