

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-05

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INTEGRATED YOUTH¹ EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS² INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry-driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB acts as the lead planning and coordinating entity for human resource programs involving employment training, career and technical education, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB provides oversight of the youth and workforce development systems in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB advises the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) and the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB has heard from Alaskan employers about the deficient skills and abilities of the Alaska youth as they enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, youth employability skills are addressed by multiple agencies across state government and grant recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AWIB advises and recommends to Governor Parnell and DOLWD Commissioner Dianne Blumer that the State of Alaska should seek to align and integrate youth employability skills awareness and training across the administration; and

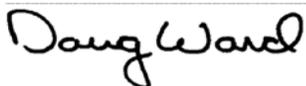
Establish a multi-disciplinary team across state government and its allied partners in youth development to review and implement the recommendation herein under the guidance of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and

Identify and pursue innovative programs and program delivery models for youth employability skills education and training that can be scaled up and standardized across the state.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee reviewed the foregoing resolution on the 11th day of February 2014 and recommended changes. The Workforce Readiness Employment Placement (WREP) evaluated and concurred with the changes on the 24th day of March, 2014. On the guidance of the WREP committee the Alaska Workforce Investment Board Chair signed the foregoing Resolution.

Signed this 25th day of March, 2014



Doug Ward, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board

¹ Youth are defined as individuals age 16-24, either in or out of school.

² Employability Skills include: interpersonal communications, personal standards and qualities, numeracy and literacy skills, attendance and punctuality, customer service orientation, problem solving abilities, decision making, teamwork, and other fundamental skills essential to obtaining a job and succeeding in the workplace.