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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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January 19, 2026

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to unemployment insurance contribution rates and the funding of workforce training programs.

Alaska's workforce requires consistent, high-quality training to meet the demands of a modern economy. Stable, predictable funding ensures Alaskans gain in-demand skills and employers can fill jobs.

This bill solves this challenge by restructuring the allocation of unemployment insurance contributions to improve long-term stability without increasing the overall tax burden on employers. It directs a specific portion of collected revenue to these training accounts before the funds are deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Fund. This approach secures funding for workforce development while preserving the core purpose of unemployment insurance and maintaining the solvency of the unemployment insurance system.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Mike Dunleavy, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure