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To: <Senator.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB 176

Dear Senator Coghill:

Regarding Senate Bill 176, I encourage you to pursue passage of this bill with the following changes: Allow properly certificated, i.e., licensed concealed weapon permit holders, faculty and staff to carry concealed weapons.

As it is now, faculty and staff feel as though they are easy targets with the current "No Weapons Allowed" Board of Regents policy (it's a policy, not a law) preventing weapons inside campus buildings, especially inside classrooms.

However, allowing students to carry firearms is not advisable. Many of the students that are allowed to enroll are not emotionally stable enough to be allowed to carry any kind of weapon. We don't need irate students upset about not getting the grade they wanted or being denied entrance or continuation in an academic program, retaliating against faculty or others in a position of authority. Granted, no law or policy is going to stop the emotionally unstable or those outside the law from using weapons against those in positions of authority, at least with SB176 with the requested changes, there would be legal recourse in this type of event.

I am a UAA faculty member and out of fear of retaliation from UA administration, I'm sending this to you under a name other than my own.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A Concerned University of Alaska (full) Professor