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House Bill 235 Sponsor Statement Version M Re-Authorization of the Technical Vocational Education Program

In 2000, the Alaska Legislature established the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP). This program is administered by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and utilizes a portion of Unemployment Insurance receipts to provide grants to career and technical education providers across the State. The TVEP program impacts thousands of students by offering industry-specific training opportunities that help Alaskans get to work.

HB 235 would re-authorize the TVEP program for an additional three years until fiscal year 2023. The program currently has ten recipients which include the University of Alaska, the Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center, the Alaska Technical Center, as well as other technical education providers across the State. These programs train Alaskans for industry-specific jobs in sectors such as fishing, transportation, health, mining, and construction.

Please join me in supporting House Bill 235 to re-authorize the TVEP program and keep thousands of Alaskans ready for the high-demand careers our State has to offer.

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