

SHB 1061 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

4 (1) Apprenticeships are very rigorous and highly structured  
5 programs with specific academic and work training requirements;

6 (2) There is a misperception that apprenticeships are only for  
7 noncollege bound students; and

8 (3) The state should expand opportunities for individuals to  
9 progress from an apprenticeship to college by creating pathways that  
10 build on the apprenticeship experience and permit apprentices to earn  
11 an associate degree.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.04 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) An apprenticeship committee may recommend to its community or  
15 technical college partner or partners that an associate degree pathway  
16 be developed for the committee's program.

17 (2) In consultation with the state board for community and  
18 technical colleges, the apprenticeship committee and the college or  
19 colleges involved with the program shall consider the extent  
20 apprentices in the program are likely to pursue an associate degree and  
21 the extent a pathway could reduce redundancy of course requirements  
22 between the apprenticeship and a degree.

23 (3) If the apprenticeship committee and the college or colleges  
24 involved with the program determine that a pathway would be beneficial  
25 for apprentices and assist them in obtaining an associate degree, the  
26 apprenticeship committee may request that a pathway be established as  
27 provided in section 3 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) At the request of an apprenticeship committee pursuant to  
4 section 2 of this act, the community or technical college or colleges  
5 providing apprentice-related and supplemental instruction for an  
6 apprenticeship program shall develop an associate degree pathway for  
7 the apprentices in that program, if the necessary resources are  
8 available.

9        (2) In developing a degree program, the community or technical  
10 college or colleges shall ensure, to the extent possible, that related  
11 and supplemental instruction is credited toward the associate degree  
12 and that related and supplemental instruction and other degree  
13 requirements are not redundant.

14        (3) If multiple community or technical colleges provide related and  
15 supplemental instruction for a single apprenticeship committee, the  
16 colleges shall work together to the maximum extent possible to create  
17 consistent requirements for the pathway.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    (1) The state board for community and  
19 technical colleges shall convene a work group to examine current laws,  
20 administrative rules, and practices regarding related and supplemental  
21 instruction for apprentices that is provided by community and technical  
22 colleges.

23        (2) The objectives of the work group shall be to improve  
24 coordination of related and supplemental instruction by apprenticeship  
25 committees and community and technical colleges and remove or reduce  
26 barriers for apprentices to earn associate degrees. The work group  
27 shall develop common standards for when it is appropriate to make  
28 related and supplemental instruction courses graded rather than  
29 ungraded courses and clarify the standards for tuition waivers for  
30 related and supplemental instruction courses.

31        (3) The work group shall include, but not be limited to,  
32 representatives from the state board for community and technical  
33 colleges, the higher education coordinating board, the state  
34 apprenticeship council, the department of labor and industries, local  
35 apprenticeship committees, and community and technical colleges.

1           (4) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to  
2 the legislature, including recommendations for legislative action if  
3 necessary, by December 15, 2003."

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4           On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "apprentices;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
6 49.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating new  
7 sections."

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