

**RESOLUTION No.**

Explore a non-refundable tax credit program dedicated to eligible local businesses that support career-related-learning experiences in City schools and a non-refundable tax program to employ foster youth (Resolution)

WHEREAS, a key component of the new Oregon Diploma requires Personalized Learning including that students participate in experiences that connect classroom learning with real life experiences in the workplace, community, and/or school relevant to their education plan and document progress toward their personal, career, and post-high school goals.

WHEREAS, only 57 percent of Multnomah County high school students graduate on time;

WHEREAS, children in the foster care system are at risk for attaining lower education levels, higher rates of teen pregnancy, lower rates of employment and increased involvement with the criminal justice system than their peers.

WHEREAS, in a recent study of dropouts,(Bridgeland,2006) 47 percent of dropouts said a major factor in their decision to drop out was that classes were not interesting and 81 percent of these same respondents said that if schools provided opportunities for real-world learning it would have improved their chances of graduating from high school.

WHEREAS, employers estimate that 39 percent of recent high school graduates are unprepared for the expectations that they face in entry-level jobs and 45 percent of graduates are not adequately prepared for the skills and abilities they need to advance beyond entry level (Achieve, 2005);

WHEREAS, employment rates for the nation's teens and young adults are at post-World War II lows;

WHEREAS, national research points to the need for expanded employment and work-based learning opportunities for young people;

WHEREAS, businesses are uniquely poised to provide opportunities for students to meet the new diploma requirements by putting education into a relevant context by linking what is learned in school to the knowledge and skills that are needed in the workplace;

WHEREAS, the City has a role in ensuring our young people have opportunities for tomorrow;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has a history of investing in young people through funding of recreational and after school activities, youth employment programs, and creating seasonal job training, work experience, internship and job shadow opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland hopes to cultivate community involvement and participation from local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the success of our local businesses is intrinsically tied to the success of our schools, neighborhoods and students;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the City of Portland hereby directs staff to explore a business license tax credit and other possible tools guided by the principles outlined in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Revenue Bureau in collaboration with City Council staff will return to the City Council no later than June 30, 2011 with an ordinance that details code language and procedures that will allow for implementation of this initiative.

Adopted by the Council: APR 06 2011

Mayor Sam Adams  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Prepared by: Reese Lord  
Date Prepared: March 31, 2011

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

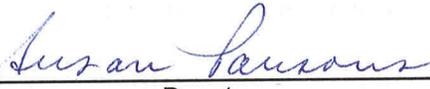
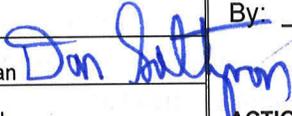
By

  
Deputy

Agenda No.  
**RESOLUTION NO. 36852 As Amended**  
Title

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| <b>INTRODUCED BY</b><br>Commissioner/Auditor:<br><b>Mayor Sam Adams</b>                                                                                     | CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>APR 01 2011</u>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b>                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                             |
| Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams                                                                                                                    |  LaVonne Griffin-Valade<br>Auditor of the City of Portland |
| Position 1/Utilities - Fritz                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                             |
| Position 2/Works - Fish                                                                                                                                     | By:                                                       |
| Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman                                              | Deputy                                                                                                                                      |
| Position 4/Safety - Leonard                                                                                                                                 | <b>ACTION TAKEN:</b>                                                                                                                        |
| <b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b>                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |
| Bureau: Mayor's Office<br>Bureau Head:                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |
| Prepared by: Reese Lord<br>Date Prepared: March 31, 2011                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |
| Financial Impact Statement<br>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/><br>Not Required <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                                                                                                             |
| Council Meeting Date<br><b>April 6, 2011</b>                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>City Attorney Approval</b>                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>AGENDA</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input type="checkbox"/><br>Start time: _____                                                                               |
| <b>Total amount of time needed: 30</b><br>(for presentation, testimony and discussion)                                                          |
| <b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                         |
| <b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><b>Total amount of time needed: _____</b><br>(for presentation, testimony and discussion) |

| FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA | COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:                 |      |
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|                    | YEAS                                            | NAYS |
| 1. Fritz           | 1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    |      |
| 2. Fish            | 2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>     |      |
| 3. Saltzman        | 3. Saltzman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |      |
| 4. Leonard         | 4. Leonard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |      |
| Adams              | Adams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>       |      |