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ISSUE: Participation of labor representation on various boards and committees

BACKGROUND: There has been a great, politically inspired debate during staff meetings about the presence of employees and or organized labor on the various federal, state and local boards and committees established under the legislation. Those opposing the inclusion (at the urging of right-wing pro-family groups) of labor representation have also pushed very hard for the specific inclusion of parents on the same boards and committees.

TALKING POINTS: This is a workforce retraining bill. The views of the workforce should be represented as the types of retraining for the workforce is crafted.

Labor unions have a great amount of experience in the area of skills training.

Labor organizations have proved to be effective contributors to Private Industry Councils and other local systems.

If parents are to be represented, workers should be as well.