

SUPPORT SB19-171 APPRENTICESHIPS AND VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL TRAINING

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The Problem

- Trades are dying off as they experience a workforce shortage. **Trades don't have the resources they need to spread information about lucrative apprenticeships.**
- There is an entire population of people for whom college doesn't work and who **don't know about alternative education options**
- In 2018 it was estimated that building trades will have a **shortage of 60,000 workers** in the state over the following three years. The construction industry alone will need at least 30,000 new workers within the next several years.

The Solution

- There's a worker shortage that can absorb people looking for alternative education options. Colorado has more than 440 registered apprenticeship programs in need of workers.
- SB19-171 establishes a directory of apprenticeship programs through the Department of Labor to **bring information for apprenticeships on par with that available for mainstream education programs.**
- The directory would have information including but not limited to: compensation, contact information, any certifications received upon completion, enrollee completion and post-graduation employment rates.

Sources: CBS Denver, denver.cbslocal.com; Marketplace, marketplace.org;