

October 2023 Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council Secretary Report

Standing Report Items:

Training Agent Compliance:

There were two training agent compliance investigations completed last quarter. One resulted in a corrective action plan for the training agent. The corrective action plan was turned in timely.

Final Orders:

There are no final orders for the past quarter.

National Apprenticeship Week is November 13-19, 2023. If you have any events planned send a copy to apprentice@lni.wa.gov to be placed on our events and calendar page.

Councilmember Positions:

Applications have been received and we are in the process of interviews and hope to make announcements shortly.

Apprenticeship Highlights for the 3rd quarter:

- The apprenticeship system served 17,749 active apprentices
- 2,036 number of new registrations were issued by the department
- 536 completion credentials were issued.

Apprenticeship Section staffing updates are as follows:

- Angela Burrell starts Oct 26 as the Management Analyst for the Apprenticeship Utilization requirements expansion study created by Senate Bill 5600. Additionally, the Management Analyst for the apprenticeship survey position closed on Oct 15 and interviews will begin soon.
- Apprenticeship received two positions for Apprenticeship Consultant 3's through 2SHB1013. (*Celeste this is the Regional apprenticeship preparation pilot program*). Michelle Stout was hired for the Eastside Position and started August 14. Stephanie Oberholtzer was hired for the Westside position and started September 25.
- Interviews for the Region 4 AC3 have begun and we anticipate the new hire starting Nov 20.
- The Federal Grant Manager position created by the award of the "WA State Apprenticeship Equity & Expansion Project" closed on Oct 15 and interviews will begin soon.

- Apprenticeship received one Management Analyst 4 position through SB5582 *which creates the home care aide to LPN apprenticeship pathway pilot project*. This position closed on Oct 15 and interviews will begin soon after.

Senate Bill 5600 Apprentice Retention Survey updates:

- The Apprentice Well-Being Survey, mandated under E2SSB 5600, requires L&I to conduct a survey on first year apprentices regarding the challenges and barriers apprentices face. It was officially launched in April 2023 and is ongoing until June 2026. The survey includes an early alert system to connect apprentices to resources they qualify for in their area to help reduce barriers they are facing. As of April 2023, about 140 apprentices have requested to be connected to resources.

With that, this concludes my report Chair Riker, and I would be happy to take any questions.