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Community College Workforce Training Act

While passing emergency financial relief is vital to help Nevadans right now during the worst unemployment crisis in our state's history, we also need to start preparing our workforce for the post-pandemic job market. Economists project that over one-third of jobs lost in this recession won't come back. The TAACCCT grant program worked following the 2008 recession to prepare the next wave of workers to succeed in a recovering economy, which is exactly what I aim to replicate with this bill during the tough economic times we face today.

Background

The Community College Workforce Training Act would reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program to improve workforce development during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program was created following the 2008 economic recession to prepare college students for a post-recession workforce, by supporting community college and industry partnerships in creating education and training programs.

Helping Nevada's Students

After the 2008 Recession, TAACCCT grants developed training programs in partnership with industry leaders and state entities to serve nearly [500,000 students who earned over 350,000 credentials](#) across a wide spectrum of jobs. To date, 256 projects were funded, engaging over 2,500 employers across every state. Community colleges in [Nevada used over \\$24 million of this funding](#) to train thousands of Nevadans to prepare for a changing workforce.

Helping Nevada's Workforce

Economists project that over one-third of jobs lost during the COVID-19 pandemic won't come back. Hospitality and entertainment – industries critical for Nevada – face a lot of uncertainty. As a result, the next wave of workers must be prepared for a job market that looks different than before the pandemic hit. During the 2008 recession, the program effectively ensured that colleges throughout the country had the funds necessary to train students for in-demand, industry-aligned jobs to set people up for high-wage, high-skill employment.

Getting Relief to States and Communities During COVID-19

The fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has led to massive budget shortfalls in states like Nevada because of lost tax revenue. Rep. Lee has helped lead the fight to pass federal relief for state and local governments to deal with these budget cuts. Federal grant programs like the Community College Workforce Training Act are vital for states like Nevada to continue to properly fund education and workforce development while the state faces budget cuts.