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MEMORANDUM

TO: TVEP-Funded Regional Training Centers

FROM: Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Senate Education Committee

DATE: February 21, 2014

RE: Hearing on TVEP Funding: February 26, 2014

I encourage you to participate in the upcoming Senate Education Committee hearing regarding TVEP funding and funding allocations. Please be prepared to answer questions regarding your respective training center, including submitting to my office written responses to the list of questions, attached. I would appreciate receiving your response to the questions by 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

As you may know, we have in our committee the Governor's omnibus education bill which contains numerous educational policy components. One of them is extending funding and funding allocations of non-competitive TVEP funds distributed to some of the various vocational training centers around the state. We will be conducting a hearing specifically regarding TVEP funding on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. in the Beltz room of the Alaska State Capitol. Your availability, on record, to describe your training center, use of TVEP funds, and to answer other relevant questions is very much appreciated.

Thank you for the important work that you do. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Senate Bill 139

Questions for regional training centers and institutions receiving TVEP funds, per AS 23.15.835(d):

1. How long have you been in operation?
2. What is your governance structure?
3. What manner of public/private partnerships do you share?
4. What specific training programs do you offer?
5. How many participants do you currently have in those respective programs?
6. What do you offer in the form of degrees and/or certificates in these programs?
7. How many certifications have you issued and in what training fields, since you began operating? Since beginning to receive TVEP funds?
8. Describe the demographic profile of your student body.
9. What are the technical and vocational labor demands in your region and how successful are you in satisfying that demand?
10. What is your annual budget? What other sources of funding do you have besides TVEP?
11. What annual level of TVEP funding have you received historically and to date?
12. What specifically do TVEP funds pay for at your training center?
13. What would you do if TVEP were reduced or eliminated? Increased?
14. Do you operate a residential facility in conjunction with your programs? If so, please give some history of its construction, and current manner of operation and maintenance. Current number of residents?
15. What is your student/teacher ratio?
16. How many faculty do you employ? Describe their certification levels.
17. Describe how your training center benefits your local community or region.
18. Please share any other highlights and needs of your training center.
19. Are there other regional training centers you feel should be receiving TVEP funds?
20. Do you believe the current allocation structure for distributing TVEP funds is adequate and fair? If not, how would you recommend adjusting it?

The committee would appreciate receiving your response to these questions by 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Responses may be submitted electronically via e-mail to Tim.Lamkin@akleg.gov, or via fax at: 907-465-3517