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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the use of apprenticeships; and
2 amending RCW 39.04.320.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.04.320 and 2009 c 197 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) through (d) of this subsection,
7 from January 1, 2005, and thereafter, for all public works estimated to
8 cost one million dollars or more, all specifications shall require that
9 no less than fifteen percent of the labor hours be performed by
10 apprentices.

11 (b)(i) This section does not apply to contracts advertised for bid
12 before July 1, 2007, for any public works by the department of
13 transportation.

14 (ii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2007, and
15 before July 1, 2008, for all public works by the department of
16 transportation estimated to cost five million dollars or more, all
17 specifications shall require that no less than ten percent of the labor
18 hours be performed by apprentices.

1 (iii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2008,
2 and before July 1, 2009, for all public works by the department of
3 transportation estimated to cost three million dollars or more, all
4 specifications shall require that no less than twelve percent of the
5 labor hours be performed by apprentices.

6 (iv) For contracts advertised for bid on or after July 1, 2009, for
7 all public works by the department of transportation estimated to cost
8 two million dollars or more, all specifications shall require that no
9 less than fifteen percent of the labor hours be performed by
10 apprentices.

11 (c)(i) This section does not apply to contracts advertised for bid
12 before January 1, 2008, for any public works by a school district, or
13 to any project funded in whole or in part by bond issues approved
14 before July 1, 2007.

15 (ii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1, 2008,
16 for all public works by a school district estimated to cost three
17 million dollars or more, all specifications shall require that no less
18 than ten percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices.

19 (iii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1, 2009,
20 for all public works by a school district estimated to cost two million
21 dollars or more, all specifications shall require that no less than
22 twelve percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices.

23 (iv) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1, 2010,
24 for all public works by a school district estimated to cost one million
25 dollars or more, all specifications shall require that no less than
26 fifteen percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices.

27 (d)(i) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1,
28 2010, for all public works by a four-year institution of higher
29 education estimated to cost three million dollars or more, all
30 specifications must require that no less than ten percent of the labor
31 hours be performed by apprentices.

32 (ii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1, 2011,
33 for all public works by a four-year institution of higher education
34 estimated to cost two million dollars or more, all specifications must
35 require that no less than twelve percent of the labor hours be
36 performed by apprentices.

37 (iii) For contracts advertised for bid on or after January 1, 2012,
38 for all public works by a four-year institution of higher education

1 estimated to cost one million dollars or more, all specifications must
2 require that no less than fifteen percent of the labor hours be
3 performed by apprentices.

4 (2) Awarding entities may adjust the requirements of this section
5 for a specific project for the following reasons:

6 (a) The demonstrated lack of availability of apprentices in
7 specific geographic areas;

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

11 (c) Participating contractors have demonstrated a good faith effort
12 to comply with the requirements of RCW 39.04.300 and 39.04.310 and this
13 section; or

14 (d) Other criteria the awarding entity deems appropriate, which are
15 subject to review by the office of the governor.

16 (3) The secretary of the department of transportation shall adjust
17 the requirements of this section for a specific project for the
18 following reasons:

19 (a) The demonstrated lack of availability of apprentices in
20 specific geographic areas; or

21 (b) A disproportionately high ratio of material costs to labor
22 hours, which does not make feasible the required minimum levels of
23 apprentice participation.

24 (4) This section applies to public works contracts awarded by the
25 state, to public works contracts awarded by school districts, and to
26 public works contracts awarded by state four-year institutions of
27 higher education. However, this section does not apply to contracts
28 awarded by state agencies headed by a separately elected public
29 official.

30 (5)(a) The department of (~~general administration~~) enterprise
31 services must provide information and technical assistance to affected
32 agencies and collect the following data from affected agencies for each
33 project covered by this section:

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

35 (ii) The name of each project;

36 (iii) The dollar value of each project;

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

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

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

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

7 (b) The department of labor and industries shall assist the
8 department of ((~~general administration~~)) enterprise services in
9 providing information and technical assistance.

10 (c) The department of enterprise services shall maintain the
11 information collected in this subsection (5) on a web site. Each
12 project must be shown with current apprenticeship data until the
13 project is closed out by the contractor and the department of
14 enterprise services.

15 (6) The secretary of transportation shall establish an
16 apprenticeship utilization advisory committee, which shall include
17 statewide geographic representation and consist of equal numbers of
18 representatives of contractors and labor. The committee must include
19 at least one member representing contractor businesses with less than
20 thirty-five employees. The advisory committee shall meet regularly
21 with the secretary of transportation to discuss implementation of this
22 section by the department of transportation, including development of
23 the process to be used to adjust the requirements of this section for
24 a specific project. The committee shall provide a report to the
25 legislature by January 1, 2008, on the effects of the apprentice labor
26 requirement on transportation projects and on the availability of
27 apprentice labor and programs statewide.

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

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