

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LABOR; AMENDING TITLE 44, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
2 CHAPTER 28, TITLE 44, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH AN IDAHO APPRENTICESHIP
3 SKILLS PROGRAM.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Title 44, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
7 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
8 ter 28, Title 44, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 28
10 IDAHO APPRENTICESHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

11 44-2801. IDAHO APPRENTICESHIP SKILLS PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho depart-
12 ment of labor shall establish an apprenticeship skills program, through
13 which the department shall offer online assessments, training, certifica-
14 tion, and career planning tools to identify an individual's foundational
15 workplace and soft skills readiness and career aptitude for apprenticeship.

- 16 (a) The assessments shall measure:
17 (i) Workplace readiness, including applied mathematics, reading
18 for information, and locating information; and
19 (ii) Soft skills, including but not limited to skills relating to
20 punctuality, ability to learn, ability to work in a team, communi-
21 cating effectively, critical thinking, and problem solving.

22 (b) The online training shall provide targeted foundational workplace
23 and soft skills instruction to help prepare the individual for appren-
24 ticeship.

25 (2) The department is authorized to contract with a provider to create
26 the assessments.

27 (3) The assessments, training, certification, and career planning
28 tools shall be made available to any person seeking apprenticeship enroll-
29 ment. Aggregate data on outcomes may be made available for the development
30 of workforce development policies that will ensure that businesses have ac-
31 cess to a skilled and competent workforce.