

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 4: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Industry-Driven Skills Training**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Campos

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The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application to support employers in developing training programs for high-demand positions in key sectors, including artificial intelligence and manufacturing.

If successful, the agency will use the grant funds to collaborate with Local Workforce Development Boards to implement an employer reimbursement program for apprenticeship pathways and other training programs, including enhancing connections between the education systems and Registered Apprenticeships. There is no match requirement. The agency will leverage existing federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding to provide necessary staffing and oversight.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the U.S. Department of Labor, in the amount of \$8 million, to develop training programs in key industries.