

Senate Resolution 307

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Payne of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of creating multiple diploma pathways for high school students;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2007, the State Board of Education voted to update high school graduation
4 requirements, which eliminated several diploma options in favor of the same diploma option
5 for all high school students; and

6 WHEREAS, the current diploma requirements have shown to be a one-size-fits-all diploma
7 not tailored to the needs and passions of all students, including those wanting to go right into
8 the workforce, technical college, military, or university system; and

9 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways can provide the opportunity for high school students
10 to have a pathway to graduation that reflects their postsecondary desires and passions by
11 allowing more opportunities to take courses of interest to students in addition to the core
12 courses all students need to be successful; and

13 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways provide more information on types of graduates and
14 increased transparency by providing additional public reporting categories (workforce,
15 technical, military, college/university) for better data on students' needs; and

16 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will streamline counseling and provide students
17 with a more relevant high school experience by tailoring a student's high school experience
18 around their postsecondary goals, increasing relevance and value; and

19 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways would be aligned to expectations, putting success
20 within reach for all students; and

21 WHEREAS, multiple diploma pathways will expand options and opportunities for students
22 while not stigmatizing the diploma by eliminating the better than or less than mentality of
23 the prior tracked dual diploma option; and

24 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education should adopt new rules for high school graduation
25 requirements.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the importance of creating multiple diploma pathways and support the adoption
28 of a new graduation rule to affirm this change for high school students.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the members of the
31 State Board of Education.