



Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center

"Working for Future Generations"

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Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Kelly & Chair Meyer,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 93. As stated in my testimony, I believe that Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center (SSEATEC) located in Ketchikan, Alaska should be included in Technical and Vocational Education Program funding.

SSEATEC is owned and operated by Ketchikan Indian Community, a non-profit organization. SSEATEC became fully operational in May 2011. We offer industry responsive vocational training courses for the Southern Southeast Region. SSEATEC's first partnership was with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District (KGBSD), Revilla Blended School. KGBSD's main high school also attends SSEATEC.

SSEATEC evaluates its training programs using the same parameters that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development uses to construct the Alaska Workforce Investment Board's *Alaska Training Program Performance Report*. A survey is sent to each SSEATEC student requesting the following information: salary prior to training, how many quarters worked prior to training in the last year, and current employment status. Students are also asked if they are employed in a high demand industry and if they were satisfied with the services provided at SSEATEC.

We look forward to participating in the reauthorization of Senate Bill 93 that will hopefully include SSEATEC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chas Edwardson'.

Chas Edwardson
Workforce Development Director