

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Kentucky's community and technical  
2 colleges, state universities and private colleges, accredited educational facilities and trade  
3 schools to work in cooperation and partnership with private industry and trade groups and  
4 organizations to examine the feasibility of developing a certification and training  
5 program, including on-the-job internship opportunities for heavy equipment operators and  
6 commercial drivers' license training to support Kentucky's industries.

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky announced over 9 billion dollars in corporate expansion and  
8 new location projects in 2017, bringing commitments to create more than 17,000 jobs to  
9 Kentucky;

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky's industries are in dire need of heavy equipment operators  
11 and employees who have a commercial drivers' license;

12 WHEREAS, currently there is a shortage of qualified individuals trained to operate  
13 heavy equipment or who hold commercial drivers' license;

14 WHEREAS, the shortage of certified heavy equipment operators cannot be  
15 addressed by the limited number of training programs currently being offered in  
16 Kentucky's educational facilities;

17 WHEREAS, on-the-job training, internships, and apprenticeships help promote a  
18 thorough but quick learning and certification process to encourage more persons to seek  
19 this type of employment;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
22 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

23 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly urges Kentucky's Education and Workforce  
24 Development Cabinet, Labor Cabinet, and Economic Development Cabinet, community  
25 and technical colleges, state universities and private colleges, accredited educational  
26 facilities, and trade schools to work in cooperation and partnership with private industry,  
27 trade groups, and organizations to examine the feasibility of developing a certification

1 and training program, including on-the-job internship or apprenticeship opportunities for  
2 heavy equipment operators and commercial drivers' licenses.

3       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this  
4 Resolution and notification of its adoption to the Kentucky Education and Workforce  
5 Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Kentucky Economic Development  
6 Cabinet, and each accredited educational facility in Kentucky.