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For HB 3900

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The Texas Association of Workforce Boards (TAWB) respectfully submits the following testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 3900 to the House International Relations & Economic Development Committee.

TAWB represents the 28 Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) in Texas and the more than 700 business and community leaders across Texas who serve as volunteers on those boards. The 28 LWDBs in Texas are responsible for the planning, oversight, and evaluation of workforce development activities in their respective areas, with key functions including Employer Engagement, Workforce Stakeholder Partnerships, Career Pathways Development and Coordination with Education & Training Providers.

TAWB contends it is often necessary for providers to use more than 25% of skills development grant funds to purchase equipment necessary for training. Limiting the amount will LIMIT the amount of training needed by industry around the state. For example, heavy equipment simulators are expensive but employees who train on that equipment are then able to meet the ongoing employment needs in varied and multiple industries across the state.

We wish to thank the members of the House International Relations & Economic Development Committee for this opportunity to share information we trust will be helpful to you in your deliberations. TAWB stands ready to provide additional information during the 88th Texas Legislature.