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The Honorable Senator Roger Holland
Senate Education Committee
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 115
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for Senate Bill 94 ("Version A") and House Bill 114 ("Version A")

Dear Chair Roger Holland:

The University of Alaska (UA) has reviewed Senate Bill 94 ("Version A") and House Bill 114 ("Version A") and supports the principles behind both bills.

As Alaska moves forward, there is wisdom in allowing the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) reasonable flexibility to determine loan amounts for eligible borrowers. Loans can be better tailored to meet the needs of the student. Concurrently, the University system can help the student and give them more opportunity through education.

Investing in our future is key to Alaska's overall success. Both bills, as currently drafted, are reasonable and create a "win/win scenario" for the students (which is most important) and the University.

Thank you for your consideration. Please consider supporting this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad Hutchison", written over a horizontal line.

Chad Hutchison – University of Alaska State Director

cc
Pat Pitney, Interim UA President
Michelle Rizk, VP University Relations