

HB 2630-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the opportunity express program to: (1) Expand training and education programs, such as the worker retraining program, the opportunity grant program, and the opportunity internship program, to ensure that Washington citizens can get the training they need; and

(2) Create more effective intake and outreach systems to reach the greatest number of citizens and connect them to the resources they need.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to give priority in receipt of college board worker retraining program funds to those applicants working toward careers in the aerospace, health care, advanced manufacturing, construction, renewable energy industries, high-demand industries identified in the state comprehensive plan and the workforce development councils' local comprehensive plans for workforce educational training, or occupations and industries identified by community and technical colleges in collaboration with local workforce development councils.

Authorizes the state board for community and technical colleges to create a single web site for advertising the availability of opportunity express funding to Washington citizens.

Creates the opportunity express account.