

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Bob Buster

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
June 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** California State Senate Bill 776

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Formally oppose the passage of California State Senate Bill 776; and
- 2) Direct the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and county advocates in Sacramento to convey the Board of Supervisors opposition for said bill.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 776 requires Local Workforce Investment Boards to spend at least 50% of available federal Workforce Investment Act funds for adults and dislocated workers on training and supportive services. The bill, as written, is in direct conflict with the provisions of Public Law 105-220, the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and interferes with core tenants of the legislation, namely, local control and Individual empowerment.

By imposing a 50-percent training threshold, SB 776 would:

- Force the closure of two Workforce Development Centers and staff lay-offs of at least 50 employees at a time when our County's unemployment rate continues to be in double digits.
- Eliminate much needed career counseling and job search assistance services to our county's unemployed residents, including but not limited to dislocated workers, long-term unemployed, adults with special needs, returning Veterans, and migrant seasonal farm workers.
- Exclude the most vulnerable populations who can't afford to be in training.
- Impede the ability of the Board of Supervisors and the Workforce Investment Board to make decisions about the array of services needed by area residents as identified by local economic condition, business climate and workforce needs.
- Diminish the capacity to provide services to businesses.

  
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Bob Buster, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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