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Encouraging federal funding for vocational education and job training.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Alaska receives federal funds under the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act to expand, modernize, and develop quality vocational education programs that will improve productivity and promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS one of the requirements of the Act is to ensure access to vocational education programs for underserved populations including the handicapped, disadvantaged, men and women entering nontraditional occupations, persons whose ability to speak English is limited, and criminal offenders; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 1987, the state will receive \$1,700,000 in vocational education funding from the federal government and the Congress has allotted \$2,400,000 for the state in fiscal year 1988; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States and the Secretary of Education have proposed a budget that reduces the fiscal year 1988 funding by 50 percent and that eliminates federal vocational education funding entirely for fiscal year 1989; and

WHEREAS federal vocational education funding has been a catalyst for program development and planning in the state since 1968 and is the only source of revenue for program improvement and innovation of vocational education programs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Alaska Congressional delegation to oppose the proposed rescission of vocational education funds and to join in strongly supporting federal funding for vocational education and job training.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.