

RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-04
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ALASKA HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL
AND THE STATE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council is a public organization which is accountable through its council members and staff to the citizens, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AHRIC was created through Alaska statute in 1995;

WHEREAS, subsequent federal and state legislation has since changed the duties and responsibilities of the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council;

WHEREAS, the State Training and Employment Program was created in 1989 as a pilot project, and has been re-authorized every two years by the legislature;

WHEREAS, STEP is a unique and flexible state funded program that offers Alaska workers the help they need to become or remain employed;

WHEREAS STEP goals are to reduce demand on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund by helping to reduce claims for future unemployment benefits; foster new jobs by encouraging businesses to locate in Alaska based on the availability of a skilled labor force and minimize unemployment insurance costs for employers; and increase training opportunities for workers severely affected by fluctuations in the economy or technological changes in the workplace;

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development evaluation shows that STEP clients worked more, received less unemployment and had gains in their wages;

WHEREAS, the AHRIC has authority for oversight of the STEP program and recognizes its unique contribution to the workforce of Alaska;

WHEREAS, House Bill 353 and Senate Bill 252 are twin pieces of legislation "renaming the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council as the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and relating to its membership; repealing the termination date of the state training and employment program; (and) relating to employment and training activities," in order to update the duties and responsibilities of the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council and to eliminate the termination date of the State Training and Employment Program;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council recommends the Legislature votes to pass into law HB 353 and SB 252.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council is comprised of 22 members, of whom 16, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 20th day of February 2002, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 12 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 20th day of February 2002.

Alice J. Galvin

Alice Galvin, Chair
Alaska Human Resource Investment Council