

**ALASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
YOUTH COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-01
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

Whereas, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) provides oversight and planning for Alaska's workforce investment system;

Whereas, the Youth Council operates as a standing committee under the AWIB, and is responsible for planning, developing and recommending innovations and practices to be incorporated into agency policies and procedures relating to workforce development and training of young Alaskans;

Whereas, Alaska's high demand occupations as related in Alaska's High Growth Job Training Initiative for Energy grant proposal are in the resource extraction industries with support activities in construction and transportation;

Whereas, approximately 81% of all jobs in Alaska do not require a Bachelor's degree or above;

Whereas, approximately 53% of Alaska's high school graduates do not pursue post-secondary education, and approximately 38% of young Alaskans leave Alaska for further education and jobs;

Whereas, Alaska's schools must increase vocational education and training in order to meet these demands;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council supports the effort of Governor Murkowski and Commissioner O'Claray to implement initiatives that further employment and training opportunities for young people by providing career guidance in Alaska schools.

Also, be it resolved that we support the efforts of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to increase capacity to recruit and train workers for careers in the high-growth industries, and to further the Governor's vision to put Alaskans to work, especially in construction trades and the energy industry.

Signed this 5th day of October, 2005



Andy Baker, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board



Don Brandon, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
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