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1 TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
2 DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND
3 HEALTH SERVICES, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON
4 DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
5 INSTRUCTION, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK FORCE TRAINING AND
6 EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, The state has a strong interest in meeting the needs of
11 businesses for skilled workers; and

12 WHEREAS, The largest potential source of such workers within the
13 state is the disability community, with a current unemployment rate of
14 nearly seventy percent; and

15 WHEREAS, The state has a strong interest in enhancing opportunities
16 for disabled persons; and

17 WHEREAS, Disabled persons are a priority population under the
18 federal Workforce Investment Act; and

19 WHEREAS, The state should encourage fair and equal employment and
20 training opportunities for disabled persons;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists request that your offices work
2 together to:

3 (1) Identify effective employment and training services in the
4 state's work source and education systems for people with disabilities;

5 (2) Identify barriers to the delivery of effective services to
6 people with disabilities;

7 (3) Identify benchmarks and performance measures to be used in
8 determining success in the provision of employment and training
9 services for people with disabilities;

10 (4) Provide training and technical assistance to local work force
11 boards and their training and employment services partners to improve
12 their outreach and delivery of services to people with disabilities;

13 (5) Make recommendations to the legislature and the governor
14 regarding any statutory or administrative changes necessary to improve
15 the delivery of employment and training services to people with
16 disabilities; and

17 (6) Report to the legislature and the governor annually on the
18 outcomes of the efforts undertaken to improve the delivery of
19 employment and training services to people with disabilities.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Commissioner of Employment Security, the Director of
22 the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Social
23 and Health Services, the Executive Secretary of the Governor's
24 Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, the Superintendent of
25 Public Instruction, and the Executive Director of the Work Force
26 Training and Education Coordinating Board.

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