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SUBJECT: Workforce Central - 2026 Workforce Development Priorities, Impact, and Labor Market Analysis
DATE: April 14, 2026

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

BACKGROUND:

WorkForce Central will provide labor market analysis on the latest workforce trends for the City of Tacoma, and related priorities and strategies our local workforce system is delivering to respond and be proactive in this current economy. We will brief the committee on our role as the workforce development arm for City of Tacoma and Pierce County, and we will illuminate ways we partner with City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Economic Development Board, local education and training institutions, and Chambers to ensure a focus on good jobs, supports for local businesses, and pathways to self-sufficiency in Tacoma.

ISSUE:

The shifting economy has daily impacts on our workforce in Tacoma. WorkForce Central functions as the arm of workforce development for the City of Tacoma and aims to execute the vision of our local elected officials and employer partners as it pertains to workforce development. This report is intended to keep the committee informed of local strategy and impacts.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only. No alternatives are being presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only. No recommendation is being made.