
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1089

AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) to develop a workforce training and experiential learning program to ensure training access for careers in mechatronics, cybersecurity, 3-D printing, the Internet of things, and chartered global management accounting. OWS must develop an application for the training program's prospective enrollees and consult with related businesses on an ongoing basis to assess their hiring needs.

Under the bill, OWS must partner with (1) regional workforce development boards and higher education institutions to offer the program and (2) associated training providers to track and report program participants' performance outcomes. OWS must also develop career pathways to ensure that workers (presumably, those who have completed the program) can vertically advance their careers.

The bill allows participants who complete the training program to opt to have their information given to prospective employers.

The bill requires OWS to submit an annual report on the program, beginning by July 1, 2024, to the Commerce, Education, Higher Education, and Labor committees. The report may include information on (1) program completion and job placement rates and (2) starting wages and wage growth for employees who participated in the training program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 5 (03/14/2023)