

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Dear Alaskans,

Alaska's high school graduation rate jumped 5 percentage points last year and we graduated 8,000 students, 1,000 more a year than in recent years. That's great news, and it's a tribute to the efforts of our families and educators. Those are 8,000 Alaskans who have pushed open the door to greater opportunities.

But many of our students still leave school without a diploma. That's why I'm excited that Gov. Parnell has sponsored legislation that provides families with an incentive to make high school a productive experience for students.

The Governor's Performance Scholarship says to our kids: Challenge yourself in high school, work hard, and you can earn a substantial scholarship that helps you fulfill *your* goals in life. We call it GPS because its course requirements help students navigate through high school and into their careers.

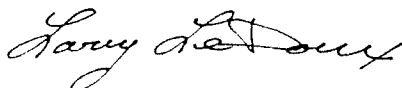
What I especially like about Gov. Parnell's program is that it creates both academic and career/technical scholarships. Alaska needs the talents of all of our youth. Our economy offers good jobs for a variety of skills. Let's fill those jobs ourselves.

I also like that the scholarships will be available for students with different levels of academic achievement. I was a school principal for decades, and I know that not every productive adult was an A student in high school. If you take tough courses, study hard and end up with a B or a C+ average, you also qualify for a Governor's Performance Scholarship. That's only right.

But it's not a giveaway program. Students who want to receive a Governor's Performance Scholarship must take four years of English, math and science, and three years of social studies. High school students who take a rigorous curriculum are more likely to do well in college.

You'll be hearing a lot about the Governor's Performance Scholarship this year as the Legislature considers the proposal. I hope you will review the bill and talk to your legislators about it. Please contact Information Officer Eric Fry at 465-2851 or [eric.fry@alaska.gov](mailto:eric.fry@alaska.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Larry LeDoux  
Commissioner



## **Brief talking points for the proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship**

### **In a nutshell:**

- The Governor's Performance Scholarship program offers scholarships to Alaska residents who take a rigorous curriculum in high school, get good grades, and score well on an assessment.
- The scholarships may be used only at Alaska technical and academic postsecondary institutions, public and private.
- GPS will be funded from earnings of a portion of the state's savings.

### **The goals:**

- Increase high school graduation rates.
- Increase high school graduates' readiness for postsecondary education.
- Increase the likelihood that Alaska's students will be academically and financially prepared to access and succeed in their postsecondary education.
- Ensure that Alaskans can contribute to a robust state economy as participants in the highly skilled work force.
- Encourage schools to provide a rigorous curriculum.
- Encourage families to feel ownership of their students' education.

### **More details:**

- The GPS awards would first be available to the high school Class of 2011, graduates of which would enter colleges or technical schools in or after fall 2011.
- The high school course requirements would be phased in over time. They are: four years of English, math and science, and three years of social studies.
- Examples of permitted assessments include ACT college-admission tests for academic scholarships and the ACT WorkKeys tests for technical scholarships.

**Categories of scholarships:**

Career and technical: acceptable grade point average and acceptable score on a work-ready assessment for an award capped at \$3,000 a year for two years.

Silver: “C+” high school GPA and an acceptable score on a college-entrance assessment for an award of approximately \$2,400 a year for up to 8 semesters.

Gold: “B” high school GPA and an acceptable score on a college-entrance assessment for an award of approximately \$3,600 a year for up to 8 semesters.

Platinum: “A” high school GPA and an acceptable score on a college-entrance assessment for an award of approximately \$4,800 a year for up to 8 semesters.

**More information:**

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January 15, 2010

The Honorable Mike Chenault  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that will create a merit-based scholarship program for Alaska high school students who pursue higher education in Alaska.

This legislation, referred to as the Governor's Performance Scholarship (GPS), is patterned after successful scholarship programs in 22 other states. The GPS will improve high school graduation rates, prepare students for college or job training, provide Alaskan students with affordable opportunities for higher education, sustain Alaska's economy with a capable workforce, and retain equipped, hardworking Alaskan students.

