

Senator Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 96.

A resolution to urge the Governor to add woodworking vocational training to the career opportunities in vocational education and skilled trade opportunities identified by the state.

Whereas, Woodworking manufacturing offers rewarding career opportunities in the skilled trades. The woodworking industry provides a variety of employment options that pay excellent wages; and

Whereas, Michigan is among the top states for wood product manufacturing of office and institutional furniture. The occupations within this field include carpenters, machine operators, cabinet makers, and other woodworking employment options; and

Whereas, As Michigan enhances its efforts to expand opportunities in skilled trades and to connect the current and emerging workforce to employment opportunities in skilled trades, woodworking manufacturing should be identified among the career options; and

Whereas, As a skilled trade, woodworking manufacturing has established standards and credentialing requirements that enhance the stature and credibility of the profession. As the state continues to raise awareness of the opportunities available in vocational education and skilled trades, opportunities in woodworking manufacturing should be highlighted as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Governor to add woodworking vocational training to the career opportunities in vocational education and skilled trade opportunities identified by the state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor.