

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Higher Education Coordinating Commission State Apprenticeship Expansion

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

On March 10th, the Education Subcommittee heard a request from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for approval to submit a federal grant application.

This grant opportunity through the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, State Apprenticeship Expansion program, supports state apprenticeship programs to meet workforce demands. If awarded, the agency will distribute funding to local workforce partners through requests for proposals and interagency agreements. There is no match requirement, and HECC will use existing staff to administer the grant funding.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the US Department of Labor, in the amount of up to \$5.9 million, to expand existing and develop new Registered Apprenticeships in early learning and care, K-12 education, and behavioral health.