

**House Finance University Budget Subcommittee Intent Language by
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It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of Alaska shall collect data on recent and future graduates so that a performance matrix may be established for each degree program offered by the University. Information should include the number of students who graduate, when they are employed in a related field of study and at what salary, what their debt load was upon graduation, and other demographic information.

Background information

Suggested metrics could include:

- Number of students admitted to any degree program
- Number of students who dropped out at year 1, 2, 3, 4, or subsequent years of study
- Number who graduated from each degree program
- Number employed within 6, 12, or 24 months of graduated in their respective fields of study
- A starting salary
- Number living or maintaining residency in Alaska
- Number working in Alaska
- Average debt load upon graduation
- The average cost of a degree obtained
- Demographic information to include male/female, resident/non-resident, age, rural/non-rural origin, race

Questions to answer:

1. Are students completing programs that they start?
2. What are the costs of individual degree programs?
3. How far in debt do students go?
4. What are the expected starting salaries of each program of study?
5. Are our investments staying in Alaska?
6. How quickly do graduates get absorbed into the job market?
7. Which programs are best at placing their graduates where they can successfully repay debt?
8. Are graduates remaining Alaska residents or moving outside of the state?
9. The objective is to measure each program of study with a unified suite of metrics.
10. Once collected, the information should be made available to prospective students and parents in the university catalog.