This bill provides four tiers of scholarship payment for qualified high school graduates. Three of these tiers would be designated for academic scholarships, and the fourth for career and technical school scholarships.

The key feature of the scholarship program is that it is merit-based. All students who participate will be required to complete a more rigorous high school curriculum consisting of four years of language arts, mathematics, and science, and three years of social studies. Students will also be evaluated according to standards established for their grade-point averages and scores on college entrance or work-ready examinations.

The program will provide an incentive for students to challenge themselves in high school and to graduate. It also provides an impetus for schools to enhance curriculum. Studies have shown that students who take a rigorous curriculum in high school are more likely to do well in college and job training programs. Thus, the scholarship recipients will be more likely to achieve their certification or degree.

Students who achieve the highest attainable grade point average and examination scores will be awarded the highest tier of the academic scholarship for an Alaska-based college or university. This tier will equal the full cost of tuition at an Alaskan university for the 2010-2011 school year. The second and third tiers of the academic scholarship will be 75 and 50 percent the amount of

The Honorable Mike Chenault  
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respective tuition. Students will be eligible for the academic scholarship for a maximum of eight semesters. Students who qualify for a career or technical school scholarship will receive an award of full fees for training, the maximum at \$3,000 per year. The career and technical scholarship may be used by a student for up to two years.

The GPS will only be accessible to Alaska residents. However, this bill will allow that Alaskan military members and their families will not lose eligibility on account of their service.

The bill will require that money from these scholarships will only be spent at qualified Alaska post-secondary institutions or training programs. Students educated in the state are more likely to remain in the state. This provision encourages our best and brightest young people to remain in the state and prepare qualified Alaskan workers for Alaskan jobs.

The GPS program contains a "use it or lose it" provision: students will have a six-year window to apply the scholarship to a postsecondary institution. This protects the State of Alaska from an extended liability. As previously stated, the bill will provide extensions for Alaskans who serve in the military.

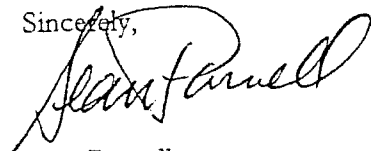
The GPS will be administered by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. Regulations will be adopted to govern the program, grade-point average standard, eligibility criteria and an appeals process to consider extraordinary circumstances. The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education will adopt regulations for streamlined application, award, and continuing eligibility standards.

Also, this bill will establish a fund whose earnings could be used to pay for scholarships. The proposed fund is based on other funds established in statute, such as the Alaska Veterans' Memorial endowment fund, and will be managed by the Department of Revenue. Nothing in this bill will establish a dedicated fund.

The GPS is modeled after the famous "Taylor plan," established by private businessman, Patrick Taylor, to keep students in school and motivate them to pursue successful postsecondary education. Currently, twenty-two states have "Taylor like" state-sponsored plans.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Parnell", written over a horizontal line.

Sean Parnell  
Governor

Enclosure

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 224  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/19/10

Identifier (file name): 0771-DOLWD-CO-12-09-09  
 Title Establishing the Governor's Performance Scholarship Dept. Affected: Labor and Workforce Development  
Program RDU Office of the Commissioner  
 Sponsor Rules Committee Component Commissioner's Office  
 Requester Governor Component Number

## Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual	25.0						
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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## FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	25.0						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost:

None

## POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

These funds will be used to contract for services to assist in the drafting of regulations setting criteria for the career and technical school scholarship portion of the bill required under Section 14.43.835 of this legislation.

