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Cc: James Hastings
Subject: HB-46 An Act relating to membership in the Alaska Workforce Investment Board
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Good day to everyone and congratulations on the work that has been done to date. BLUF, is in regards to HB 46. I'm asking for your support to insure that HB 46 is passed. Currently it appears to still be in Labor & Commerce Committee. Shelly you know how passionate I am about veterans and have been working with James Hastings and Verdi Bowman on seeing this passed. As the President of the Mat-Su Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) and member of the SHRM State Counsel, I can attest to the skills gap that exist in the job market. JBER is currently separating 200 service members out of the military per month with only about 20% staying in Alaska when polled if they would stay in Alaska if they had a job, 80% say they would stay. There is a lot that can be accomplished through having a Veteran assigned to the Work Force Investment Board who understands the skills gap needs and the needs of our separating service members. I look forward to seeing this bill passed and will be willing to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for all your help and all you do! My contact information is below. Godspeed, Russ-

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