

## 2011-2013 OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

### ADOPTED MOTION

**WHEREAS**, The Legislature is facing a significant budget crisis, will be restricted in their ability to raise revenue, and will need to explore additional cuts to balance the 2011-2013 budget rather than fund program enhancements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Board's strategic plan for workforce development, *High Skills, High Wages, 2008 -2018*, identifies strategic opportunities, and over the years the Board has championed budget requests consistent with *High Skills, High Wages* strategic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Workforce Board's Retooling Washington's Workforce Initiative is focused on 1) helping the unemployed who need to have their skills retooled for jobs now and in the future and 2) responding to the current and future needs of employers for a skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Given the severity of the economic recession and the state's budget crisis we must focus the state's limited resources on strategic opportunities that help workers and employers retool for the recovery and strategic opportunities that help grow the future workforce;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board requests that the Governor and Legislature prioritize the following programs and activities for continued funding for the current operating budget and for the 2011-2013 operating budget:

- Secondary Career and Technical Education equivalency programs in high demand fields.
- Dropout prevention and intervention.
- The Navigation 101 program.
- WAVE scholarship program.
- Running Start for the Trades program.
- Worker Retraining Program.
- Job Skills Program.
- High employer demand programs of study.
- Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST).
- Opportunity Grant program.
- Hospital Employee Education and Training (HEET) program.
- Funding for part-time students to receive the State Need Grant.

Adopted by the Workforce Board on November 18, 2010.