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The Honorable Anna MacKinnon  
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator MacKinnon,

Thank you for providing the department with an opportunity to respond on the record before the Senate Finance Committee on April 14, 2017 to concerns raised during the discussion of House Bill (HB) 141. Enclosed for the committee's reference is follow up information requested during the hearing.

The first enclosure provides a list of State Training and Employment Program grants awards FY2015-FY2017. The second enclosure provides a list of the top 25 training provider individual training account (ITA) costs FY2014-FY2016. ITA costs for FY2017 will not be finalized until the end of the fiscal year. ITAs are provided to qualifying Alaskans through the Alaska Job Center network to support their training costs. The third enclosure provides 2016 Alaska annual unemployment rates by Borough or Census Area.

I also wanted to reiterate from my testimony that the department recognizes the concerns raised regarding the TVEP program and is committed to working with the Alaska Workforce Investment Board to evaluate the program and its reporting requirements for potential changes. We will provide a status report of our work to the legislature by next session.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information from the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paloma Harbour".

Paloma Harbour  
Administrative Services Director

Enclosures

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

State Training and Employment Program (STEP) Grant Awards by Industry in FY2017

Agency	Contract Amount	Industry	Training/Occupation
Alaska Ironworkers Training Program Trust	\$ 260,290	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 400,000	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Laborers' Construction Industry Training Fund	\$ 400,000	Construction	Laborers for construction and oil and gas
Alaska Operating Engineers-Employers Training Trust Fund and Subsidiary	\$ 400,000	Construction	Heavy Equipment, Crane Operator, Rigging
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 400,000	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska SC/SE Sheet Metal Workers Union Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee	\$ 151,926	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Trowel Trades Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 72,834	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Works Partnership, Inc.	\$ 351,274	Construction	Women in Apprenticeship
Construction Education Foundation	\$ 300,000	Construction	NCCER Core Certification
Fairbanks Area Sheet Metal Workers JATC	\$ 55,721	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust	\$ 400,000	Construction	Pipeline Construction
Heat and Frost Insulators and Abestos Workers Apprenticeship Training Fund	\$ 122,125	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Northern Industrial Training LLC	\$ 367,000	Construction	Heavy Equipment, Project Management, Structural and Advanced Welding
Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 262 JATC	\$ 152,462	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union No. 375 Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training	\$ 104,670	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship and Journeyman upgrades
Southeast Regional Resource Center, INC (SERRC)	\$ 60,000	Construction	NCCER Core Certification
Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc	\$ 110,554	Education	Early Childhood Development
Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association	\$ 127,485	Healthcare	Perioperative and perinatal certifications for RNs
Bartlett Regional Hospital	\$ 14,961	Healthcare	PICC Line Certification for RNs
Mat-Su Regional Medical Center	\$ 181,492	Healthcare	Working toward Registered Apprenticeship. OJT skills training for various medical occupations.
Northwest Arctic Borough School District - Alaska Technical Center	\$ 358,454	Healthcare	Community Health Aide (CHAP)
Alaska Forum on the Environment Inc	\$ 163,226	Natural Resource Development	Registered Apprenticeship - Environmental Technician
University of Alaska Fairbanks - MAPTS	\$ 199,665	Natural Resource Development	Roustabouts - Oil and Gas
Yuut Elitmaurviat Inc	\$ 53,080	Transportation	Class A CDL
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	\$ 89,964	Transportation	HAZMAT, Material and Labor, Freight, and Stock Movers
Department of Natural Resources	\$ 118,225	Forest Fire Fighting	Forest Fire Fighters
Subtotal	\$ 5,415,407		
Job Centers Provide Individual Training Accounts and Support Services	\$ 1,658,000		
Total	\$ 7,073,407		

