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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2014-145 in support of the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Congress has announced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in 21st Century. The National Association of Workforce Boards including the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board worked with Congress to craft this legislation. The legislation strengthens the alignment between local and workforce areas and labor market and economic development regions.

The legislation will strengthen the connection and work with adult education, postsecondary education, individuals with disabilities, high school dropout recovery effort, to name a few, by preparing and educating a highly skilled workforce to meet the needs of the regional economy.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has announced bipartisan, bicameral legislation to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Workforce Boards, the voice for all 550 Workforce Investment Boards across the country, including the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board, worked with Congress to craft this legislation, has offered its full endorsement; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will modernize and improve existing federal workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, the legislation strengthens the alignment between local workforce areas and labor markets and economic development regions; and

WHEREAS, the legislation strengthens the connection between adult education, postsecondary education, and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the legislation ensures that individuals with disabilities have the skills necessary to be successful in competitive, integrated employment; and

WHEREAS, the legislation focuses youth services on out-of-school youth, high school dropout recovery efforts, and attainment of recognized postsecondary credentials that will result in a more productive future workforce for the county; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is consistent with the county's economic and workforce development strategy to enhance the economic position of the county by preparing and educating a highly skilled workforce to meet the needs of the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the county is committed to creating a workforce system focused on innovation and skills development; and

WHEREAS, the county is responsive to the economic imperatives of our industry partners by helping them find the skilled employees they need to compete and create jobs in America; and

BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, California, in regular session assembled on June 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, that the County of Riverside supports the passage of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the County of Riverside supports an overall investment in workforce development that will develop dynamic and well-supported workforce investment programs in order for the county and the Nation to compete globally and sustainably.