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DRAFT RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-07
A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF CAREER CLUSTERS BY
ALASKA'S VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is a public organization accountable through its council members and staff to the citizens, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB has a long term interest in the development and sustainability of a statewide system of career and vocational education and training that fosters the seamless transition of students through all levels of training to good jobs and careers; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB recognizes the value of the Career Clusters Initiative that was developed by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education and now supported through the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium as a vehicle to support the effective alignment of training and education programs within the state and within programs from other states; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Career Pathways are complimentary to the Career Clusters in that the broader Pathways work in the elementary and middle schools as career exploration tools and the Clusters are more specific to industries and occupations at the secondary and post-secondary levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board adopts the use of career clusters as identified by the Career Clusters Initiative as the preferred tool for identifying opportunities for the building of a seamless, aligned system of vocational & technical education among the many levels of program providers within the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Program administration and planning entities will incorporate these program alignment tools into their program approval and funding processes and evaluate the results of this initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board recommends the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development support the use of Career Clusters in Alaska's secondary education system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board recommends Alaska's businesses and industries as represented individually or through industry and community organizations and associations adopt the use of Career Clusters as a means of organizing and aligning support for and interaction with Alaska's training and education programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board recommends that continuing support for the Career Cluster effort be provided by the US Department of Education through completion of the effort.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is comprised of 22 members, of whom __, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this __ day of February 2003, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of __ members, and opposed by __ members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this __ day of February 2003.

Alice Galvin, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board