

**SENATE BILL NO. 309**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/15/06

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing a construction trades training grant program for award by the  
2 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, providing for special employee  
3 unemployment contributions to fund the program and an offsetting credit against the  
4 employees' general unemployment contribution, and providing for an expiration date  
5 for the program, contributions, and credit; and providing for an effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 \* **Section 1.** AS 23.15 is amended by adding a new section to article 8 to read:

8 **Sec. 23.15.815. Special employee unemployment contributions for**  
9 **construction trades training grant.** (a) In the manner provided in AS 23.20, the  
10 department shall collect from each employee an amount equal to one-tenth of one  
11 percent of the wages, as set out in AS 23.20.175, on which the employee is required to  
12 make contributions under AS 23.20.290(d). The department shall remit to the  
13 Department of Revenue, in accordance with AS 37.10.050, money collected under this

1 subsection. The amount collected under this subsection is in addition to the amount  
2 collected under AS 23.15.835.

3 (b) Notwithstanding AS 23.20.290(d), the department shall credit each  
4 employee with an amount equal to the amount collected from the employee under (a)  
5 of this section against unemployment contributions owed by the employee under  
6 AS 23.20.

7 (c) The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall assess and  
8 collect, under AS 23.20.185 - 23.20.275, interest and penalties for delinquent reports  
9 and payments due under this section. Interest and penalties collected shall be handled  
10 in accordance with AS 23.20.130(d).

11 (d) Amounts, interest, and penalties collected under this section may be  
12 appropriated under AS 37.05.316(a) to the Department of Labor and Workforce  
13 Development for a grant to Alaska Works Partnership, Inc., or a successor nonprofit  
14 corporation the principal purpose of which is providing training statewide in the  
15 construction trades, for the training of resident workers for construction jobs and  
16 construction job apprenticeships in the heavy construction, highway construction,  
17 building construction, and oil or gas pipeline construction.

18 (e) The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall require a  
19 grantee under this section to provide to the department, by November 1 of each year  
20 during the term of the grant, a report describing the grantee's performance under the  
21 grant.

22 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.815 is repealed July 1, 2012.

23 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2006.