

A large bronze sculpture of a humpback whale leaping from the water, splashing. The background shows a coastal town, forested hills, and snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky.

# Connecting Workforce Development & Public Education

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# Highlights of Existing Efforts

Career  
Clubs

Career  
Exposure

Industry  
Information

Resume  
Workshops

Job Fairs

# Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP)

Entity	Percent	FY2025 Final Distribution Revised 01/30/2025	FY2026 Revised Distribution Updated 02/18/2026	FY2027 Proposed Distribution Updated 02/18/2026
Alaska Technical Center	9%	\$ 2,256.9	\$ 2,469.7	\$ 2,421.6
Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center	7%	\$ 1,755.4	\$ 1,920.9	\$ 1,883.4
Ilisagvik College	6%	\$ 1,504.6	\$ 1,646.5	\$ 1,614.4
Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center	4%	\$ 1,003.1	\$ 1,097.7	\$ 1,076.2
Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.	3%	\$ 752.3	\$ 823.2	\$ 807.2
Prince of Wales Community Learning Center	5%	\$ 1,253.8	\$ 1,372.1	\$ 1,345.3
Sealaska Heritage Institute	2%	\$ 501.5	\$ 548.8	\$ 538.1
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	4%	\$ 1,003.1	\$ 1,097.7	\$ 1,076.2
Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center	9%	\$ 2,256.9	\$ 2,469.7	\$ 2,421.6
Alaska Vocational Technical Center	17%	\$ 4,263.0	\$ 4,665.1	\$ 4,574.1
Galena Interior Learning Academy	4%	\$ 1,003.1	\$ 1,097.7	\$ 1,076.2
University of Alaska	25%	\$ 6,269.2	\$ 6,860.4	\$ 6,726.5
University of Alaska Southeast	5%	\$ 1,253.8	\$ 1,372.1	\$ 1,345.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 25,076.7</b>	<b>\$ 26,346.7</b>	<b>\$ 26,906.2</b>



# ALASKA'S WORKFORCE FUTURE ALASKA'S



MARCH 2025

## Goals:

- Enhance career awareness and pathways
- Develop a skilled and qualified workforce
- Retain Alaskans and attract new Alaskans
- Foster regional workforce development
- Improve infrastructure and access to support services
- Ensure sustainability and continuity of workforce-development efforts

# Topline needs from industry and regions



Help promoting industry to the next generation

- Provide more work-based learning opportunities
- Provide reliable industry-school liaisons
- Support industry in creating school-friendly content (e.g. Alaska Resource Education)
- Provide more reliable information about career pathways to schools
- Give teachers opportunities to learn through externships

# State Training and Employment Program (STEP)

AS 23.15.620-AS 23.15.860

- STEP is a program to provide grants to eligible entities that provide training and employment assistance services to enhance the quality of in-state training and employment assistance and make it more easily available to employers, employees, and future employees.
- In FY2026, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) received a total of \$11.2 million in applications for the \$7 million authorized for STEP grants.
- The Alaska Job Center Network is expected to exhaust its funding for training grants to individuals by March, with a quarter still to go in the fiscal year.

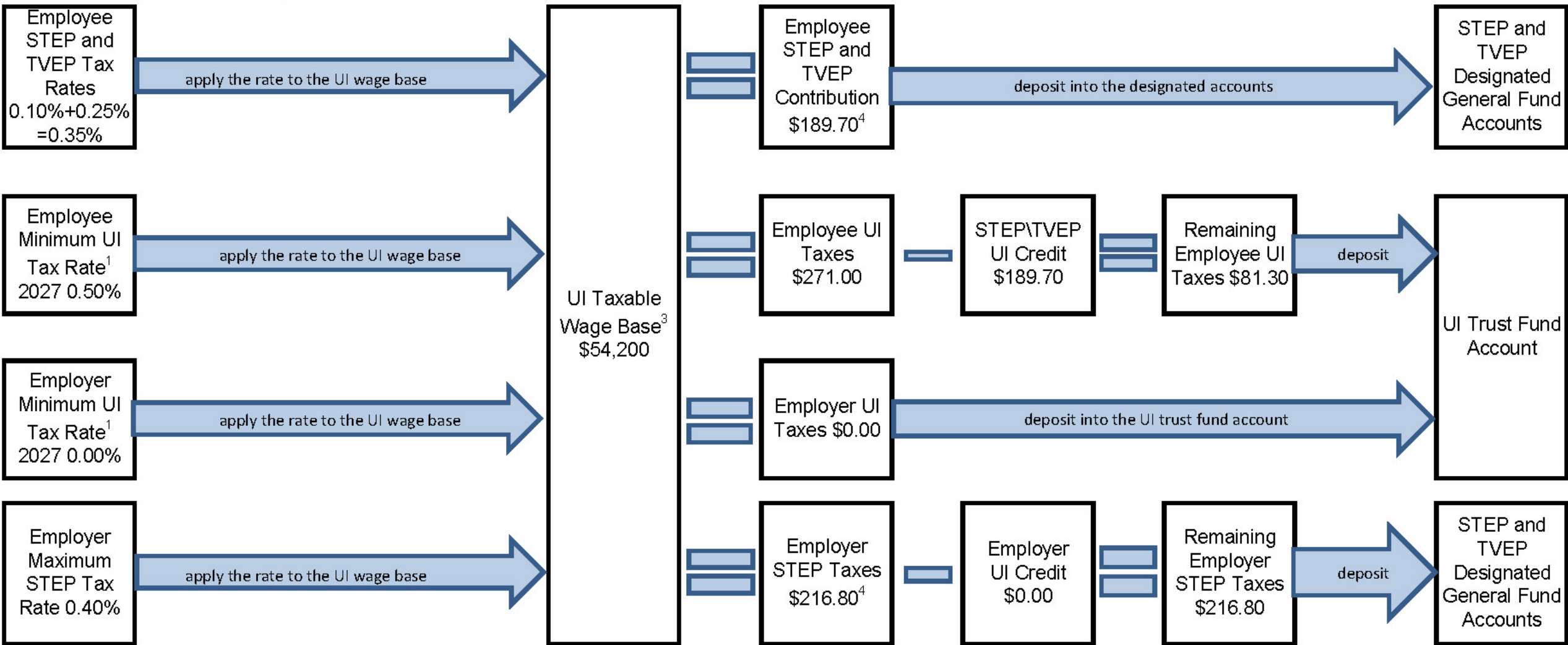
# HB267 Employer Contributions

More  
Opportunities

More Funding  
for Grants

More  
Collaboration

# HB267 UI & STEP Tax Flow Chart



CY2027 STEP Revenue Projection = \$55.6 million and UI Revenue Projection = \$22.2 million



# Preparing Alaskans for the Jobs of Today – and Tomorrow

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