



Building and Construction Trades Council of South-Central Alaska

4/22/25

RE: HOUSE BILL 186

"An Act relating to the use of apprentice labor in public 1 construction projects; and relating to a report on the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects."

Dear Representative Carrick,

On behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Council (BCTC) of Southcentral Alaska, I am writing to express our *strong support for House Bill 186* and apprentice utilization on state-funded construction projects. This policy represents a true investment in actual workforce development in the construction industry – something our state desperately needs. Alaska is looking at massive investment in construction over the next few years - combined with acute workforce shortages.

HB186 provides a critical mechanism to develop the skilled workforce of the future, which is essential to the ongoing growth and resilience of Alaska's construction industry. HB186 is particularly relevant *now* because workforce development through registered apprenticeship programs is an especially vital tool that will help us all move toward our shared goal of meeting Alaska's needs for a safe, skilled, and efficient construction workforce.

The BCTC of Southcentral Alaska is made up of affiliates representing thousands of construction workers across the region, and we recognize that a well-trained, job-ready workforce doesn't happen by chance. It requires deliberate partnerships, strategic investment, and a shared commitment to preparing Alaskans for high-quality careers in the skilled trades - and HB186 is a policy that we believe will help us accomplish exactly this! The BCTC of Southcentral Alaska is proud to be part of this effort, and we strongly encourage passage of HB186.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to this important work.

Sincerely,

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