



March 16, 2017

Dear Co-Chair of House Finance Committee Representative Paul Seaton and Representative Neal Foster;

On behalf of Ilisagvik College I provide our endorsement of House Bill 141 to reauthorize the TVEP program as crafted, with no changes to the program.

Please note, Ilisagvik is fully complying with the goals and intent of the TVEP program as presented in the 2016 TVEP Report and in fact is number one of the training providers in meeting those metrics.

Ilisagvik College is a public, non-profit institution serving Alaskans across the state and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

At Ilisagvik College we:

- Offer the best possible training that meets the needs of Alaskan employers and helps Alaska residents stay competitive in demanding job and business markets
- Are a public, non-profit institution, with open enrollment, serving Alaskans across the state
- Serve Alaskan residents who are underemployed and unemployed, including Veterans, Seniors and Vocational Rehabilitation clients
- Build positive, sustainable community change by providing the tools necessary for Alaska residents to be work ready, hired locally and able to develop entrepreneurial opportunities
- Work directly with employers to customize courses that specifically train for current and upcoming employment opportunities. Instructors for our courses encourage participants to consider occupational vocational-technical goals for the future and provide for industry driven certifications.

The challenge to provide quality employment opportunities to local Alaskans in the North Slope's oilfields and other industries statewide is really one of providing the educational opportunity for students to prepare adequately for technical high-demand jobs. With TVEP funds we have done some remarkable work and want to continue on this pathway.

With the present fiscal uncertainty and job decline, we understand the fund is less this year and may decline in further years. It is for that reason that we support the status quo with no new additions to the list of providers. We fully support the continuation of the TVEP program as is currently in statute with a new effective date.

Please let us know if we can provide you any additional information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pearl Brower
President, Ilisagvik College