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Agency	Contract Amount	Industry	Training/Occupation
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust	\$ 141,200	Construction	Occupational Health & Safety Training
Alaska Department of Corrections	\$ 70,000	Construction	Heavy Equipment
Alaska Department of Corrections	\$ 200,000	Construction	Construction
Alaska Ironworkers Training Program Trust	\$ 201,321	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 400,000	Construction	
Alaska Laborers' Construction Industry Training Fund	\$ 101,302	Construction	Grade Checking
Alaska Laborers' Construction Industry Training Fund	\$ 400,000	Construction	Laborers
Alaska Operating Engineers-Employers Training Trust Fund and Subsidiary	\$ 400,000	Construction	Heavy Equipment
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust - Northern	\$ 122,035	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust - Piledrives	\$ 132,596	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust - Southern	\$ 300,434	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska SC/SE Sheet Metal Workers Union Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee	\$ 139,454	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Teamsters Employer Service Training Trust	\$ 128,887	Construction	CDL Training
Alaska Works Partnership, Inc.	\$ 292,544	Construction	Helmets to Hardhats
AVCP Regional Housing Authority	\$ 125,000	Construction	Building Maintenance Repair (BMR)
Boilermakers Western States Joint Apprenticeship Committee	\$ 124,040	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Fairbanks Area Sheet Metal Workers JATC	\$ 52,570	Construction	Construction
Heat and Frost Insulators and Abestos Workers Apprenticeship Training Fund	\$ 78,950	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Northern Industrial Training LLC	\$ 270,000	Construction	Oiler/ Crane Operator
Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 262 JATC	\$ 139,127	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union No. 375 Apprenticeship & Journeymen Training	\$ 68,890	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust	\$ 316,413	Construction	Pipeline Construction
Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc	\$ 112,271	Education	Early Childhood Development
Cook Inlet Tribal Council	\$ 36,420	Healthcare	Healthcare
University of Alaska Anchorage - Center for Human Development	\$ 72,780	Healthcare	Healthcare / Direct Services
AVTEC	\$ 250,000	Healthcare	Entry level orientations
Alaska Forum on the Environment Inc	\$ 150,122	Natural Resource Development	Registered Apprenticeship - Environmental Technician
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	\$ 117,579	Natural Resource Development	Environmental Technician, HAZMAT
Kachemak Shellfish Growers Co-op	\$ 25,000	Seafood Processing	Oyster viticulture
Alaska Travel Industry Association	\$ 21,000	Tourism	Customer Service
Cook Inlet Tribal Council	\$ 16,050	Tourism	Tourism
Carlile Transportation Systems	\$ 152,250	Transportation	Professional Truck Driver Training
Yuut Elitnaurviat Inc	\$ 59,734	Transportation	CDL Training
Subtotal	\$ 5,217,969		
Job Centers Provide Individual Training Accounts and Support Services	\$ 1,758,000		
Total	\$ 6,975,969		

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 State Training and Employment Program (STEP) Grant Awards by Industry in FY2015

Agency	Contract Amount	Industry	Training/Occupation
Alaska Apprenticeship & Training Coordinators Association	\$ 96,150	Construction	Construction Careers
Alaska Department of Corrections	\$ 250,000	Construction	Construction Safety
Alaska Healing Hearts	\$ 230,000	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Ironworkers Training Program Trust	\$ 218,006	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Laborers' Construction Industry Training Fund	\$ 527,471	Construction	Construction Laborers
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	\$ 250,000	Construction	Water Treatment Operators
Alaska Operating Engineers-Employers Training Trust Fund and Subsidiary	\$ 460,545	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 191,227	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 123,145	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship & Training Trust	\$ 120,031	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska SC/SE Sheet Metal Workers Union Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee	\$ 105,000	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Alaska Teamsters Employer Service Training Trust	\$ 128,624	Construction	CDL - Oil and Gas Industry
Alaska Works Partnership, Inc.	\$ 332,318	Construction	Registered Apprentice and Weatherization Tech
Fairbanks Area Sheet Metal Workers JATC	\$ 47,606	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust	\$ 141,200	Construction	Health and Safety Oil and Gas
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust	\$ 347,070	Construction	Pipeline Training Oil and Gas
Heat and Frost Insulators and Abestos Workers Apprenticeship Training Fund	\$ 59,875	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Little Red Services Inc	\$ 225,000	Construction	Hot Oil Operators -Oil and Gas
Northern Industrial Training LLC	\$ 100,000	Construction	Structural Welding
Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 262 JATC	\$ 61,757	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union No. 375 Apprenticeship & Journeymen Training	\$ 63,584	Construction	Registered Apprenticeship
Child Care Connection, Inc. dba thread	\$ 81,279	Education	Early Childhood Development
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	\$ 29,938	Education	Special Education
Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc	\$ 101,374	Education	Early Childhood Development
University of Alaska Anchorage - Center for Human Development	\$ 47,850	Healthcare	Direct Service Workers
Alaska Forum on the Environment Inc	\$ 117,280	Natural Resource Development	Registered Apprenticeship - Environmental Technician
Young's Fuel Logs and Pellets, LLC	\$ 24,300	Natural Resource Development	Biomass
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	\$ 109,645	Natural Resource Development	Environmental Technicians
Westward Seafoods Inc	\$ 20,254	Seafood Processing	Seafood Processing Safety
Carlisle Transportation Systems	\$ 75,000	Transportation	CDL Driver Training
Yuut Elitmaurviat Inc	\$ 72,307	Transportation	CDL Training
Subtotal	\$ 4,757,836		
Job Centers Provide Individual Training Accounts and Support Services	\$ 1,754,827		
Total	\$ 6,512,663		

