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HOUSE BILL 2673

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation workforce development; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall expend federal funds received by the  
7 department under 23 U.S.C. Sec. 140(b) to increase diversity in the  
8 highway construction workforce and prepare individuals interested in  
9 entering the highway construction workforce by conducting activities in  
10 subsection (3) of this section.

11 (2) The department may, in coordination with the apprenticeship and  
12 training council described in chapter 49.04 RCW, expend moneys from  
13 other sources than those specified in subsection (1) of this section  
14 for the activities in subsection (3) of this section.

15 (3) The department shall coordinate with the apprenticeship and  
16 training council to provide any portion of the following services:

17 (a) Preapprenticeship programs approved by the apprenticeship and  
18 training council;

19 (b) Preemployment counseling;

1 (c) Orientations on the highway construction industry, including  
2 outreach to women, minorities, and other disadvantaged individuals;  
3 (d) Basic skills improvement classes;  
4 (e) Career counseling;  
5 (f) Remedial training;  
6 (g) Entry requirements for training programs;  
7 (h) Supportive services and assistance with transportation;  
8 (i) Child care and special needs;  
9 (j) Job site mentoring and retention services; and  
10 (k) Assistance with tools, protective clothing, and other related  
11 support for employment costs.

12 (4) The department, in coordination with the apprenticeship and  
13 training council, shall submit a report to the transportation  
14 committees of the legislature by December 1st of each year beginning in  
15 2012. The report must contain:

16 (a) An analysis of the results of the activities in subsection (3)  
17 of this section;

18 (b) The amount available to the department from federal funds for  
19 the activities in subsection (3) of this section and the amount  
20 expended for those activities; and

21 (c) The performance outcomes achieved from each activity, including  
22 the number of persons receiving services, training, and employment.

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