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March 15, 2012

Mike Andrews, Exec. Dir.
Alaska Works Partnership
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Dear Mr. Andrews:

This letter is to support Alaska Works Partnership's legislative proposal for utilizing State funds for continued training in construction trades. Due to declining Denali and AHFC funding for training, this legislative support is critical to continue our combined efforts to train our workforce.

BBHA and Alaska Works Partnership have partnered for over twelve years, and benefits from the resulting training efforts that have been conducted in our Region. With previous Denali and other funded training at the Southwest Alaska Vocational Education Center (SAVEC), individuals in our region and within our employ have developed skills which reduce our need to import workers for our projects. Weatherization, new construction and rehab projects funded by BBHA have benefited from training. We support this continued effort.

Specifically, we plan on having approximately 60 participants each in 2012 and 2013 for training individuals who will work in our Weatherization, Modernization and Development projects. I estimate this to be 40 FTE jobs each year. BBHA also commits to providing match funding from our resources to help Alaska Works Partnership in this effort. We commit to cash or in-kind contributions at a level not less than \$ 25,000. Funds will be used for participant travel, training stipends, tools, meals and housing.

Our partnership with AWP over the years has made a difference to individuals in the Bay to reach their own personal achievement, while also contributing to the local economy, lessening our dependence on workers from outside the Bay, and contributing to the enrichment of our resident's living conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave McClure".

Dave McClure
Executive Director
Bristol Bay Housing Authority



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Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the Senate Finance Committee.
My name is Val Angasan. I am Deputy Director of Bristol Bay Housing Authority, my
Director Dave McClure and I live in Dillingham, Alaska

Rural Job Training Program / Alaska Works Partnership

In 2008 AHFC ramped up weatherization training to meet the needs of Alaska's Home Energy Rebate and Weatherization Program and joined the Rural Job Training partners to immediately train Energy Assessors, Raters and Weatherization Technicians. Regional employers such as Alaska Rural CAP, Alaska Building Science Network and all regional housing authorities received training for their employees. People trained went to work making hundreds of homes more energy efficient. AHFC training resources combined with Denali Rural Job Training Funds made this possible.

They build, maintain, renovate and weatherize homes and community facilities. They learn many skills, making them more employable. Training is mobile and can be held anywhere around the state. So far training events have been held in King Salmon, Togiak, Mankotak, and Dillingham to mention a few communities in our region. Many people are trained at Southwest Vocational Education Center (SAVEC). Local businesses provide meals, transportation, and instruction materials.

Due to federal budget cuts the Denali Commission no longer has funds to continue the RJT program. Employers are unable to bear more training expenses. AHFC has had to reduce the amount of funds they provide for Weatherization training. The current USDOL funding for weatherization training expires in December 2012. Hundreds of rural workers need training to fill future jobs. Rural Job Training is critical to local hire and developing the rural workforce. We ask you to help continue this program.

Thanks,

Val N. Angasan, Deputy Director

Dillingham Legislative Information Office

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DATE: March 28, 2012
TO: Senate Finance Committee
FROM: Anna May Sorensen, Legislative Information Officer
RE: Transmittal of documents

Please accept the pages that follow as original(s) for the March 28, 2012 Senate Finance Committee teleconference hearing on *HB 284 Operating Budget*.

Copies are transmitted to the Senate Finance Committee via fax on 3/28/2012.

Two pages to follow.

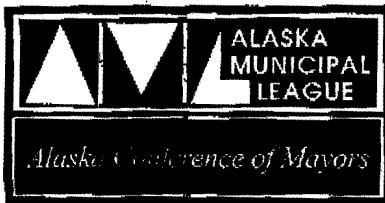
ITEMIZED TRANSMITTALS

- Original written testimony provided by Val N. Angasan, Deputy Directory, Bristol Bay Area Housing Authority
- Letter of Support for Alaska Works Partnerships dated 3/15/2012 signed by Dave McClure

Signed Anna May Sorensen Date 3-28-2012

Assembly Member Linda Murphy, Kenai Peninsula Borough
Council Member, Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, City of Wasilla
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March 28, 2012

House Finance
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Dear House Finance Members,

All municipalities across the State appreciate the partnership of the entire Legislature and the Governor in providing \$60 million in Revenue Sharing to Alaska's municipalities. As with the State, ever increasing energy costs and unfunded mandates, such as property tax exemptions have unfortunately used the majority of those funds and we find ourselves scrambling again to be able to utilize that money for tax relief and/or basic governmental services as outlined in Title 29.

The Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors would like to offer our full support for the passage of SB 97, which would provide supplemental Revenue Sharing based on the price of oil. This truly would allow us to be better equipped to pay for our increased energy needs when the price of oil is high and find us receiving less when the price of oil is lower.

We earlier provided a spread sheet showing that property tax exemptions alone add up to more than Revenue Sharing for the larger boroughs. Adding increased energy costs to this mix results in many municipalities showing a large deficit instead of a measure of relief that Revenue Sharing is meant to allow.

We would appreciate your full support for SB 97.

Sincerely,

Mayor Shirley Marquardt, President of the Alaska Municipal League
on behalf of the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors

Assembly Member Jennifer Johnston, Municipality of Anchorage

Assembly Member Karen Crane, City & Borough of Juneau

Assembly Member Hal Smalley, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Mayor Stephanie Scott, Haines Borough

Mayor Bruce Botelho, City & Borough of Juneau