

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-02

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE SEAT ON  
THE ALASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (AWIB) TO REPRESENT  
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS OF ALASKA'S VETERANS AND  
TRANSITIONING MILITARY

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WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council consists of members from veterans organizations, state agencies, and the general public who are familiar with veterans issues, bearing the responsibility to advise the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and through the Governor, other departments and agencies of the state on matters concerning veterans, their dependents, and their survivors;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council acknowledges the service and sacrifice made by veterans for our great nation and recognize there are challenges for veterans securing employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council acknowledges there are over 73,000 veterans that call Alaska home, the highest per capita rate in the nation, and there is over a 7% unemployment rate among post-9/11 veterans (Office of the Actuary; Joint Economic Committee) and endorses the need for an advocate for employment and training as well as for unemployment prevention;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council strongly believes a seat on the AWIB held by a representative who has personal or professional experience with veterans employment and training and labor market needs, will promote a system of workforce development that responds to the lifelong learning needs of veterans and the current and future workforce; champion practices supporting reintegration of veterans and departing service members of the armed forces, and identify barriers and successes related to employment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council supports legislative change to designate one or more seats on the AWIB, to the needs of veterans and transitioning service members as it relates to employment.

**CERTIFICATION**

The Alaska Veterans Advisory Council unanimously adopted this resolution at its meeting held 3 February 2015.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

  
Joseph N. Fields III, Chair  
Alaska Veterans Advisory Council