



Memorandum

To: Panel Members Date: February 26, 2016
From: Stewart Knox, Executive Director File:
Subject: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

AB 1598 (Assemblywoman Shirley Weber) 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: AB 1598 (Weber) & SB 825 (Leno): Budget Act of 2016: Introduced January 7, 2016. SB 825 heard overview on January 19, 2016. AB 1598 was heard in the Committee on Budgets on February 7, 2016. AB 1598 & SB 825 are currently with the Assembly Budget.

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 1033 (Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia) Economic Impact Analysis: Small Business Definition

Summary: This bill would allow state agencies, when preparing an economic impact analysis, to use a consolidated definition of small business as a business that is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in its field of operation, and that has fewer than 100 employees.

Status: On February 8, 2016, this bill has been heard a second time, amended, and re-referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 2095 (Assemblyman Travis Allen) Economic Development

Summary: Existing law, until January 1, 2018, authorizes cities and counties to establish capital investment incentive programs to attract large manufacturing facilities to invest in their communities and to encourage industries, such as high technology, aerospace, automotive, biotechnology, software, and environmental sources and others, to locate and invest in those facilities in California.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enhance and advance opportunities for California's biotechnology industry.

Status: Bill will be heard at the Assembly Budget Committee on March 19, 2016.

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 pre-apprenticeship training in the building and construction trades follows the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum developed by the California Department of Education and that programs and services funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and directed to apprentice occupations in the building and construction trades include plans to increase the percentage of women in those trades. By imposing new requirements on the local workforce development boards, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Status: Bill will be heard at the Assembly Budget Committee on March 20, 2016.

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

Summary: This bill would enact the Removing Barriers to Employment Act, which would require the California Workforce Investment Board to work with the Employment Development Department to create a grant program to provide funds to local workforce investment boards and community-based organizations working in partnership on proposals that will address the needs of persons who have multiple barriers to employment, to prepare them for training, apprenticeship or employment opportunities that will lead to self-sufficiency and economic stability. The bill would additionally appropriate an unspecified amount from an unspecified fund to the California Workforce Investment Board for administration of the grant program.

Status: AB 2642 was read for the first time on February 22, 2016.