

February 19, 2018

SILGA RESOLUTION

Re: Trade Designation for Flight Training Program

WHEREAS the Provincial government provides funding and support for the trades;

AND WHEREAS the needs for skilled commercial pilots in British Columbia is increasing, with critical shortages in trained commercial pilots forecast over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government consider designating flight training program as a trades program.

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Background:

This resolution, ‘Trade Designation for Flight Training Programs’, seeks endorsement from SILGA in recognition of the positive impact the commercial aviation industry has on local government economic development in the Province. The current commercial pilot shortage prohibits provincial and regional third tier airlines from expanding services, increasing frequencies and launching service to smaller communities outside of the major urban areas, negatively impacting economic prosperity in British Columbia.

This proposed resolution recognizes the critical role the Province plays in promoting and funding trades. Adding “commercial pilot” to the list of already recognized trades will result in a greater number of commercial pilots being trained each year in British Columbia.

The resolution therefore requests that the Provincial Government to designate pilot flight training programs as a “trade” similar to cook, electrician, etc.

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