

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Higher Education Coordinating Commission Apprenticeship Utilization

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

On May 22nd , the Education Subcommittee received a report from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on public university and community college outreach efforts to categories of workers and the amount of work performed by apprentices on capital construction projects.

Public universities are required to report on the percentage of work performed by apprentices, women, minority individuals, and veterans as well as if qualified contractors provide health and retirement benefits to workers. Community colleges have reduced reporting requirements which exclude reporting on veterans or contractors providing health and retirement benefits.

The report includes twelve public university projects and three community college projects which were under construction during the reporting period of December 2023 to November 2024. These projects were approved between 2019 session and 2023 session. Additionally, three other public university projects are included in the report because they are funded by capital improvement and renewal bond authorizations.

The Education Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.