

**January 2023 Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council
Secretary Report**

Standing report items

Training Agent Compliance:

There are no Training Agent compliance cases to report these past two quarters.

Final Orders:

There are no final orders for the past quarter.

Apprenticeship Section staffing updates are as follows:

- Rio Frame has been hired for the Management Analyst position for the Apprentice Retention Study.
- The program received 4 positions through the apprenticeship expansion legislation to establish industry sector platforms. We plan to begin those recruitments this month with anticipated start dates of April 1, 2023.

E2SSB 5600 – Encourage and Foster New Apprenticeship Opportunities

This legislation, among other things, provided \$8 million in Apprenticeship grant funding for wrap around services, equipment, technology and remote learning, and Minor Driver’s License Vouchers utilizing a grant application process. To date, fifty award letters have been issued totaling \$5.9 million. These funding opportunities can be found at apprenticegrants@lni.wa.gov: [Apprenticeship Funding Opportunities \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/employment-and-training/industry-partnerships/apprenticeship-funding-opportunities)

E2SSB 5600 Apprentice Retention Survey

This same legislation requires L&I to conduct an apprentice retention survey for apprentices six months into their apprenticeship. Survey question have been developed and will be presented at the January Quarterly WA State Apprenticeship Coordinators Association/JRRC meeting. February 1, 2023 is the anticipated Apprentice Survey Roll-out date to registered apprentices.

E2SSB 5600 Apprentice Industry-based Platforms

Lastly this legislation requires L&I to establish 8 platforms that have yet to be determined. The Department is working with the WSATC to establish an operational framework.

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