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development**  
**Top 25 Training Provider Individual Training Account Costs FY14-FY16**

<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
Northern Industrial Training	FY16	\$ 640,670.00
Northern Industrial Training	FY15	\$ 446,888.42
University of Alaska Anchorage	FY14	\$ 433,377.65
Northern Industrial Training	FY14	\$ 356,763.75
University of Alaska Anchorage	FY15	\$ 349,861.86
AVTEC - Alaska's Institute of Technology	FY14	\$ 237,278.59
Center for Employment Education	FY15	\$ 225,985.00
AVTEC - Alaska's Institute of Technology	FY15	\$ 219,041.60
Center for Employment Education	FY16	\$ 204,350.00
University of Alaska Anchorage	FY16	\$ 167,653.23
AVTEC - Alaska's Institute of Technology	FY16	\$ 166,959.00
Center for Employment Education	FY14	\$ 132,765.00
Alaska Technical Center	FY14	\$ 122,808.00
University of Alaska Fairbanks	FY15	\$ 95,412.91
Alaska Works Partnership	FY16	\$ 67,540.00
University of Alaska Kenai	FY16	\$ 65,888.49
Alaska Career College	FY15	\$ 60,410.50
University of Alaska Fairbanks	FY14	\$ 55,170.46
Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship & Training Trust	FY15	\$ 51,213.91
Steese Area Volunteer Fire Department	FY14	\$ 51,095.50
Vocational Training & Resource Center	FY15	\$ 47,387.50
Alaska Career College	FY16	\$ 44,146.50
Alaska Works Partnership Inc	FY16	\$ 40,626.89
University of Alaska Fairbanks	FY16	\$ 39,026.22
Alaska Career College	FY14	\$ 37,344.80

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska 2016 Annual Unemployment Rates**

<b>Borough or Census Area</b>	<b>2016</b>
Aleutians East Borough	2.7%
Aleutians West Census Area	3.3%
Anchorage, Municipality of	5.3%
Bethel Census Area	14.1%
Bristol Bay Borough	6.9%
Denali Borough	8.6%
Dillingham Census Area	9.7%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	5.7%
Haines Borough	9.8%
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	11.5%
Juneau, City and Borough of	4.4%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	8.2%
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	6.2%
Kodiak Island Borough	5.0%
Kusilvak Census Area	21.3%
Lake and Peninsula Borough	12.3%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	8.1%
Nome Census Area	12.5%
North Slope Borough	6.5%
Northwest Arctic Borough	15.7%
Petersburg Borough	8.6%
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	11.7%
Sitka, City and Borough of	4.3%
Skagway, Municipality of	10.6%
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	10.2%
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	8.2%
Wrangell, City and Borough of	7.3%
Yakutat, City and Borough of	8.1%
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	17.2%