

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE BILL 149 "AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWING CERTAIN CHILD DAY CARE PROVIDERS TO ORGANIZE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; AND ESTABLISHING THE CHILD DAY CARE PROVIDER FUND"

WHEREAS, House Bill 149 was introduced by Representative Zack Fields and co-sponsored by Representatives Hopkins, Story, Rasmussen, Ortiz, Tarr, Josephson, Spohnholz, Snyder, Tuck, and Senator Kawasaki; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 149 has passed the Senate Finance Committee and the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, child care is a vital infrastructure for Alaska and the City of Sitka and is key to a thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, childcare is a sector working to ensure all other sectors work while preparing our young children for school and life; and

WHEREAS, quality early childcare has lasting positive impacts on children including improved cognitive and social abilities, better math and language skills, increased school readiness, and higher graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, the positive impact is especially evident in children experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS, compensation, benefits, and training are key in recruiting and maintaining qualified and experienced staff; and

WHEREAS, HB 149 establishes a Child Care Trust Fund providing financial support to the child care system for years to come; and

WHEREAS, HB 149 amplifies the collective voice of childcare workers.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka strongly supports the passage of the Alaska State Legislature House Bill 149 "An Act relating to allowing certain child day care providers to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining; and establishing the child day care provider fund."

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 10th day of May, 2022.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 5/10/2022

Sponsors: Himschoot and Knox