

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-02

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is a private industry-driven public organization that includes representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the AWIB is to “build connections that put Alaskans into good jobs” and recognizes the value and need for Alaska’s students to be ready to enter the workforce after completing their postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB recognizes Alaska must have a highly skilled and educated workforce for a strong economy, stable employment rates, and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development projects that the majority of Alaska’s high-growth, high-wage jobs will require education or training beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, eighty three percent of students surveyed in 2015 indicated the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) influenced them to stay in Alaska for their postsecondary education or training as well as provided an incentive for students to take more demanding classes in high school and seek higher education and career training opportunities here at home; and

WHEREAS, high school graduates who qualify for and use the APS for education and job training are more likely to remain in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the APS provides access to both college degree programs and multiple career training programs; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB believes the incentives provided by APS program contribute to a highly skilled and educated workforce and support higher rates of Alaska resident hire; and

WHEREAS, the APS helps provide access to the broad suite of post-secondary options for students, including but not limited to four year degree programs, supported by the AWIB; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board endorses the Alaska Performance Scholarship as a valuable investment in the next generation entering the workforce and as an opportunity to grow the Alaskan workforce.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed and convened this 15th day of February 2018 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 15 day of February 2018.



Larry Bell, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board