

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE FINANCE LABOR BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

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Key Issues

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1. **TVEP (Technical and Vocational Education Program)**
 - a. Need to reauthorize the program this year; otherwise, it sunsets on June 30, 2020
 - b. Last year, the legislature approved the governor's request to increase funding by \$735,500 which was allocated to:
 - i. Employment and Training Services – \$473,800
 - ii. Alaska Vocational Technical Center – \$261,700
2. **Travel reductions** – For the current budget year, agency travel was cut by \$238,200 in total funds
3. **2020 Census Complete Count Promotion** – For the current fiscal year, the agency has \$250,000 in unrestricted general funds
4. **Governor's budget request for Fiscal Year 2021**
 - a. \$776,600 UGF reduction that affects 9 permanent full-time positions
 - b. Wage and Hour Administration net-zero change: \$1.4 million UGF to be replaced with \$1.4 million DGF
 - c. Alaska Vocational Technical Center
 - i. \$250,000 DGF – Increase in tuition and fees
 - ii. \$234,100 Statutorily designated funds (other funds) – Added authority to let AVTEC continue working with industry on training programs