



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

P.O. Box 110505
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505
Main: 907.465.6740
Toll free: 800.441.2962
TTY: Dial 711 or 800.770.8973
acpe.alaska.gov

February 13, 2020

The Honorable Andi Story
Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 403
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Story:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide communication regarding HB 155, which would expand the eligibility requirements for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) to include a high school career and technical education (CTE) pathway. The Commission is very aware of the need to expand CTE opportunities in Alaska and supports CTE as integral to the future success of our Alaska students and our state. The Commission's next meeting is in April, and the agenda includes consideration of a formal resolution in support of HB 155.

If passed, HB 155 will allow more Alaska students with the opportunity to be eligible for the APS, and will specifically expand options for high school CTE students. Creating this high school pathway aligns with the existing APS CTE award. A CTE pathway is becoming increasingly urgent, based on data that 65% of Alaska's best jobs in 2025 will require a postsecondary credential, including a high need for an Alaska workforce with CTE credentials.

Thank you for your commitment to ensure Alaska students have an opportunity to pursue their education goals, and for the privilege of providing this letter regarding HB 155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Butler".

Stephanie Butler
Executive Director