

ESSB 6486 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Higher Education

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The apprenticeship council under  
4 chapter 49.04 RCW and the workforce training and education  
5 coordinating board under RCW 28C.18.020 shall develop a strategic  
6 plan focused on apprenticeship. In consultation with the governor's  
7 office, the department of labor and industries, the apprenticeship  
8 council and the workforce training and education coordinating board  
9 shall collaborate with the state board for community and technical  
10 colleges, the employment security department, and the office of the  
11 superintendent of public instruction to:

- 12 (a) Review existing registered apprenticeship programs;  
13 (b) Analyze opportunities for statewide expansion of registered  
14 apprenticeship programs and preapprenticeship programs; and  
15 (c) Recommend policies to implement strategies that increase  
16 registered youth and adult apprenticeships.

17 (2) The apprenticeship council and the workforce training and  
18 education coordinating board shall consult individuals from the  
19 public and private sectors with expertise in apprenticeships,  
20 including representatives of labor unions, professional technical  
21 organizations, and business and industry in the development of their  
22 recommendations.

23 (3) The apprenticeship work group is established to review the  
24 work being done under subsection (1) of this section by the  
25 governor's office concerning students' preparation for pathways  
26 towards a living wage, to study policy recommendations, and to advise  
27 the legislature on a future statewide cross-sector registered  
28 apprenticeship system.

- 29 (a) The work group shall consist of the following members:  
30 (i) Four senators, two from each of the two largest caucuses,  
31 appointed by the president of the senate;

1 (ii) Four members of the house of representatives, two from each  
2 of the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives;

4 (iii) One representative from each of the agencies collaborating  
5 in subsection (1) of this section;

6 (iv) Two representatives from the governor's office;

7 (v) Six business representatives from different industry sectors;  
8 and

9 (vi) Two representatives with subject matter expertise in  
10 apprenticeship models.

11 (b) The work group shall choose two cochairs, one from among its  
12 business membership and one representative from state government.

13 (c) Legislative members of the work group are reimbursed for  
14 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
15 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
16 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
17 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
18 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

19 (d) The work group shall meet at least three times before October  
20 15, 2018.

21 (4) The work group shall consolidate its findings and  
22 recommendations into one report delivered to the governor and the  
23 higher education and labor committees of the legislature by October  
24 15, 2018.

25 (5) This section expires December 31, 2018.

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

28 (1) Within existing resources, the complete Washington program is  
29 created for the purpose of connecting prior learning, including  
30 registered apprenticeships and other skills-based work experience,  
31 with postsecondary degree completion. The office of the lieutenant  
32 governor, in consultation with the Washington student achievement  
33 council and the academic credit for prior learning work group in RCW  
34 28B.77.230, shall coordinate the program. The program's purpose is to  
35 expand postsecondary degree pathways that recognize prior learning in  
36 the form of registered apprenticeship programs.

37 (2) Moneys deposited into the student achievement council fund  
38 for innovation and quality established in RCW 28B.120.040 may be  
39 spent by the student achievement council for the purposes of

1 incentive grants to organizations consistent with the overall goals  
2 of the complete Washington program and consistent with the guidelines  
3 established by the student achievement council and the office of the  
4 lieutenant governor in RCW 28B.120.005.

5 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.120.005 and 2010 c 245 s 6 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that encouraging collaboration among the  
8 various (~~educational~~) sectors to meet statewide productivity and  
9 educational attainment needs as described in the system design plan  
10 developed by the (~~higher education coordinating board~~) student  
11 achievement council and the office of the lieutenant governor will  
12 strengthen the entire educational system through to careers, from  
13 kindergarten through twelfth grade (~~and~~), to higher education or  
14 registered apprenticeships. The legislature also recognizes that the  
15 most effective way to develop innovative and collaborative programs  
16 is to encourage institutions to develop them voluntarily, in line  
17 with established state goals. Through a system of competitive grants,  
18 the legislature shall encourage the development of innovative and  
19 collaborative and cost-effective solutions to issues of critical  
20 statewide need, including:

21 (1) Raising educational attainment and access to occupation-  
22 oriented learning through planning and piloting innovative  
23 initiatives to reach new locations and populations;

24 (2) Recognizing needs of special populations of students,  
25 including access and completion efforts targeting underrepresented  
26 populations;

27 (3) Furthering the development of learner-centered, technology-  
28 assisted course delivery, including expansion of online and hybrid  
29 coursework, open courseware, and other uses of technology in order to  
30 effectively and efficiently share costs, improve the quality of  
31 instruction and student, faculty, and administrative services,  
32 increase undergraduate and graduate student access, retention, and  
33 graduation, and to enhance transfer capability;

34 (4) Furthering the development of competency-based measurements  
35 of student achievement to be used as the basis for awarding degrees  
36 and certificates;

37 (5) Increasing the collaboration among both public and private  
38 sector institutions of higher education; (~~and~~)

1       (6) Expanding postsecondary degree pathways that recognize prior  
2 learning in the form of registered apprenticeship programs; and

3       (7) Improving productivity through innovations such as  
4 accelerated programs and alternative scheduling.

5       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.120.010 and 2012 c 229 s 571 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7       Within existing resources, the Washington fund for innovation and  
8 quality in higher education program is established. The student  
9 achievement council shall administer the program and shall work in  
10 close collaboration with the office of the lieutenant governor, the  
11 state board for community and technical colleges, and other local and  
12 regional entities. Through this program the student achievement  
13 council may award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state  
14 public or private nonprofit institutions of higher education or  
15 consortia of institutions to encourage programs designed to address  
16 specific system problems. Each institution or consortia of  
17 institutions receiving the award shall contribute some financial  
18 support, either by covering part of the costs for the program during  
19 its implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end of  
20 the grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that  
21 involve more than one sector of education or workforce development.  
22 Institutions are encouraged to solicit nonstate funds to support  
23 these cooperative programs.

24       **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.120.030 and 2012 c 229 s 574 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26       Within existing resources, the student achievement council and  
27 the (~~state board for community and technical colleges~~) office of  
28 the lieutenant governor may solicit and receive such gifts, grants,  
29 and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from  
30 time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the  
31 purposes of the program and may expend the same or any income  
32 therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

33       **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.120.040 and 2012 c 229 s 575 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35       The student achievement council fund for innovation and quality  
36 is hereby established in the custody of the state treasurer. The  
37 student achievement council and the office of the lieutenant governor

1 shall deposit in the fund all moneys received under RCW 28B.120.030.  
2 Moneys in the fund may be spent only for the purposes of RCW  
3 28B.120.010 (~~and~~), 28B.120.020, and the complete Washington program  
4 in section 2 of this act. Disbursements from the fund shall be on the  
5 authorization of the student achievement council. The fund is subject  
6 to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
7 appropriation is required for disbursements."

8 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Strikes the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industries to hire a supervisor of apprenticeship.

(2) Changes the legislative membership of the apprenticeship work group so that senators are appointed by the President of the Senate and the representatives are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, rather than requiring the chair and ranking members of the respective Senate and House of Representatives higher education and labor committees to serve.

(3) Requires the Complete Washington Program and the Washington Fund for Innovation and Quality in Higher Education to be implemented within existing resources.

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