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HOUSE BILL 17-1357

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Finance

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SKILLED WORKER TRAINING**
102 **PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
103 **EMPLOYMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill:

- ! Extends the duration of the "Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment, and Key Training Act", also known as the "WORK Act", administered by the department of labor and employment through the 2018-19 state fiscal year; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

! Removes the cap on the amount of money appropriated to the WORK fund that may be expended in a given fiscal year.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-304, **amend**
3 (1)(b)(I) and (2) as follows:

4 **8-83-304. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**
5 **training grant program - creation - award criteria.** (1) (b) (I) For the
6 2015-16 through ~~2017-18~~ 2018-19 fiscal years, the department shall
7 administer the grant program by accepting and processing matching grant
8 applications submitted pursuant to this section, and the grant review
9 committee shall review and make recommendations for awarding
10 matching grants. The department shall develop application guidelines and
11 establish deadlines for the grant program.

12 (2) No later than January 1, 2016, and no later than each January
13 1 thereafter THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2018, the department shall start
14 accepting grant applications for matching grants to be awarded pursuant
15 to section 8-83-305 no later than the April 1 following the application
16 submittal deadline.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-306, **amend** (2)
18 introductory portion as follows:

19 **8-83-306. Reports.** (2) By May 1, 2017, and by each May 1
20 thereafter through ~~May 1, 2019~~ MAY 1, 2020, the grant review committee
21 shall submit an annual report to the governor, the senate committee on
22 business, labor, and technology or its successor committee, and the house
23 of representatives committee on business affairs and labor or its successor
24 committee. The grant review committee shall include in the report at least

1 the following information:

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-307, **amend** (3)
3 as follows:

4 **8-83-307. Skilled worker outreach, recruitment, and key**
5 **training grant program fund - creation.** (3) For the 2015-16, 2016-17,
6 and 2017-18 fiscal years, the general assembly shall appropriate a total of
7 ten million dollars to the fund. ~~of which not more than three million five~~
8 ~~hundred thousand dollars may be expended in any given fiscal year.~~

9 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.