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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Haugen, Brown and Keiser; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship utilization requirements for
2 department of transportation public works projects; amending RCW
3 39.04.320; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.04.320 and 2005 c 3 s 3 are each amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (1) From January 1, 2005, and thereafter, for all public works
8 estimated to cost one million dollars or more, all specifications shall
9 require that no less than fifteen percent of the labor hours be
10 performed by apprentices.

11 (2) Awarding agency directors may adjust the requirements of this
12 section for a specific project for the following reasons:

13 (a) The demonstrated lack of availability of apprentices in
14 specific geographic areas;

15 (b) A disproportionately high ratio of material costs to labor
16 hours, which does not make feasible the required minimum levels of
17 apprentice participation;

18 (c) Participating contractors have demonstrated a good faith effort
19 to comply with the requirements of chapter 3, Laws of 2005; or

1 (d) Other criteria the awarding agency director deems appropriate,
2 which are subject to review by the office of the governor.

3 (3) This section applies only to public works contracts awarded by
4 the state. However, this section does not apply to contracts awarded
5 by state four-year institutions of higher education((~~7~~)) or state
6 agencies headed by a separately elected public official((~~7~~ ~~or~~ ~~the~~
7 ~~department of transportation~~)).

8 (4)(a) The department of general administration must provide
9 information and technical assistance to affected agencies and collect
10 the following data from affected agencies for each project covered by
11 this section:

12 (i) The name of each apprentice and apprentice registration number;

13 (ii) The name of each project;

14 (iii) The dollar value of each project;

15 (iv) The date of the contractor's notice to proceed;

16 (v) The number of apprentices and labor hours worked by them,
17 categorized by trade or craft;

18 (vi) The number of journey level workers and labor hours worked by
19 them, categorized by trade or craft; and

20 (vii) The number, type, and rationale for the exceptions granted
21 under subsection (2) of this section.

22 (b) The department of labor and industries shall assist the
23 department of general administration in providing information and
24 technical assistance.

25 (5) At the request of the senate labor, commerce, research and
26 development committee, the house of representatives commerce and labor
27 committee, or their successor committees, and the governor, the
28 department of general administration and the department of labor and
29 industries shall compile and summarize the agency data and provide a
30 joint report to both committees. The report shall include
31 recommendations on modifications or improvements to the apprentice
32 utilization program and information on skill shortages in each trade or
33 craft.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2007.

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