

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Workforce and Economic Development
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Edwards C.
Prepared By:	Theresa Van Winkle, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits employers from entering into public works contracts for which the contract price exceeds \$350,000, unless an employer is approved as an apprenticeship training agent. Requires specifications and contracts for public works for which the contract price exceeds \$350,000 to require contractors and subcontractors to be approved training agents. Provides exceptions to provisions if no local joint committee or program of apprenticeship and training for apprenticeable occupations used by an employer exists in the state. Requires specifications and contracts for public works for which the contract price exceeds \$350,000 to require that at least 15 percent of total hours worked on project be performed by apprentices.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to Committee on Workforce and Economic Development

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 2618 establishes that if no joint committee for an apprenticeable occupation used by an employer exists in the county where the business is located, the State Director of Apprenticeship and Training may extend the jurisdiction of a local joint committee in an adjoining county, subject to ratification by the State Apprenticeship and Training Council. An employer can be approved as an apprenticeship training agent by a local joint committee that administers apprenticeship and training programs within their authority.