

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SCR 8401

As Reported by House Committee On:
Higher Education

Brief Description: Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.

Sponsors: Senators Bailey, Rolfes, Hasegawa, Chase, Rivers, Zeiger, Keiser, Saldaña and Kuderer; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Higher Education: 3/15/17, 3/22/17 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Approves the most recent state comprehensive plan for workforce training submitted by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler, Orwall, Sells, Stambaugh and Tarleton.

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) provides planning, coordination, evaluation, monitoring, and policy analysis for the state workforce training system, and advises the Governor and the Legislature regarding the workforce training system.

Every four years, the Workforce Board must provide the Governor and the Legislature with an update of the state comprehensive plan. The Legislature, after public hearings, must approve or recommend changes to the plan and any updates by way of a concurrent

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resolution. Once approved, the plan becomes the state's workforce training policy unless legislation is enacted to alter the policies set forth in the plan.

The most recently updated plan is called "Talent and Prosperity for All" and emphasizes four priorities: (1) improving customer experience in the workforce system; (2) strengthening engagement with the business community; (3) leveraging technology; and (4) refining performance accountability.

Summary of Bill:

The House of Representatives and the Senate, by way of concurrent resolution, approve the state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is available for questions.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Senator Bailey, prime sponsor; and Nova Gattman, Workforce and Training Board.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.