



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SPIN Committee  
on Bill# 160, dated 3/27/12.

Please accept the following as written testimony.

Hello, my name is Sean Donan, I represent AVTEC in Seward. We are in need of new facilities, in particular new dorms and shops. The current dorms in which I live in are nearly 50 years old and are beginning to show their age. ~~as~~ as are some of the shops. What we learn here is highly beneficial to Alaska, and even more so this school has made a difference to me and is setting me up for a successful future. I feel that if we are able to procure these funds it would better the school and all the students. I may not be able to see these changes but the future generations will be able to reap the benefits. Thank you for your time.

Signed:

A handwritten signature, likely of Sean Donan, written in black ink.



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 on Bill# 110, dated 3/21/12.

Please accept the following as written testimony.

My name is Justin Flowers and I am a student enrolled in the pipe welding course at AVTEC in Seward, Alaska. I am in support of funding for the school's proposed plan to construct new dorms. The dorms are over ~~30~~<sup>42</sup> years old and have seen their days. The dorms are not properly sealed and wind gusts push doors open with ease. Heating is unreliable, showers are mostly unusable, and walkways/doorways/windows are always covered w/ Ice. The dorms contain asbestos and almost every single room have holes for conduit running through them, exposing it.

In short the dorms have served their purpose for over ~~30~~<sup>42</sup> years. The School is expanding and we must meet the needs of students to house them.

These students are the future Vocational workforce for Alaska, we Signed: need to be able to adequately house them and keep them healthy during the training programs.

*Justin Flowers*

Thank you for your time.

budget.

Justin Flowers <sup>Applied</sup> <sup>Technology</sup> <sup>In addition</sup> <sup>I support</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>applied technologies department</sup> <sup>budget.</sup>  
 are in serious disrepair. On average the pipe welding Shop has serious leaks in the roof, extremely poor ventilation, and little to no heating. The room is an old heavy equipment storage room, it was never made to house a welding Shop. This is a serious health issue to students, respiratory problems often arrive from welding smoke. The leaks in the roof are also pouring onto equipment including a \$80,000 pipe cutter.



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 FIN on Bill# 160, dated 3/21/12.

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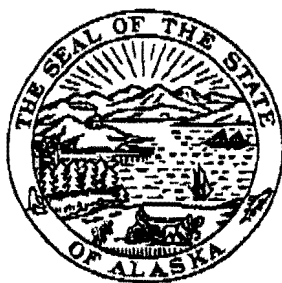
my name is Michael Stevenson and I am currently attending Avtec. I am wanting to talk about our 50 year old dorm that was only suppose to be in place for about 10 years. Currently in my room when it gets cold I get about 1/8" of ice on my window even when its closed meaning my window isnt completely sealed all the way around the sliding part. The Heat is very unreliable, To paint a picture my Heater is right below my window right next to my bed and desk.

Signed:

A handwritten signature, likely of Michael Stevenson, written in dark ink.

Today there is a mass call for Applied tech the only reason I'm stating this is because Avtec is a school that is mainly Applied tech. Students. our dorms are full so How can Avtec supply the work force with the needed amount of bodies to replace the people retiring.

With a new Dorm we will be able to get more students in and supply the work force with more bodies,



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My name is Andrew Edsall. I am currently attending AVTEC structural welding program. I am speaking on behalf of AVTEC students. The dorm situation is marginal. It would be great if some funding would be given for some much needed updates. AVTEC is a state school and should be represented in a state of the art fashion. The school puts out a grade product, so we should get A grade facilities. The product produced by AVTEC also benefit Alaska by putting out skilled workers. Thank you for considering.

Signed:

Andrew R Edsall



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Please accept the following as written testimony.

My Name is Joseph Premo, and I Represent Alaska Vocational technology Education center in Seward, Alaska. As A Student here I feel that it is essential for us to Procure funds to build new dormitories, and shops for our growing student population. The old Dorms and Shops have been Rundown after Decades of use. As a domestic workforce in the making I Believe that we deserve adequate facilities to learn and live in. I appreciate your consideration.

Signed:

A handwritten signature, likely of Joseph Premo, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be "Joseph Premo".



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on Bill# 160, dated 3/21/12.

AUTEC HAS BEEN AN AMAZING SCHOOL FOR ME AND OTHERS. ITS A SCHOOL THAT ALLOWS A POSITIVE GROWTH FOR THE YOUNG MANS FUTURE AS AN ALASKAN RESIDENT. IT'S ALSO A SCHOOL THAT CONTRIBUTES TO ALASKA'S FUTURE IN THE GAS AND OIL INDUSTRY'S. IT'S DIESELS WELDING AND ELECTRICAL CLASS'S ARE WELL TAUGHT, AND ALLOW THE HANDS ON

Please accept the following as written testimony.  
TRAINING THAT WE NEED TO EXCEL IN THE ALASKAN WORK FORCE.

AUTEC IS AN AMAZING SCHOOL AND HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE IN ALASKA. IF AUTEC RELIEVED THE PROPER FUNDING FOR THERE PORMS, CLASSES AND TEACHERS. I BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD SEE A STRONG LOCAL WORKFORCE IN ALASKAN COMMUNITY'S.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Bell".

JUSTIN BELL

March 21, 2012 – Testimony By Margaret Anderson of Seward, Ak.

