

Deneen Tuck

From: Rodney Kay [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:30 AM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Subject: HB 108
Attachments: HB108.docx

Rep. McCarty;

Attached is my letter of endorsement for HB 108. Thank you for introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Rodney H. Kay
Eagle River, AK


April 1, 2021

Representative Ken McCarty
State Capitol Room 428
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 108

Representative McCarty

I want to express my strongest support for HB 108 which would establish trade school classes for our high school students across the State. We have neglected this very critical and important part of our students lives for too long.

Not everyone needs a college education and trade school classes would prepare our young citizens to be contributing members of American society at a much earlier time in their working careers. As a young high school student in Alabama in the late '60's I was afforded the opportunity to take drafting classes at the trade school associated with my high school. Although my career goal was to be an Engineer, these classes served me well, and serve me still.

Alaska needs skilled trades people. Imagine the benefit to the State to produce our own small aircraft mechanics; diesel mechanics; marine mechanics and more. The possibilities are absolutely astounding and the benefits to Alaska endless.

Again, I can not support this ground-breaking legislation strongly enough.

Sincerely,

Rodney H. Kay
Eagle River, AK

Deneen Tuck

From: Burt [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Subject: Support HB 108

Dear Representative McCarty:

We strongly support the passage of HB 108.

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Sincerely,
Burt Bomhoff

Deneen Tuck

From: Burt <~~burt@mtaonline.net~~>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:48 AM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Subject: HB 108

This is to voice my strong support for HB 108

Burt Bomhoff, Anchorage

Deneen Tuck

From: Louis Imbriani [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Cc: Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. DeLena Johnson
Subject: I Support HB-108

Sponsors of HB-108,

My name is Louis Imbriani, and I am an Eagle River resident. I am writing to you regarding HB-108. I am not writing on behalf of any group or special interest. This letter only represents me and my views.

I fully support HB-108. Allowing Alaskan students to obtain vocational skills while enrolled in public secondary schools will only go to better serve our students, our communities and the entire state. It will give our young adults the opportunity to either try their hand at a vocation prior to graduating high school or give them a head start when entering the workforce.

While not all of the students will go into vocational work after graduating high school, it will still give them the opportunity to gain valuable skills that will help them in life. The need for vocational skills will always be in need and these programs will do nothing but help our students succeed in their choice of career.

There are already specialized programs for students wanting to gain college credits while in high school and there is not the equal opportunity to allow students who want to enter into the skilled trade work. For far too long we have put a priority on college when trade skills and vocational work are just as important to the community. If it is our goal to see every student succeed, then we need to give them tools to do so. This is just another one of those opportunities to help our students succeed.

Thank you

Louis Imbriani

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support the HB108 for all high school students. As an Army JROTC instructor, I understand that not all students want to go to college. I believe that as a nation we have pushed college for so many years, that we have placed a stigma not necessarily overtly on students that don't want to go to college. People are losing the ability to work with their hands, be it in carpentry, masonry, or auto mechanics, not to mention welding and plumbing and electricity. Our students need to understand that success doesn't mean that I went to college, success is a measure of the amount of hard work that has gone into what you want to become.

I believe that HB 108 would provide much needed access to good paying jobs, earlier upon graduation.

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DONALD G RAMEY

Daniel J Young ND, LAc


Chugiak, Alaska 99567

March 29, 2021

Alaska House of Representatives
Representative Ken McCarty
State Capital Room 428
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Letter of Support for HB 108

Thank you for considering my letter of support for HB 108 "Trade and Vocational Education for Workforce Readiness for High School Students.

I think that this bill is a good idea. Many high school students would benefit from the opportunity to access industry-standard "on the job training" while attending high school. If they let high school students take AP classes to get a head start on their college degrees, then it seems absurd to make those students interested in the trades wait until graduation to pursue concurrent or additional studies. In addition, Alaska is suffering when it comes to providing opportunities to our youth. Sports has long been a problem – UAA does not even have a hockey arena – and now due to COVID we have little to offer in small business, tourism, fishing, or the oil industry. What incentive do our children have to stay in Alaska? I think that HB 108 would help to address this as well as strengthen our state's work force over the long haul.

Thank you for your hard work on this bill. It has my support.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Young, ND, LAc

March 27, 2021

Rep. McCarty,

I think house bill 108 is a great idea and will provide quality tradesmen for years to come. It takes the right people to train young minds, and this bill will give them that chance, and will spark interest in kids. Whether it be the excitement of demolition, the planning, or the construction. I'm sure it will give them the fulfillment of a completed project that will provide someone with a home office or a utility where people work. The scale of which will most likely be unknown for years to come.

I am personally thankful to a young carpenter who started taking me along on jobs as a helper when I was 14 years old and showed me how to do things. This gave me a work ethic as well as some cash and introduced me to the trades.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Staheli
JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN -started electrical in 1995

Deneen Tuck

From: Lemar Hauff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:15 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Subject: House Bill 108

Strongly support this bill. We need many more talented people in the trade ranks. Also need to fund their education with credits against the loans for achieving all the requirements to a program of training for the field they choose.

Lemar Hauff
[REDACTED]

Deneen Tuck

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
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Sincerely,

Richard Holmstrom

Deneen Tuck

From: PERRY GREEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty

Strongly support HB 108 and would like to see this bill enacted. IT is a truly remarkable undertaking that needs all our endorsement for a better Alaska.

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Deneen Tuck

From: jpotts@
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Rep. Ken McCarty
Subject: House Bo;; 1-9

Importance: High

Dear Representative McCarty:

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