Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) & Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC)

2021 Senate Bill 94 Presentation to Senate Education Committee

Sana Efird, MA, Executive Director March 5, 2021





ACPE & ASLC Missions

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education supports Alaskans' access to and success in postsecondary education and career training after high school.

The Alaska Student Loan Corporation operates as an enterprise agency of the State of Alaska, funding and facilitating the Alaska Student Loan Program and the related work of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education.



Senate Bill 94

> "An Act relating to the education loan program and Alaska supplemental education loan program; and providing for an effective date."



Section 1: Amends AS 14.43.122(b)

- > Expands Eligibility for Alaska Refinance Loans
 - Currently eligible: Alaska residents only
 - Proposed: previous borrower, cosigner, or beneficiary of an Alaska loan
 - Proposed: Alaska high schools and postsecondary institutions graduates



Sections 2, 3 & 4: Amends AS 14.43.173(a), (c) & (d)

- > Removes annual loan limits from statute
- > Removes lifetime maximums from statute
- > Provides for the Corporation to set annual and lifetime limits for both half-time and full-time loans



Section 5: Amends AS 14.43.175

 Adds clarifying language that ACPE can offer future student loan borrowers a loan program with immediate repayment



Section 6: Effective Date

> The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2021 (FY2022).



Fiscal Note

- > This bill has a zero fiscal note.
- > All costs and savings would be operating expenditure related.



Constituent Resources

> Loan Programs

https://acpe.alaska.gov/LOANS

> Financial Aid

https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID

> Institutional Authorization

https://acpe.alaska.gov/Institutional-Authorization

> Student Complaints

https://acpe.alaska.gov/ConsumerProtection

> Education Planning

https://acpe.alaska.gov/PLANNING



> Investor Relations

https://acpe.alaska.gov/Investor Relations



Legislative Resources

- > 2021 APS Outcomes Report
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/3/APS/
 Pubs/APS OutcomesReport 2021.pdf
- > 2021 Higher Education Almanac
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/3/OT
 HER/Pubs/Almanac 2020-web.pdf
- Other Reports & Publications
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/Reports
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/Publications
- > About ACPE & ASLC
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/About-Us



- > COVID-19 Updates
 - https://acpesecure.alaska.gov/Announcements
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/Press Releases
- ACPE & ASLC Statutes & Regs
 - https://acpe.alaska.gov/StatutesandRegulations



Contact Information

- Sana Efird, Executive Director
 - sana.efird@alaska.gov
 - **-** (907) 465-6740
- > acpe.alaska.gov
- > Main Line: (907) 465-6773
- > Customer Service
 - Toll-free: 800-441-2962
 - Juneau: 907-465-2962
- > @followacpe on Facebook & Instagram