To: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON  
CAPITAL BUDGET SB-160

This testimony is with regard to the Jesse Lee Home Building Restoration Project and the “Balto School Educational Development Plan. The total budget estimate for the project is \$16,900,000. Already \$3,000,000. has been secured through the State and if the buildings are fully restored there is supposed to be a Federal Historic Tax Credit available of \$3,400,000. There is an estimated budget gap of \$11,000,000.

I am opposed to the restoration plan as well as the “Balto” School Educational Plan. First, engineering reports indicate the presence of hazardous materials and deteriorating conditions on this 90 year old structure. We do not know what the reconstruction costs are really going to be. The 2 million dollars the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home are now in the process of spending has not brought us any closer to the **ACTUAL COSTS OF THE RESTORATION OR HOW THE SCHOOL IS TO BE FUNDED.**

This project is **NOT ABOUT HELPING KIDS!!** Think of the benefits this 17 Million Dollars would have in really helping and supporting kids. Just in this session of the legislature, proposals have been brought forward to broaden the **SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS; EXTRA FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THROUGH OUT THE STATE; EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (PRE-KINDERGARTEN);** and other real enhancements to our education system.

The Methodist Mission helped and supported kids in Seward for 40 years. Their organization moved to Anchorage following the 1964 earthquake and a parent organization is still providing social services to kids with no parental support. It was not the building but the people providing the care and the life long cherished friendships that was the life blood of the home and that lives on today. Not a broken building that has not been occupied for 48 years. For many children, the Jesse Lee Home was not a happy place.

Regarding the education model for another type of Boarding High School, it appears the FJLH are "re-inventing the wheel". Here in Seward, we have the Kenai Peninsula School District providing K through 12 education; We have the Alaska Vocational Technical School; The Sealife Center; My question: HOW AND WHO IS GOING TO FUND THIS SCHOOL??? Now is the time to determine the direction and the financial viability of this whole project.

I have lived in Seward all my life and attended High School with kids from the Jesse Lee Home back in the 40's. I graduated from Seward High School in 1951. I have close friends who spent their childhood at the home, many of whom have passed on. These buildings have been condemned, vandalized, and vacant for 48 years. They are a BLIGHT to the community of Seward and should be razed.



Attention: Senate- Capital Budget Committee  
C/O Seward LIO

3/21/2012

From: Rhonda Hubbard  
P.O. Box 3302, 1800 Jesse Lee Drive  
Seward, AK 99664

RE: SB160 – Governor's Capital Budget,  
\$5M Appropriation for Friends of the Jesse Lee Home (FJLH) Re-structuring Project

*Senator Steedman*

Dear ~~Representative Stoltz~~ and Corresponding Committee Members,

I am writing out of concern for a portion of the Governor's Budget earmarked for re-habilitating the Jesse Lee Home in Seward into the "Balto" Leadership School. My concerns aim towards the aggressive funding request on such a large project where building rehabilitation costs and school operations are yet to be accurately defined. Without the plans being thoroughly reviewed and fleshed out, this legislature could easily be allowing money to go down a black hole leaving Seward and the State with a black eye of wasteful spending and poor over-sight.

The current \$5M appropriation with a potential additional request of \$6M is pre-mature to answers that the public should have before a project of this magnitude is launched. Currently \$16.9M is estimated for the building project, however there is nothing validating or substantiating this figure, as it is likely estimated too low given the physical status of the building.

The Jesse Lee Home has been sitting vacant for nearly 50 years. Consequently, but as expected, the structural assessment report produced by Schneider & Associates identified initial structural shoring and bracing as serious and / or critical. Such repairs are needed at minimum to make the building safe to work in, while structural calculations to determine the building's structural integrity and load-carrying capacities are still pending.

\$3M of State funds have already been allocated towards the Jesse Lee Home project. Currently an RFP is out to provide a conceptual architectural plan, and provide a detailed cost estimate of re-habilitating the aged structure. From this effort more expertise will be brought in to assess, confirm and adjust the original \$16.9 cost estimate for rehabilitating the building.

As a lifelong resident of Seward, and one who believes in balancing fiscal responsibility with reasonable projects, I strongly urge you to allow FJLH more time to define feasibility costs of building rehabilitation, and its operational plans for the leadership school. In order to make good fiscal decisions with our tax dollars, it should be incumbent on lawmakers and the Governor's office to request the best available information on the Jesse Lee Home developments before approving more funds towards this endeavor. Unfortunately that information is not yet available to justify the requested appropriation before you. So please be wise and allow more time and less money for the necessary information to be produced and more accurate fiscal decisions to be made.



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The community of Seward is in desperate need of increasing the tax base, business opportunities and jobs for citizens in our (Seward) area. With State of Alaska help in funding, the relocation/location <sup>to Seward</sup> of the Coastal Villages Homeport for their groundfishing fleet will accomplish this. Much of the infrastructure is already in place in Seward. State funding is needed to bring the entire project to fruition. Please ensure funding for this project.

Signed:  
Carl T. Norman  
33552 Wissamickon Dr  
Seward, Alaska 99664



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Hi My names is Jens Mobley from wasilla Alaska I represent the structural welding department of Artec vocational school in Seward. I would like to thank the chairman ad qmmitee for thier time. I feel that Artec provides excellent training and skills needed to succeed in todays lifestyles ad Jobs. To provide class A Training an adequate learning facility ad housing are nessicary to excell in our learning.

Signed:

A handwritten signature, likely "Jens Mobley", written in black ink and underlined.