Prepared by: Guy Bell, Assistant commissioner  
 Division: Office of the Commissioner  
 Approved by: Click Bishop, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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 Date/Time 12/9/09 3:18 PM  
 Date 12/9/09

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
 Bill Version: SB 224  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/19/10

Identifier (file name): 0771-DOR-TRS-11-30-09  
 Title Governor's Performance Scholarship Endowment Fund  
 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester Governor  
 Dept. Affected: Revenue  
 RDU Treasury  
 Component Treasury  
 Component Number 121

## Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	60.0		60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
Travel							
Contractual	55.0		55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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## FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts	115.0		115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The draft bill provides for a separate endowment fund to be set up in the amount of \$400 million to be managed by the Commissioner of Revenue. It is anticipated the fund will be managed with asset allocation of 60% fixed income and 40% domestic equity in order to yield a real annual rate of return of 5%. These costs include investment management fees, audit, accounting and custody fees and are projected based on the assumptions provided by the division's investment advisor and the division's cost allocation plan.

Prepared by: Pamela Green, Comptroller  
 Division: Treasury Division  
 Approved by: Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Revenue

Phone 465-2300  
 Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date 11/25/2009



# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 3  
 Bill Version: SB 224  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/19/10

Identifier (file name): An Act establishing the governor's performance  
 Title scholarship program and relating to the program; establishing the  
 Sponsor Rules  
 Requester Governor  
 Dept. Affected: Education  
 RDU ACPE  
 Component Program Administration and Operations  
 Component Number 2738

## Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual	275.0						
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims			8,221,935.0	14,389,278.0	18,502,029.0	20,556,621.0	20,556,621.0
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>275.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,221,935.0</b>	<b>14,389,278.0</b>	<b>18,502,029.0</b>	<b>20,556,621.0</b>	<b>20,556,621.0</b>

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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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## FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	275.0		8,221,935.0	14,389,278.0	18,502,029.0	20,556,621.0	20,556,621.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,221,935.0</b>	<b>14,389,278.0</b>	<b>18,502,029.0</b>	<b>20,556,621.0</b>	<b>20,556,621.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The contractual funds noted above represent the cost of implementation and year one support for scholarship management software.

Analysis of Governor's Performance Scholarship (GPS) utilization rates and related costs follow on page two.

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 Division Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
 Approved by: Diane Barrans, Executive Director  
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

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 Date/Time 1/8/10 12:00 AM  
 Date 1/8/2010

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
Bill Version: SB 224  
(S) Publish Date: 1/19/10

Identifier (file name): 0771-EED-TLS-12-1-09

Title "An Act establishing the governor's performance scholarship..."

Sponsor Rules at the request of the Governor  
Requester Governor

Dept. Affected: Education  
RDU Teaching & Learning Support  
Component School & Student Achievement  
Component Number 2796

## Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	87.3						
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies	30.0						
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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## FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	117.3						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## POSITIONS

Full-time	1.0						
Part-time							
Temporary							

## ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Teaching and Learning Support will need to hire one staff member to oversee the promulgation and implementation of the department's regulations along coordination between EED, the University of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

Education Specialist I at \$87,306 plus start-up office supplies (computer, furniture, etc.) at \$30,000 = \$117,306

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, Director  
Division: School Finance and Facilities  
Approved by: Larry LeDoux  
Commissioner

Phone 465-8679  
Date/Time 12/1/09 12:00 AM  
Date 12/1/2009

Prepared by the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT  
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS  
Governor's Performance Scholarship program

BILL SECTION	SECTION TITLE	PAGE	LINE	PURPOSE OF SECTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	District determination of scholarship eligibility	1	6-13	Adds a new section placing determination of a student's scholarship eligibility with the school district of the graduate; also states that the student's permanent record shall include the highest scholarship tier funding for which the student is eligible.	
2	Duties of the department	1-2	14; 1-2	New paragraph authorizing EED to administer duties related to GPS.	
3	Functions, duties and powers of commission	2-3	3-31; 1-10	Amends ACPE's authority to promulgate regulations; carry out purpose as it relates to GPS; etc	
4	Governor's Performance Scholarship	3-10	11...31	Adds new sections 14.43.810 establishes GPS and sets forth program goals; 14.43.815 sets forth qualifications of applicants; 14.43.820 establishes programmatic standards for eligibility for an award of merit-based academic scholarship; 14.43.825 establishes programmatic standards for an award of career and technical school scholarship; 14.43.827 sets for the maximum awards and their allowable uses; 14.43.830 establishes programmatic standards for an alternative pathway for students who are not eligible due to circumstances that would make it unfair no to allow them to make up the deficit; 14.43.835 sets forth the required credentials for qualified postsecondary institutions; 14.43.840 Authorizes the commission (ACPE) to establish procedures for student application for the GPS; 14.43.845 Sets forth the GPS fund as an income fund in the general fund and states that the fund may be used to pay scholarships awarded to students; 14.43.850 states that EED, ACPE, Dept. of	

