



## Memorandum

To: Panel Members

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Subject: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1. The following bills have been introduced in the 2015-16 legislative session that has a *potential or direct impact* on the Employment Training Panel (ETP) program:

**AB 1598 (Assemblyman Philip Ting) Budget Act of 2016 & SB 825 (Senator Mark Leno) Budget Act of 2016**

**Summary:** These are the budget bill placeholders for this year's budget.

**Status:** SB 825 was read for a second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Budgets & Fiscal Review on 6/6/16. AB 1598 was re-referred to the Committee on Budgets on 6/1/2016.

2. The following bills have been introduced in the 2015-16 legislative session that *may have a potential impact* on the Employment Training Panel (ETP) program, or that *may be of interest* to the Panel:

**AB 1508 (Assemblyman Kevin Mullin) Workforce Investment Board: Funding**

**Summary:** Current law requires local workforce investment boards to spend a minimum percentage of specified funds for adults and dislocated workers on federally identified workforce training programs and allows the boards to leverage specified funds to meet the funding requirements, as specified. Current law authorizes a credit of up to 10% of that funding minimum for leveraged funds, which include Pell Grants and employment training panel grants. This bill would expand the types of services to which leveraged funds may be applied to include supportive services and would expand the types of leveraged funds that may be applied to the 10% credit, described above, to include specified federal, local, state, and private funds.

**Status:** Bill was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on 8/11/16. AB 1508 has been re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and currently resides at the Senate Committee on Rules.

### **AB 2642 (Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia) Removing Barriers to Employment Act**

**Summary:** Would enact the Removing Barriers to Employment Act, which would establish the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. The bill would require the initiative to be led by the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and authorizes the secretary to assign all or part of the administration of the initiative to one or more entities within the agency's oversight, or to authorize another state agency, under specified conditions, to administer a portion of the initiative.

**Status:** Bill received a failed deadline and is currently dead as of 5/27/16. AB 2642 was last in the Committee on Appropriations.

### **AB 1697 (Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla) Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program**

**Summary:** Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to provide preferences to projects that maximize the goals of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program based on certain criteria, including the project's ability to provide economic benefits for California by promoting California-based technology firms, jobs, and businesses. This bill would add a project's ability to transition workers to, or promote employment in, the alternative and renewable fuels and vehicle technology sector as additional criteria on which preference under the program shall be provided. The bill would revise the eligibility criteria for workforce training programs, as specified.

**Status:** As of 8/23/2016, the Senate amendments have been finalized and the bill is currently being enrolled.

### **AB 2288 (Assemblywoman Autumn Burke) Apprenticeship Programs: Building and Construction Trades.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Workforce Development Board and each local board to ensure that federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 funds respectively awarded by them for pre-apprenticeship training in the building and construction trades fund programs and services that follow the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum implemented by the State Department of Education and that develop a plan to help increase the representation of women in those trades, as specified. The bill would require the California Workforce Development Board to develop policies to implement these provisions. By imposing new requirements on the local workforce development boards, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Status:** Bill is currently pending and was sent to the Assembly Concurrence Committee on 8/24/16. Bill will be considered on or after August 26.