

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

In Support of the Repeal of Alaska's Competency Examination Requirement

Resolution 01-2014

WHEREAS, Alaska law presently requires secondary students to pass a competency examination (also referred to as an "exit exam" or the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam "HSGQE") in order to receive a high school diploma,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 139, SB 111, House Bill 220 and HB 278, all presently in front of the Alaska Legislature, would repeal the competency examination requirement,

WHEREAS, the competency examination, fully implemented in 2004, is a test of basic skills,

WHEREAS, the competency examination is not an appropriate means of measuring college and career readiness,

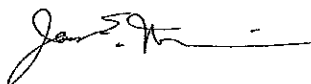
WHEREAS, the Department of Education & Early Development has, in the years since the enactment of the competency evaluation, developed a system of statewide assessments that allows both the Department and school districts to accurately measure academic competency and growth,

WHEREAS, the administration of the competency evaluation results in a significant loss of instructional time for students and teachers,

WHEREAS, the administration of the competency evaluation costs in excess of two million dollars annually,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development respectfully requests that the Alaska Legislature repeal the statutory competency examination requirement.

PASSED by unanimous roll call vote, January 27, 2014.



Jim Merriner, Chair

On behalf of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-04

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TECHNICAL and VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM (TVEP)

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is a private industry driven public organization that is accountable through its members including representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government 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, career and technical education, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, The Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) is to provide grants to technical and vocational education entities to provide industry specific training, on-the-job training and classroom job linked training;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports expanding dual-credit options for high school graduation and certification in a career field;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports expanding access for Alaska's rural students to quality technical and vocational education programs

WHEREAS, Funds for the program are appropriated from amounts the state collects in unemployment insurance contributions, and are provided to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Workforce Investment Board believes TVEP is essential to employment training, career and technical education and workforce development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports the reauthorization of TVEP through 2024.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting of the Executive Committee convened this day 10th of February, and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 10th day of February,


Jim Lynch, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board