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By Committee on Labor & Commerce

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.46
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning July 1, 2020, no state agency may employ an
6 individual to work under a special certificate issued under RCW
7 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the employment of individuals with
8 disabilities at less than the minimum wage. Any special certificate
9 issued by the director to a state agency for the employment of an
10 individual with a disability at less than minimum wage must expire by
11 June 30, 2020. For the purposes of this subsection (1), "state
12 agency" means any office, department, commission, or other unit of
13 state government.

14 (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, no entity in the state may employ
15 an individual to work under a special certificate issued under RCW
16 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the employment of individuals with
17 disabilities at less than the minimum wage. Any special certificate
18 issued by the director for the employment of an individual with a
19 disability at less than minimum wage must expire by December 31,
20 2022.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 2022, the department of
22 labor and industries and the department of social and health services
23 shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of the
24 legislature with the following information:

25 (a) The number of workers currently working under a special
26 certificate issued under RCW 49.12.110 and 49.46.060 for the
27 employment of individuals with disabilities at less than the minimum
28 wage as of the date of the report;

29 (b) The counties of residence of the workers in (a) of this
30 subsection; and

1 (c) Whether the workers in (a) of this subsection are eligible to
2 receive individualized technical assistance and the estimated cost to
3 the department of social and health services to provide
4 individualized technical assistance to the workers who are not
5 eligible.

6 (2) This section expires June 30, 2023."

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "disabilities;" strike the
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
9 49.46 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: (1) Prohibits subminimum wage certificates for
individuals with disabilities employed by state agencies beginning
July 1, 2020.

(2) Prohibits subminimum wage certificates for individuals with
disabilities employed by all other entities beginning January 1,
2023.

(3) Requires the department of labor and industries and
department of social and health services to submit a report to the
legislature by December 1, 2022.

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