Overview

This bill makes changes to the statutes related to youth employment programs. It appropriates money for the YouthBuild program, and modifies provisions relating to the definition of very low income, total grant limits, and priority for housing constructed in these programs.

The bill also establishes a pilot project to provide computer-related employment training to students who have experience in youth employment programs.

Section

1  **Appropriation.** Appropriates $500,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of economic security for the YouthBuild program. Provides that of that appropriation, $350,000 is added to the department's base, and $150,000 is for the YouthBuild Tech program provided in section 6.

2  **Very low income.** Changes the definition of "very low income" from incomes that are at or less than 50 percent of area median income to those that are at or less than 70 percent of area median income.

3  **Grant applications; awards.** Increases the limit on the total grant award for any program from $80,000 to $100,000.

4  **Advisory committee.** Eliminates the director of the office of jobs policy from the list of members of the advisory committee.

5  **Priority for housing.** Current law provides that priority for housing units constructed under youth employment programs must be allocated first to homeless targeted youth who have participated in the project. The bill would give this priority to all targeted youth who have participated and their families.

6  **YouthBuild Tech.** Establishes a pilot program within the department of economic security to make grants for computer training programs for students with at least four months of experience in a youth employment program.