
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8405

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By Senators Fairley, Bauer, Franklin and Kohl-Welles

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1 WHEREAS, Chapter 238, Laws of 1991, created the work force training
2 and education coordinating board to provide planning, coordination,
3 evaluation, monitoring, and policy analysis for the state training
4 system as a whole, and advice to the governor and legislature
5 concerning the training system, in cooperation with the agencies that
6 comprise the state training system and the higher education
7 coordinating board; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 2, Chapter 130, Laws of 1995, requires the board
9 to update the state comprehensive plan for work force training and
10 education every two years and requires the legislature, following
11 public hearings, to approve or make changes to the updates; and

12 WHEREAS, The provisions of the comprehensive plan and its updates
13 that are approved by the legislature become the state's work force
14 training policy unless legislation is enacted to alter the policies set
15 forth therein; and

16 WHEREAS, The state faces the challenge of closing the dangerous gap
17 between today's educational levels and the more demanding skill
18 requirements of the family-wage jobs of tomorrow; and

19 WHEREAS, The 1998 update to the comprehensive plan describes the
20 economic and demographic conditions that underlie the need for change

1 and lays out the actions that state-level policy leaders must take to
2 help achieve the vision of high skills, high wages;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the members
5 of the work force training and education coordinating board be
6 commended for their dedication and commitment to the state of
7 Washington in soliciting input from practitioners and customers and
8 producing the 1998 update of Washington's comprehensive plan for work
9 force training and education titled "High Skills, High Wages"; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby officially
11 expresses its gratitude to the board for detailing the current
12 challenges facing the state in ensuring that Washington develops the
13 well-educated, multiskilled, and flexible work force needed to compete
14 in the global economy; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby adopts the
16 long-term goals in the 1998 update to the comprehensive plan whereby
17 (1) K-12 education will prepare students for both education and work,
18 (2) the gap between economic demand and the supply of postsecondary
19 technical training will be closed, (3) the training system will be a
20 coherent and integrated system of customer services, and (4) training
21 programs will be accountable for results; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby endorses the
23 two-year objectives and specific recommendations for operating agencies
24 in the work force development system to meet the long-range goals; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby acknowledges
26 the two-year objectives and specific recommendations to the Legislature
27 for meeting the long-range goals and forwards those recommendation to
28 the appropriate policy committees for their consideration.

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