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The Honorable Calvin Schrage
Chair, House Labor & Workforce Development Finance Subcommittee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 410
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Schrage,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the FY2026 Department of Labor & Workforce Development budget overview to the House Finance Subcommittee. This letter is in response to questions raised by members during our hearing on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Please provide a list of Designated General Fund (DGF) sources used by the department (Rep. Coulombe).

Below is a list of DGF fund sources for the department and the amount of each in the FY2026 Governor Budget request:

DGF Fund Source (abbreviation)	FY26 Gov Budget Authorization
1005 General Fund Program Receipts (GFPR)	\$ 6,068.5
1031 Second Injury Fund (SIF)	\$ 2,895.5
1032 Fishermen's Fund (Fish Fund)	\$ 1,456.7
1049 Training and Building Fund (TBF)	\$ 815.5
1054 State Training and Education Program (STEP)	\$ 9,793.0
1151 Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP)	\$ 15,222.9
1157 Workers Safety Compensation Administration Account (WSCAA)	\$ 8,032.6
1172 Building Safety Account (BSA)	\$ 2,171.7
1203 Workers' Compensation Benefits Guarantee Fund (WCBGF)	\$ 795.5
1237 Vocational Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund (Chance)	\$ 140.0
Total DGF for Labor & Workforce Development	\$ 47,391.9

How many students are attending AVTEC, how many live in provided housing, and how much student housing is available (Rep. Coulombe)?

As of February 3, 2025, AVTEC's total student enrollment is detailed below. Our long-term programs are broken down to include maximum capacity. Our short-term classes are not listed

with a maximum as these include contract training and do not have the same constraints as our long-term training programs.

Short-term program students:

Short-Term Programs by Program Area	FY2025
Energy and Building Technology	129
High School Career & Tech Ed Total	17
Information Technology	14
Maritime	357
Related Studies	144
Total	661

Long-term program students:

Program	FY2025 Enrollment Capacity	FY2025 Actual Enrollment	FY2025 Enrollment %
Diesel/Heavy	20	20	100%
Industrial Welding <i>(formerly Combination Welding)</i>	24	25	104%
Industrial Machine and Maintenance <i>(new program in FY 25)</i>	16	6	38%
Construction Technology	12	13	108%
Plumbing & Heating	12	13	108%
Industrial Electrical	15	15	100%
Refrigeration	12	7	58%
Business & Office	30	2	7%
Information Technology	16	16	100%
Culinary Arts <i>(formerly Professional Cooking & Baking)</i>	20	17	85%
Total	177	134	76%

Student Housing

AVTEC provides student housing through dormitories and apartments, with a total capacity of 175 beds across different housing units. The current occupancy is 115 students. The breakdown of capacity and current housing occupancy is as follows:

- **Dunham Hall Dormitory** (Capacity: 110) – Occupied: 89
 - Double occupancy beds: 4/16
 - Suite occupancy beds: 0/4
 - Standard single beds: 85/90
- **4th Avenue Dormitory** (Capacity: 48) – Occupied: 18
 - AVTEC students: 6/36
 - DOC staff rooms: 12
- **Apartments (4/6/7 Plex)** (Capacity: 17) – Occupied: 8
 - 1-Bedroom Apartments: 2/2
 - 4-Bedroom Apartments: 0/2
 - 2-Bedroom Standard: 4/9
 - 2-Bedroom Deluxe: 2/4

Has teacher compensation at AVTEC increased with the sharp increase in housing costs in Seward (Rep. Fields)?

The instructors at AVTEC are compensated based on the bargained salary schedule and have received increases in recent years. Additionally, AVTEC utilizes housing as an incentive towards recruitment and retention to these positions as a benefit.

How is the department finding and engaging prospective workforce development program users (Rep. Bynum)?

At the conclusion of the meeting, Representative Bynum expressed interest in having a separate subcommittee meeting to address this topic, and indicated he would speak to the committee aide. The department will prepare to address this question pending that meeting. If a meeting cannot be scheduled to address this topic, the department will follow up in writing.

Please let me know if you or the committee have any additional questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jordan Shilling, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor