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## **Legislative Statement – the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill**

This legislative statement supports the **second reading** of the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill.

The purpose of the Education and Training (Grants – Budget Measures) Amendment Bill is to amend section 548 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act) to confirm the power of the Minister of Education to set conditions on grant funding for employment relations purposes.

The amendment to the Act ensures that conditions or purposes set under section 548(5)(a) or (b) that relate to employment matters (for example, remuneration) may be specified to help achieve aims that are, or include, employment relations aims.

New section 548(5A) will apply to any grant paid after the commencement of the Amendment Act arising from this Bill and condition or purpose specified under section 548(5)(a) or (b) for that grant.

### **Change recommended by the Education and Workforce Committee**

The Committee recommends amending clause 4 to make it clear that the Bill would not change the types of conditions or purposes permitted under section 548(5) of the Act. The drafting of the bill does not make it clear that the Bill would not change the types of conditions or purposes that the Minister could attach to a grant. The Government supports this technical drafting amendment to the Bill.