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By By Committee on Education

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1 On page 3, at the beginning of line 4, insert "WHEREAS, Career
2 and technical education teachers are often hired from industries in
3 which a bachelor's degree is not the preferred level of
4 certification; and

5 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature passed legislation in
6 2006 that recognizes credit for core academic subjects learned
7 through career and technical education, but if the teacher does not
8 have a bachelor's degree the school district must report them to
9 parents as "not highly qualified," which places these teachers at
10 a disadvantage in school districts; and

11 WHEREAS, Positive changes in the definition of highly qualified
12 teachers will assist in the awarding of equivalency credits and
13 remove the stigma surrounding industry-certified teachers; and"

EFFECT: Raises the issue of CTE teachers certified by industry but without a bachelor's degree and the disadvantage caused by them not being considered "highly qualified" under the NCLB.