

Rep. Gay Dagnogo offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 372.

A resolution to memorialize the Governor to focus workforce development programs and services on providing skills and knowledge that lead to post-secondary professional credentialing.

Whereas, Michigan's economy is becoming more and more reliant on knowledge and specialized training in advanced fields. According to estimates from the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, by 2024, there will be more than 800,000 openings in computer science, manufacturing, health care, trades, and business in Michigan. When combined with this state's abundant beauty, culture, and history, these high-demand, high-wage jobs make Michigan an attractive place to live and work; and

Whereas, Career transitions are accomplished through learning new skills and obtaining the credentials necessary to perform 21st century work. As the American economy leans more on automation and globalization, our workforce must be redeveloped and retooled. According to estimates, Baby Boomers changed jobs often, averaging almost 12 different jobs before they reached 50, and the average American worker should anticipate making several career changes over the course of their lifetime; and

Whereas, Cultivating a workforce for a knowledge-based economy will ensure Michigan continues to be a destination for people and businesses. To maximize the potential of Michigan's workforce, we must devote all available resources to creating programs and services that credential career workers. By coordinating public schools, community colleges, employers, and other stakeholders, the state of Michigan can accelerate worker transitions. Aligning current programs and resources, as well as creating new classroom programs and hands-on training opportunities, will provide the skills and knowledge needed for workers to be successful; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Governor to focus workforce development programs and services on providing skills and knowledge that lead to post-secondary professional credentialing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor.