

## **IBEW Local 48 Supports SB 831**

## **Enhancing Valuable Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs**

As a strong supporter of workforce development programs, apprenticeship training and preapprenticeship programs, IBEW Local 48 urges your support and passage of SB 831.

Pre-apprenticeship programs are an important component of workforce development and getting people the skills they need to be successful in apprenticeship programs.

Often those entering the trades need basic training and supportive services to insure they are successful in their apprenticeship program. Supportive services can include exposure to the various types of apprenticeship opportunities, experience with the tools of the trade, and training in basic skills, like math or reading comprehension, necessary to be accepted into an apprenticeship program.

SB 831 will enhance proven and effective workforce training programs to better prepare individuals for success in a skilled trade profession.

Our union and contractors provide training for over 500 apprentices each year. This training is provided without any taxpayer support and provides training for high wage, high demand jobs as licensed journey level electricians.

IBEW Local 48 supports expanding a program that has been tremendously effective in preparing individuals for entry and success in apprenticeship programs.

The existing program has worked well to support these valuable pre-apprenticeship training programs and prepare individuals for entry and success in apprenticeship programs. It also targets resources to support non-traditional students and increase workforce diversity, which is a goal we have always supported in our programs.

## We urge your support of SB 831

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