Apprenticeship Expansion Act

Apprenticeship and CTE Background

- Alaska has high-performing apprenticeship programs in traditional trades, and recent innovation with apprenticeship in new industries
- School districts want to expand CTE and school-toapprenticeship but need support to meet demand
- Other states and nations have shown potential to expand apprenticeship & CTE
- Expansion of apprenticeship and CTE helps people pull themselves up by their bootstraps without student debt
- Good state policy positions us to capture and capitalize on federal apprenticeship grants

Incentivize Employer Participation

- Establishes \$1,250 / apprentice employer tax credit
- Based on successful model from other states

Depts. Labor, Education Coordination

- Directs DOLWD and DEED to collaborate in provision of technical and financial support for:
 - School to apprenticeship programs
 - Science, Math, and Engineering CTE programs

College Credit for CTE and Apprenticeship

 Directs University to explore ways to expand dual credit for CTE courses and college credit for participants in apprenticeship





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Financial Implications

- Zero cost from language affecting DEED, DOLWD, University system
- Tax credits apply once, not for each year of apprenticeship participation

Summary

- Incentivize employer participation
- Encourage cross-departmental collaboration
- Support school districts
- Expand dual credit and post-secondary pathways