JEDC Juneau Economic
Development Council

RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors in support of State of Alaska Senate Bill 84
"An Act relating to funding for high school vocational education as a component
of funding for public schools; increasing the base student allocation used in the
public school funding formula; and providing for an effective date."

Resolution 04-11

WHEREAS, U.S. jobs that demand technical training are growing five times faster than those
requiring no technical training. *(National Math & Science Initiative)*

WHEREAS, by 2018, it is projected that 90% of U.S. occupations will require either a
bachelor's degree or a combination of college-level technical courses and employer sponsored
technical training. *(US Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

WHEREAS, since 2007, JEDC has developed a robust STEM program to support STEM
education in 23 school districts across the State which includes teacher professional
development, providing an array of summer and after-school enrichment programs, developing
and subsidizing the cost of over 750 classroom science kits.

WHEREAS, providing designated funding for vocational education, which has a strong
connection to STEM curriculum will further advance JEDC's objectives in the area of workforce
development.

WHEREAS, forward funding increases in the per-student base level appropriation will assist
school districts across the state to develop sound fiscal plans in an era of rapidly rising costs.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 84 provides an increase to the per-student base level appropriation for
education and provides funding for vocational education.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 84 is a legislative priority for many school districts across the state,
large and small, rural and urban.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

On this 15th day of Marcy 2011, the Board of Directors of the Juneau Economic Development Council hereby authorizes JEDC to issue appropriate letters of support for Senate Bill 84.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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