

From the desk of Rep. Gorsek



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Dear Representative,

Please vote yes on HB 4058.

House Bill 4058 inserts language around apprenticeship into the "middle 40" of our state's 40-40-20 education achievement goals. While we have no doubt that the legislature and the Department of Education have always intended for apprenticeship programs to be included in the "middle 40" of these goals, we believe that at the implementation level there is a lack of knowledge of apprenticeship programs that could dissuade students from entering these programs.

As we invest increasing amounts of state dollars into Career Technical Education, and as many in our state seek to grow the number of apprenticeship programs and find training opportunities for modern high-wage jobs, we must make sure that there is a clear next step for students who have excelled in CTE classes but who are not college-bound.

HB 4058 creates that next step within our educational goals.

The bill specifies that the included apprenticeship programs are registered apprenticeship programs – those which offer a certificate that is recognized by employers across the country upon completion of the program, and which are in line with the middle 40's commitment to credentialed programs.

This is a simple, straightforward bill. We encourage your support.

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