
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6921

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF THE APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP REPORTING DATA.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from \$4,000 to \$7,500, the maximum tax credit allowed for each construction trade apprentice under the apprenticeship training tax credit program. By law, unchanged by the bill, the credit is \$2 for each hour the apprentice worked toward completing the program and applies against the corporation business tax. It is capped at the lesser of the maximum amount or 50% of the actual wages paid to the apprentice over the first four income years of the apprenticeship and awarded upon program completion.

The bill requires each person sponsoring a Department of Labor (DOL)-registered apprenticeship program as of July 1, 2024, to annually submit to DOL the following information related to the program:

1. the minimum completion rate of the sponsor's apprentices;
2. the number of registered apprentices (a) currently participating in the program and (b) who have separated from the program since the date of their previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors;
3. the number of licensed journeypersons the sponsor currently employs;
4. the number of registered apprentices participating in the program who have advanced a year since the previous registration, or year to date for new sponsors;
5. the number of apprentices who have completed the sponsor's apprenticeship program since the previous registration, or year

to date for new sponsors; and

6. the number of apprentices who completed the sponsor's program who (a) have been issued a Department of Consumer Protection occupational license and (b) are currently employed by the sponsor.

Sponsors must submit this information as the commissioner prescribes and disaggregate it by gender identity, race, and ethnicity. Sponsors must submit the information along with the annual registration fee required by existing law. Under the bill, the information provided is considered a public record and subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024; the tax credit provision is applicable to income years starting on or after that date.

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 981, favorably reported by the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, contains identical provisions.

sSB 1125 (File 300), favorably reported by the Labor and Public Employees Committee, contains the same apprenticeship data reporting requirements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/18/2023)