

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2831 (Paul)/ S. 1517 (Kaine), the Building U.S. Infrastructure by Leveraging Demands for Skills (BUILDS) Act introduced in the House on May 16, 2019 and the Senate on May 17, 2019, would provide grants to help train workers and support services, including childcare, pre-employment training, transportation, and career counseling, to help workers succeed in work-based learning programs; and

WHEREAS, a report from the Departments of Education and Labor projects 68 percent more job openings in infrastructure over the next five years than students training to fill them, and a need to increase the United States infrastructure workforce by 4.6 million workers by 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Los Angeles to support legislation that would provide grants to improve workforce development for infrastructure positions as the City continues to address the infrastructure needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the BUILDS Act has garnered bipartisan support, and would provide implementation grants of up to \$2.5 million over three years, and renewal grants of up to \$1.5 million to partnerships comprised of multiple employers in a target industry, education or training providers, labor organizations, local workforce boards, and other stakeholders where appropriate, to carry out business engagement activities that support development of short- and long-term talent pipelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 2831 (Paul)/S. 1517 (Kaine), the Building U.S. Infrastructure by Leveraging Demands for Skills Act which would require the Secretary of Labor to award grants for promoting industry or sector partnerships to encourage industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement as part of an infrastructure investment.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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