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# LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chairperson Yvonne de la Peña Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale Wednesday, January 22, 2020 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Yvonne de la Pena called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Jack Buckhorn, Dick Zampa, Yvonne de la Pena, Luis Ontiveros, Nick Esquivel, and Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Paul Von Berg, Chip Martin, Chris Christophersen, Larry Hopkins, Jim Hussey A quorum was met.

## II. Review/approve previous Minutes

A motion and a second were made to approve the Minutes of November 6, 2019. All approved. The motion carried.

## III. Budget

Discussion of the Governor's budget that was released for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Yvonne stated that there is a possible increase in RSI hours of up to 30%.

Reviewed Budget handout:

Budget Bills: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 SB-808, Mitchell and AB-1917, Ting (as Introduced)

**Item: 6870-101-0001**—For local assistance, Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (Proposition 98)

### **Schedule:**

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(2) 5670019-	
Apprenticeship	
\$92,391,000	
(3) 5670023-Apprenticeship Training and	
Instruction	\$51,262,000

## **Provisions:**

- 3. (a) The funds appropriated in Schedule (2) shall be available pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 79140.) of Chapter 9 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 79149.3 of the Education Code, the reimbursement rate shall be **\$6.59 per hour.**
- (c) Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (2), \$30,000,000 shall be used for the California Apprenticeship Initiative pursuant to Section 79148.1 of the Education Code. Funds appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2026.
- (d) (1) Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (2), \$20,000,000 shall be available on a one-time basis to expand work-based learning models and programs at community colleges, with the goal of ensuring that students complete programs with applied work experiences. These funds shall be allocated through a competitive grant process developed by the Chancellor's Office to award funds to colleges. Grants shall expand the use of work-based learning instructional approaches that align with the Guided Pathways framework, including, but not limited to, internships, for both career technical education and non-career technical education disciplines.
- (2) Funds appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2025.
- 4. (a) The funds appropriated in Schedule (3) shall be available pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 8150) of Chapter 1 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 8152 of the Education Code, the reimbursement rate shall be **\$6.59 per hour.**

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## Percentage Changes in ongoing RSI funding

• RSI hourly rate increases by \$0.14 from \$6.45 to 6.59 or an increase of **2.17%**.

## Other Budget Bill items regarding apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship:

Item: 7120-001-3228—For support of California Workforce Development Board, payable from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction
Fund2,550,000
Schedule:
(1) 6040-California Workforce Development
Board
Provisions:
1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be used to <b>support apprenticeship</b> and
job training programs for workers and disadvantaged individuals consistent with the State
Strategic Workforce Development Plan, including support for training opportunities
necessary to transition the state's workforce to a low carbon economy.
2. The funds appropriated in this item shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2022.
Item: 7120-101-3228— For local assistance, California Workforce Development Board, payable from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction
Fund30,000,000
Schedule:
(1) 6040-California Workforce Development
Board30,000,000

## **Provisions:**

1. The funds appropriated in this item shall be used to **support apprenticeship** and job training programs for workers and disadvantaged individuals consistent with the State Strategic Workforce Development Plan, including support for training opportunities necessary to transition the state's workforce to a low carbon economy.

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2. The funds appropriated in this item shall be available for encumbrances or expenditure until June 30, 2022.

Item: 7120-001-3290—For support of California Workforce Development Board, payable from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, State Transportation Fund
Schedule: (1) 6040-California Workforce Development Board
Provisions:
1. All funds appropriated in this item shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2027 and shall be liquidated no later than June 30, 2027.
Notwithstanding any other law, funds appropriated in this item may be transferred to Item 7120-101- 3290. Such transfer shall require the prior approval of the Department of Finance.
3. The California Workforce Development Board is encouraged to create greater partnerships and collaboration with other <b>pre-apprenticeship programs</b> with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Transportation.
Item: 7350-001-0514—For support of Department of Industrial Relations, payable from Employment Training         Fund.       5,965,000
Schedule: (1) 6110-Division of Apprenticeship Standards

Yvonne discussed Department of Higher Wages and Better Jobs. She stated that included in the Governor's 2020-2021 budget proposal is the Administration's proposal to create the Department of Higher Wages and Better Jobs (Department) within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (Agency). The new department would be composed of existing divisions within the Agency to align "fragmented workforce programs." The budget proposal allocates \$2.4 million in one-time funding in General Fund dollars to

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fund executive staff positions. This proposal, as is with any other governmental reorganization proposal, is required to be analyzed by The Little Hoover Commission (Commission). The Commission has a statutory obligation to review and make recommendations on all proposed government reorganization plans. Below are excerpts from the Governor's 2020-2021- budget and the Commission's Roles and Responsibility summary.

## Governor's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget Includes Several New Labor and Workforce Development Proposals

The Administration proposes to create a new Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages that would house several workforce development programs in order to align "fragmented workforce programs." In addition, the proposed budget includes "statutory changes to consolidate the workforce functions dispersed across the Labor and Workforce Development Agency." The new department would be composed of the California Workforce Development Board, the Employment Training Panel, the Workforce Services Branch and Labor Market Information Division (currently part of the Employment Development Department), and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (currently part of the Department of Industrial Relations). According to the Administration, this consolidation is intended to "better align data, policy, and program analysis of the state's workforce training programs." The budget allocates \$2.4 million in one-time General Fund to establish executive staff for the new department.

Yvonne stated that normally if there is a new agency it goes through the Little Hoover Commission. But this agency will be done through trailer bills that have not have been released yet.

DAS Chief Rood stated that we are looking at an employment engagement branch being developed with this merger. DAS will have about 100 budgeted positions. He also mentioned that with this new department the Headquarters will be located in Sacramento.

Yvonne also provided URL addresses to both Senate and Assembly committee assignments and legislative calendar for the 2020-2021 legislative year. The committee assignments are subject to change by leadership.

https://www.senate.ca.gov/committees

https://www.assembly.ca.gov/committees

https://www.assembly.ca.gov/sites/assembly.ca.gov/files/2020 calendar.pdf

Yvonne encouraged everyone to follow the legislation that is currently pending.

Questions and comments from the apprenticeship community.

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A motion and second to go on the record stating that a reorganization could be important for efficiency and a better workforce. We would strongly support the existing building trades, firefighters and support the current statutory and regulatory statues and policy regarding firefighters and building trades.

## IV. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:44 a.m.