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Representative Chairs Spohnholz and Fields and other members of the Labor and Commerce Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 100, and the funding to the University of Alaska. We currently employ 9 individuals out of 19 that are either graduates of the Paramedic Program through the University of Alaska, or have a Fire Science degree from UAA/UAF. Every other member of our department has benefitted from the program and facility at Kenai Peninsula College. KPC's Paramedic program has provided training and equipment for our department since it's inception here on the Peninsula. We are able to use the facilities to complete required National, State, and Local training and have received valuable training from the students and staff at KPC. In partnership with the program, we provide an internship with these students to teach and evaluate them in an "On the Job" setting. Often, this allows us to train individuals that will ultimately be employed here on the Peninsula and/or within Alaska. This is a great opportunity for students attending the University of Alaska and potential employers around the state to use this funding for an industry that has been severely taxed over the last year. We desperately need more trained and competent medical workers in the state and in the nation and this funding is a great opportunity to accomplish this.

Thank you for you time and work on this bill

Sincerely,

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