

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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FROM: Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board

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SUBJECT

..Title

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan Program Year 2017-2021, Two Year Modification

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Local Plan Program Year 2017-2021, Two Year Modification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Workforce Development Board (state board) has made changes to the State Plan, which requires that the Local Boards update their plans to keep them consistent with the policy direction of the State Plan. Modifications required to align the Local Plan with the State Plan include the following areas:

- 1) Department of Social Services CalFresh programs;
- 2) Local Child Support Agencies to provide workforce services to unemployed, underemployed, and payment-delinquent non-custodial parents;
- 3) Programs that serve individuals with disabilities, including detail on strategies to implement Competitive Integrated Employment;
- 4) Requirements pertaining to services for English Language Learners, the Foreign Born, and Refugees; and
- 5) Other changes to the local plan made pursuant to changes in labor market and economic conditions or in other factors affecting the implementation of the local plan are submitted as modifications to the regional or local plan they propose to modify.

The directive mandates that each local board must hold public meetings for stakeholders to ensure opportunities to participate in and provide feedback on the local and regional plans as part of the initial development of the plan modifications. These meetings were held in October and November 2019, attendees included the following:

- 1) Organizations providing services to the re-entry population,
- 2) English learners, as well as adult education partners, refugee resettlement agencies, immigration services providers,
- 3) Human Service program leads and providers,
- 4) Community college and other education partners, and
- 5) Disability organizations associated with the Department of Rehabilitation.

The WIOA mandates that the draft plan be released for a 30-day public comment period. To meet this requirement, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) staff released the draft plan for a 30-day public comment period on February 1, 2019. Comments were due no later than March 4, 2019. There were no comments in disagreement with the draft plan received during the public comment period, and there were no comments received that resulted in significant changes to the initial draft plan.

BACKGROUND

WIOA Sections 106 and 107 and California UI Code Sections 14221-14222 require that local boards submit a comprehensive four (4) year regional and local plan to the state board. Under WIOA, a biennial update of regional and local plans is required in order to ensure plans remain current and account for “changes in labor market and economic conditions or in other factors affecting the implementation of the local plan” (29 U.S. Code § 3123).

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

N/A

LOCAL PREFERENCE

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no increase in Net City Cost associated with the Recommended Action. The FRWDB is 100% funded by non-City sources. These have their origin primarily with the United States Department of Labor, being supplemented by other federal and State of California grants.

Attachment: WIOA Local Plan Biennial Modification, Program Years 2017-2021