
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4402

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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Clements, Conway and McIntire; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board)

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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 to
9 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 work force training and education coordinating board
13 was directed to prepare a state unified plan as described under the
14 workforce investment act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220) that encompasses the
15 comprehensive plan described in Chapter 238, Laws of 1991; and

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

20 WHEREAS, The state faces the work force challenges of: (1) Closing
21 the gap between the need of employers for skilled workers and the

1 supply of Washington residents prepared to meet that need; (2) enabling
2 workers to make smooth transitions so they may fully benefit from the
3 new, changing economy as well as seamless access to lifelong learning
4 at all levels of education; and (3) assisting disadvantaged youth,
5 persons with disabilities, new labor market entrants, recent
6 immigrants, and low-wage workers in moving up the job ladder during
7 their lifetimes by developing a wage progression strategy for low-
8 income workers; and

9 WHEREAS, The 2000 unified plan adopted by the work force training
10 and education coordinating board includes the update to the state
11 comprehensive plan required under Chapter 238, Laws of 1991; and

12 WHEREAS, The state comprehensive plan includes: (1) Assessments of
13 our state's employment opportunities and skills needs, the present and
14 future work force, and the current work force development system; (2)
15 goals and strategies for meeting the work force challenges; and (3) a
16 description of the performance management system for work force
17 development;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
19 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature
20 hereby adopts the following goals in the 2000 update to the state
21 comprehensive plan: (1) To close the gap between the need of the
22 employers for skilled workers and the supply of Washington residents
23 prepared to meet that need; (2) to enable workers to make smooth
24 transitions so that they, and their employers, may fully benefit from
25 the new, changing economy, by putting in place a coherent strategy for
26 dislocated and incumbent worker training as well as seamless access to
27 higher education so students can move up the career ladder over their
28 lifetimes; (3) to assist disadvantaged youth, persons with
29 disabilities, new labor market entrants, recent immigrants, and low-
30 wage workers in moving up the job ladder during their lifetimes by
31 developing a wage and education and training progression strategy for
32 low-income workers; and (4) to make the vision of worksource a reality
33 so that work force development programs are customer friendly, broadly
34 accessible, and fully committed to continuous quality improvement; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby endorses the
36 specific objectives and strategies for partners in the work force
37 development system to meet the goals.

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