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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(30)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 24, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Governor and the Legislature to retain the sole authority of local government and regional workforce boards to select and remove regional workforce board chairs, executive directors, and board members without involvement from the Governor, while supporting recommendations related to financial disclosure and branding; opposing SB 1398 and HB 7023 in their current form

Resolution No. R-82-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

✓ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous_____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(30)

1-24-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-82-12

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN THE SOLE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS TO SELECT AND REMOVE REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARD CHAIRS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, AND BOARD MEMBERS WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT FROM THE GOVERNOR, WHILE SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND BRANDING; OPPOSING SB 1398 AND HB 7023 IN THEIR CURRENT FORM

WHEREAS, s. 445.007, F.S. governs regional workforce boards; and

WHEREAS, currently regional boards are permitted to select the chair from among its members; and

WHEREAS, currently local governments are permitted to select the executive director of regional boards; and

WHEREAS, currently local governments are permitted to appoint and remove regional board members; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2012 session of the Florida Legislature that would amend s. 445.007, F.S. , SB 1398 by Senator Andy Gardiner (R – Orlando) and HB 27023 by Representative Jason T. Brodeur (R – Sanford); and

WHEREAS, as initially filed, SB 1398 and HB 7023 provided that the chair and executive director of regional boards be subject to approval by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, as initially filed, SB 1398 and HB 7023 also provided the Governor with the authority to remove members of regional boards, required regional board members and executive directors to disclose certain financial interests, and proposed the establishment of a single, statewide workforce-system brand; and

WHEREAS, HB 7023 was heard in the House Economic Affairs Committee on Thursday, January 12, and was amended to provide that while the Governor could remove the chairman and executive director of the regional boards, these positions would no longer be subject to the approval of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board has been vital in meeting the needs of the unemployed and the business communities of Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties; and

WHEREAS, despite a struggling economy, the region has experienced continuous job growth and consecutive months of declines in the unemployment rate over the past year; and

WHEREAS, the language in SB 1398 and HB 7023 as initially filed calling for gubernatorial involvement in the selection of the regional board chair and executive director, and removal of its members would add state level control over regional boards, such as the South Florida Workforce Investment Board, creating an unnecessary bureaucratic layer, given that state officials are less familiar with local issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Legislature to retain the sole authority of local government and regional workforce boards to select and remove their chair, executive director, and board members without involvement from the Governor.

Section 2. Opposes SB 1398 and HB 7023 both as initially filed; further opposes HB 7023 as amended.

Section 3. Urges the Governor and Legislature to support recommendations related to financial disclosure and branding as set forth in SB 1319 and HB 7023.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, Senator Andy Gardiner and Representative Jason T. Brodeur.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Sections 1, 2 and 3 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2012 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	**aye**		
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	**aye**		
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**
Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of January, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Joni A. Mosely