

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 3: Higher Education Coordinating Commission Cybersecurity Education and Workforce Development

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

The Human Services Subcommittee heard a request from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application to support the development of cybersecurity career pathways that address local, regional, and statewide workforce needs.

This funding opportunity aligns with the work of the Technology Industry Consortium, a permanent advisory council to the Commission and the State Workforce and Talent Development Board. The agency planned to use this grant to support the Consortium's continuing work to address skill shortages in the cybersecurity sector by coordinating with employers, community partners, workforce service providers, and education and training providers. However, the agency received notification from the U.S. Department of Commerce that the application was not funded.

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 Commerce, in the amount of \$200,000 for cybersecurity education and workforce development.