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COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

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To the House and Senate Labor and Commerce committees,

As the Director of Tlingit and Haida's Generations Southeast, a state-funded regional Vocational Training Center with Campuses in Juneau and Klawock on Prince of Wales Island. As a licensed and bonded General Contractor for over 30 years with a Company I founded, Edwardson Enterprises. I am in full support of HB267/SB217. Alaska is facing the most significant Challenges in the workforce that we have ever faced. We are importing 25% of our workforce, and at the same time, we are losing the population of Alaskan residents, leaving the state looking for Job opportunities.

This legislation will have multiple positive effects, it will incentivize employers by reducing an operational expense giving employers a tool that can be leveraged to help their ability to focus on strengthening and maintaining longevity in their businesses, additionally the proposed State training and Employment tax contribution will be directed at helping provide relevant industry training specific to Alaska resident needs, regional training funding opportunities for Alaska's residents provided by this program distributed by JOB Centers that are specific to each region will help inform Alaskans of Job opportunities and prepare with training Alaskan residents for the Jobs that are in fact available in there specific regions.

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