SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Higher Education Coordinating Commission Apprenticeship Utilization

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Smith

On February 7th, the General Government Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on public university and community college outreach efforts to categories of workers and the amount of work performed by apprentices on capital construction projects.

The report includes four public university projects approved in the 2020 second special session and five projects approved in the 2021 session. Three additional public university projects are included because they are funded by capital improvement and renewal bond authorizations. Additionally, the report includes one community college project approved in the 2019 session. Public universities are required to report on the percentage of work performed by apprentices, women, minority individuals, and veterans as well as if qualified contractors provide health and retirement benefits to workers. Community colleges have reduced reporting requirements which exclude reporting on veterans or contractors providing health and retirement benefits.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.