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Adequate Funding for Workforce Development on the Line

The Senate floor amendment to HB 2421 has flipped the tables, giving the lion's share of a proposed employer investment assessment tax to the Enterprise Fund. Whereas the engrossed version of HB 2421 would quadruple training opportunities for Texas workers, the Senate amendment would slash Skills Development Fund allocations by 70%, and shortchange the needs of employers and workers trying to compete in the global marketplace.

These differences will be resolved in a House-Senate conference committee over the weekend. At stake is up to \$120 million in new funding for customized job training through Fiscal Year 2009.

Contact the following conferees immediately to let them know that adequate funding for workforce development is the key to a thriving Texas economy:

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