



**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**HOUSE BILL 148 AND SB 56**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) is to promote access to and success in education and career training beyond high school; and

**WHEREAS**, ACPE, in partnership with the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC), provides financing and educational resources to Alaskans through early awareness, college and career planning, financial aid and education loan programs; and

**WHEREAS**, ACPE encourages students to pursue scholarships and federal aid to meet their education financial needs; and

**WHEREAS**, when scholarships and federal aid do not meet Alaska students' full financial needs, Alaska state education loans fill the gap with low-cost, high quality loans; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of HB 148 and SB 56 is to expand the eligibility requirements for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) to include a high school career and technical education (CTE) pathway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is aware of the need to expand CTE opportunities in Alaska and supports CTE as integral to the future success of our Alaska students and our State; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 148 and SB 56 will remove current barriers for eligibility and allow more Alaska students the opportunity to earn the APS and will specifically expand options for high school CTE students; and

**WHEREAS**, the APS benefits not only students who receive awards but all Alaska students and districts by encouraging school districts to provide a rigorous curriculum available to all students, which they are maintaining as part of their obligation to ensure their students have the opportunity to strive for the APS; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska's secondary and postsecondary students, parents, teachers, and employers value the APS, and support improvements so all Alaskans can reap the benefits of an Alaskan grown workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the APS is not just an investment in Alaska's students, it is an investment in Alaska's schools and districts, Alaska's economic health, and Alaska's future.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education strongly supports HB 148 and SB 56 and requests the Alaska State Legislature's favorable action in passing this legislation.

**ADOPTED April 26, 2023**