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House Bill 55 Version A Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date.”

In 2000, the Alaska Legislature established the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP). This program is administered by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and utilizes a portion of Unemployment Insurance receipts to provide grants to career and technical education providers across the State. The TVEP program impacts thousands of students by offering industry-specific training opportunities that help Alaskans get to work.

HB 55 would re-authorize the TVEP program for an additional six years, until fiscal year 2030. The program currently has ten recipients which include the University of Alaska, the Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center, the Alaska Technical Center, as well as other technical education providers across the State. These programs train Alaskans for industry-specific jobs in sectors such as fishing, transportation, health, mining, and construction.

Please join me in supporting House Bill 55 to re-authorize the TVEP program and keep thousands of Alaskans ready for the high-demand careers our State has to offer.

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