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By Representatives Chapman, Dent, Blake, and Walsh

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1 AN ACT Relating to port district worker development and  
2 occupational training programs; and amending RCW 53.08.245.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.08.245 and 2010 c 195 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It shall be in the public purpose for all port districts to  
7 engage in economic development programs. In addition, port districts  
8 may contract with nonprofit corporations and private and public  
9 entities that provide training systems as defined in RCW 28C.18.010  
10 and promote workforce diversity in furtherance of this and other acts  
11 relating to economic development.

12 (2)(a) Economic development programs may include ~~((those programs~~  
13 ~~for))~~: Occupational job training and placement, job advancement and  
14 job retention, preapprenticeship training, ~~or ((educational))~~  
15 occupational education programs associated with port tenants,  
16 customers, and local economic development related to port tenants or  
17 port-related economic activities that are sponsored by a port ~~((r))~~  
18 and operated by a nonprofit, private, or public entity ~~((and are in~~  
19 ~~existence on June 10, 2010))~~.

20 (b) Ports seeking to engage in activities or contracts pursuant  
21 to this subsection shall, by resolution, declare that port-related

1 workforce development provides a substantial public benefit  
2 consistent with the port commission's economic development goals, and  
3 is consistent with ongoing worker training initiatives in place in  
4 the port district.

5 (c) As a contract condition, a sponsoring port must require any  
6 ((nonprofit)) entity that operates programs such as those described  
7 in (a) of this subsection to submit annually quantitative information  
8 on program outcomes including: The number of workers trained,  
9 recruited, ((and)) placed in jobs, and retained; the types of jobs  
10 and range of compensation; the number and types of businesses that  
11 are served; and any other tangible benefits realized by the port, the  
12 workers, businesses, and the public.

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