



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Support for HB 358 Career and Technical Education Mobility Grant Program

Representative Elam
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Support for HB 358 Career and Technical Education Mobility Grant Program

Dear Representative Elam,

On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, I am writing to express support for House Bill 358 and to thank you for your leadership in sponsoring this legislation.

HB 358 addresses a real challenge in Alaska. While school districts are expanding career and technical education opportunities, geography, transportation barriers, and limited local capacity often prevent students from accessing specialized programs. This legislation creates a practical pathway for students to participate in high quality programs across district boundaries, particularly benefiting rural and geographically isolated communities.

The bill strengthens the connection between education and workforce development by supporting programs that lead to industry certifications, apprenticeships, dual credit opportunities, and employment pathways. This alignment helps ensure that students graduate with meaningful skills and clear direction after high school.

We appreciate the bill's focus on collaboration between state agencies and its emphasis on measurable outcomes. As implementation moves forward, clarity around funding stability and interdistrict coordination will be important to ensure the program is sustainable and equitable.

In our district, we have seen how career and technical education increases student engagement and connects learning to real world opportunities. Expanding access to these programs statewide will help more students graduate prepared for success in life.

Thank you for your continued work to support Alaska's students and schools. I respectfully encourage your support for HB 358.

Sincerely,

Clayton Holland
Superintendent