

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Higher Education Coordinating Commission Apprenticeship**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Education Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative McLain

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On April 21st, the Education Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the U.S. Department of Labor for \$3,999,999 for a State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation grant.

This grant is for expanding and promoting diversity in apprenticeships while also increasing the number of apprenticeships. Grants will be distributed to entities who have experience in providing the services to the specific populations this program is designed for. The expectation is that 500 apprenticeships will be created with focus on the construction, healthcare and information technology industries. Funds can be used to establish or expand the number of new registered apprenticeships and the wrap-around or support services for the program participants.

The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort. If the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the Legislature or Emergency Board for additional expenditure limitation and position authority as needed.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.