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SPONSOR STATEMENT

CS for Senate Bill 89 () Tax Credits for Educational Contributions

The Alaska Education Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to businesses that make contributions to Alaska postsecondary education entities, secondary vocational programs as well as a state-operated vocational training school and other educational programs. Senate Bill 89 expands the list of eligible recipients to include public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools, including religious schools.

Businesses paying the following Alaska taxes benefit from the Alaska Education Tax Credit Program:

<i>Alaska Corporate Income Tax</i>	<i>Fisheries Business Tax</i>
<i>Fishery Resource Landing Tax</i>	<i>Mining License Tax</i>
<i>Insurance Premium Tax</i>	<i>Title Insurance Premium Tax</i>
<i>Oil & Gas Property Tax</i>	<i>Oil & Gas Production/Transportation Tax</i>

Business has a definite interest in promoting and investing in a multitude of educational initiatives, approaches, and entities both public and private. With the expansion of the Education Tax Credit Program to include public and private K-12 schools, business can target its contributions to a broad array of educational entities or can focus on a particular approach.

Corporate giving is encouraged under Senate Bill 89 as 70 percent of an industry's contribution can be claimed for a tax credit until a limit of \$25 million is reached. Working together in a partnership with Alaska's leading businesses, our local educational entities, both public and private, will prosper and provide the quality education that our Alaska students deserve.