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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 237**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 237**

2019 Assembly Bill 237 requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to allocate \$1 million biennially for grants to reimburse applicants, with a preference for awarding grants to applicants who are a consortium of employers, for costs incurred for individuals to participate in certification programs in the installation, repair, or maintenance of solar energy systems or wind energy systems. The bill sets certain requirements for receiving a grant, caps the cumulative amount any applicant may receive at \$250,000, and requires DWD to include information about the grant program in its annual report to the Governor and to the Joint Committee on Finance.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 makes the grant discretionary rather than mandatory and delays the grant until the 2021-23 biennium. Under the amendment, DWD may award up to \$1 million biennially, beginning in the 2021-23 biennium. Additionally, the amendment allows DWD to award a grant to reimburse applicants for costs incurred for individuals to participate in certification programs in the installation, repair, or maintenance of solar energy or wind energy systems and in the inspection of solar energy, wind energy, and electrical systems.

### **BILL HISTORY**

On December 23, 2019, Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kuglitsch. On February 5, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 1, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 2.

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