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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7131

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS IN PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) to identify, post on the OWS website, and provide to Office of Emergency Medical Services-approved paramedic certificate programs a list of sources of public or private financial aid for their students by October 1, 2025.

It also requires OWS to develop and implement a financial aid program for these students and report to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee by January 1, 2026, on the program, including the aid amount students may receive under it and recommendations for legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17      Nay 1      (03/13/2025)