

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-01
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM (STEP) TASK FORCE REPORT

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board acts as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource programs involving employment training, vocational education, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the State Training and Employment Program (STEP) is to reduce current and future claims against Unemployment Insurance benefits through investment in job training;

WHEREAS, STEP promotes local hire and may be used to mitigate the impacts of Alaska's economic fluctuations through training or retraining for new or emerging industries and technologies;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Labor established a STEP Task Force to consult and work with entities from organized labor and not from organized labor eligible to submit a grant application and who provide training and employment assistance to conduct a review of the STEP program as required by Alaska Legislature in Chapter 46 SLA 08;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Labor determined that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board should be an active participant in the STEP Task Force to conduct a review of the STEP program;

WHEREAS, the STEP Task Force met in the spring and summer of 2008 to review the STEP program making recommendations for changes to statute, regulation, and policy; and

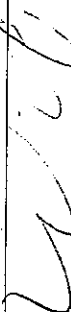
WHEREAS, the STEP Task Force Report was forwarded to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House or Representatives on or before the 30th day of the 2009 legislative session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board fully supports the proposed recommendations contained in the STEP Task Force Report, including making the STEP program permanent, that was forwarded by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 23rd day of February, 2009 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Signed this 23rd day of February 2009.



Jim Lynch, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board