					Revenue, UA and DOL/WD shall share data necessary to prepare public reports regarding GPS to the extent permitted under law and states that a report to the legislature, public and governor shall be given no more than 10 days following the start of each year's legislative session; 14.43.890 sets out definitions.	
5		Records	11	1-6	Adds the requirement that a religious or other private school that complies with AS 14.45.100 (Exemptions) must include the level of student eligibility for the GPS in each permanent student record.	
6		Powers of the department	11	7-25	Amends section by adding EED's responsibility to administer duties assigned to EED under the GPS establishment.	
7		Governor's Performance Scholarship Fund	11-12	26-31; 1-29	Establishes the GPS fund and sets out that the commissioner of revenue manages the fund; 37.14.755 states the powers of the commissioner of revenue; 37.14.760 sets out the uses of the fund; 37.14.790 definitions.	
8		The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section: Transition: Program Standards and Implementation For Initial School Years	12	30-31; 1-13	Authorizes EED, DOL/WD and ACPE to adopt regulations related to duties assigned under the establishment of the GPS so that students may be eligible for an award without meeting the core curriculum and setting qualifying dates.	September 1, 2010
9		The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section: Transition: Regulations	13	14-20	Authorizes EED, DOL/WD and ACPE to adopt regulations necessary to implement changes made to their respective authorities.	
10			13	21	Sets an effective date.	Immediately
11			13	22	Sets an effective date for section 11.	September 1, 2010



Resolution of the State Board of Education & Early Development

The Governor's Performance Scholarship

Resolution 03-2010

WHEREAS, the proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship (GPS) invites Alaska's high school students to challenge themselves with a rigorous course of study;

WHEREAS, the GPS encourages high schools to offer four years of science and math courses as well as the currently required four years of language arts courses and three years of social studies courses;

WHEREAS, the GPS recognizes a variety of meritorious students by awarding technical and academic scholarships to students with grade point averages ranging from C+ to A;

WHEREAS, the GPS serves students in public schools, private schools and home schools;

WHEREAS, the GPS encourages parents and guardians to participate in planning their students' high school career;

WHEREAS, the GPS encourages students to complete high school and be better prepared to attend a postsecondary institution;

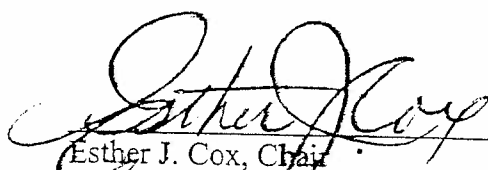
WHEREAS, the GPS helps Alaska's families afford postsecondary education;

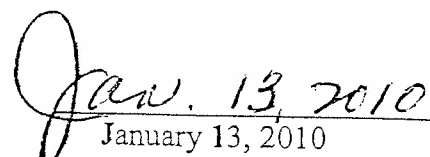
WHEREAS, the GPS encourages students to receive their postsecondary education in Alaska;

WHEREAS, the GPS recognizes the value and variety of Alaska's private and public postsecondary education institutions;

WHEREAS, the GPS will help Alaska to train its own highly skilled work force;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development strongly supports the proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship to meet the academic and financial needs of Alaska's youth.

