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Industry Infrastructure Grant Program

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill creates the Industry Infrastructure Grant Program within the Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC). The purpose of the program is for the CWDC to partner with eligible nonprofit entities to develop industry competency standards to support businesses in their implementation of work site training programs.

Background

The CWDC, within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, is responsible for advising the Governor and General Assembly on topics related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and for improving the state's workforce. WIOA was signed into law on July 22, 2014, and is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services and to match employers with skilled workers.

House Action

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (March 15, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Technology Association, Intertech Plastics, BASIC, Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Alliance, and the Colorado AFL-CIO testified in support of the bill. The

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committee adopted amendments L.002, L.003, L.004, and L.006, and referred the bill to the House Finance Committee.

Amendment L.002 specified that the grant program created by this bill is not subject to the provisions of the Procurement Code. Amendment L.003 specified that 501(c)(4) entities are not included under the definition of an "authorized nonprofit entity" and clarified that funds for the program are to be transferred to the Industry Infrastructure Fund. Amendment L.004 broadened the potential stakeholders and removed the age limit for students participating in the training opportunities. Amendment L.006 amends the financial requirements of authorized nonprofit entities.

House Finance Committee (April 13, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Manufacturing Alliance, Intertech Plastics, Colorado Technology Association, and AFL-CIO testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendments L.008, as amended by L.009, and referred the bill to the House Appropriations Committee. Amendment L.008, as amended by L.009, made additional changes to the definition of an "eligible nonprofit entity," requires the CWDC to establish and publish guidelines for the administration of the grant program, and reduced the appropriation to the Industry Infrastructure Fund from \$500,000 to \$300,000.

House Appropriations Committee (April 22, 2016). The committee adopted amendments L.012 and L.015, which made technical changes and struck the bill's appropriation clause and instead created an annual funding transfer for three years to the Industry Infrastructure Fund, and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (April 22, 2016). The House adopted the House Business Affairs and Labor, Finance, and Appropriations committee reports and amendment No. 4, which added a requirement that the annual report on the grant program include information about the number of apprentices in select industries, and passed the bill on second reading.

House third reading (April 25, 2016). The House passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, & Technology (May 2, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Technology Association testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.015, which removed the reference in the bill title to an appropriation based on changes made in the House, and referred the bill to the Senate Finance Committee.

Senate Finance Committee (May 5, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Alliance testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations Committee (May 5, 2016). The Senate Appropriations Committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (May 5, 2016). The Senate adopted the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (May 6, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.