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Regulations of Postsecondary Educational Institutions are outlined in Alaska Statute 14.48. SB 190 will prohibit Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education from requiring programs to register with ACPE as a postsecondary institution if the program they offer issues a certificate of completion and the field does not require a professional or occupational license under Alaska Statute 08.

For example, Yoga teachers or studios are not required to have a professional or occupational license under Alaska law. Until recently yoga studios and teacher training programs have been free of state regulation and oversight. These studios have attempted to provide their clients a quality program and environment that are now unfortunately being subjected to ACPE regulations because they use terms such as "yoga teacher training" program and awarded a "certificate" at the completion of the course.

SB 190 will exempt programs that offer a certificate of completion when the field of study does not require a professional or occupational license under Alaska law. The passage of SB 190 will free programs from unnecessary and costly application process and fees associated with the registration as a postsecondary educational institution with APCE.