  
Esther J. Cox, Chair  
Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development

  
January 13, 2010



## **A Resolution in Support of the Governor's Performance Scholarship**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska does not provide enough need based or grant aid for students seeking postsecondary education compared to most other states; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska began the UA Scholars program in 1999, which has grown in usage over time and is funded entirely out of the university's Land Grant Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sean Parnell has proposed the Governor's Performance Scholarship, a grade- and curriculum based program that would provide financial assistance for students wishing to attend a postsecondary institution within the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Board of Regents has long supported all efforts to increase access to postsecondary education, workforce training and lifelong learning; and increased financial aid, both merit- and need-based, is critical for improving access to higher education for both rural and urban residents as well as current and future students; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents supports Governor Sean Parnell's proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Board of Regents urges additional support from the Alaska Legislature for both merit- and need-based programs that will be before the Alaska Legislature in the 2010 session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell and Honorable members of the Alaska State Legislature, with a copy to be incorporated into the official minutes of the November 30-December 1, 2009 meeting of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.







## Interior Alaska – The “Place” To Do Business

Introduced By: Kurt Newman, Education Committee Chair  
Date Introduced: January 4, 2010  
Date Passed: January 11, 2010  
Date Transmitted: January 12, 2010

### RESOLUTION 10-0111

#### A RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GFCC) SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP, A MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need to encourage our Alaska high school students to attain the necessary core education to enable them to go onto higher education or vocational training, and remain in the State as productive citizens and future leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, we should work to keep our best and brightest students in Alaska after college, to position Alaska's economy for growth with a better prepared workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, only half of Alaskan students who receive a high school diploma are academically prepared for post-secondary education (Greene and Winters 2005) and are ready for college-level reading assignments in the core study areas like math, history, science, and English (ACT, 2006); and

**WHEREAS**, a more rigorous high school curriculum will prepare Alaska's high school students for entrance into higher education or vocational education, including the recommended four years of math, four years of science, four years of language arts, and three years of social studies; and

**WHEREAS**, at graduation, students will receive scholarships based on academic achievement and their hard work. For example, at graduation from high school, an 'A' student with a 3.5 GPA or better would be eligible for a 100% tuition scholarship award; a 'B' student with a 3.0 GPA or higher would be eligible for a 75% tuition award, and a 'C' student with at least a 2.5 GPA would be eligible for a 50% tuition scholarship award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's performance Scholarship could be used at the University of Alaska, at any certified, in-state job training institution and at other certified post-secondary institutions in Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, by giving more Alaskan students the opportunity to earn a scholarship like this and requiring it to be used at an in-state institution, we are preparing our youth as the future workforce leaders for Alaska.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in recognizing the importance of affordable and accessible higher education, and the need to encourage our youth to stay in Alaska and to provide for future workforce and leadership roles, the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the Alaska Governor's Performance Scholarship Initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to:  
Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska  
Alaska State Legislature

#### INVESTORS

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Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
FMH & Denali Center  
Flint Hills Resources Alaska

##### PLATINUM

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.  
Carlson Center  
Fred Meyer  
GCI  
Golden Heart Utilities  
Mt. McKinley Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank Alaska

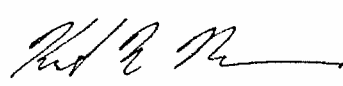
##### GOLD

Alaska USA FCU  
Birchwood Homes  
Denali State Bank  
Design Alaska  
Doyon, Limited  
First National Bank Alaska  
Kinross-Fort Knox Mine  
Laborers Union Local 942  
MAC Federal Credit Union  
The Boeing Co.  
Usibelli Coal Mine

##### SILVER

ACS  
Alaska Airlines  
Alaska Railroad  
AT&T  
Denali – The Alaska Gas Pipeline  
Everts Air Cargo  
Fairbanks Natural Gas  
Flowline Alaska  
Fountainhead Development  
GVEA  
Hale & Associates, Inc.  
JL Properties, Inc.  
Key Bank  
K Janitorial Services, LLC  
Northrim Bank  
Operating Engineers Local 302  
Personnel Plus  
Pogo Mine  
Santina's Flowers & Gifts  
Spirit of Alaska FCU  
Tanana Valley Clinic  
TDL Professional Staffing  
TOTE  
WAL-MART Stores, Inc.

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