

SB

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Memorandum

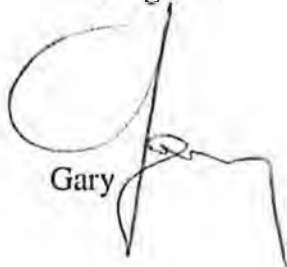
Date: April 25, 2003
To: Senator Fred Dyson
Chair, Senate HESS Committee
Fr: Senator Gary Stevens
Re: SB 192

I respectfully request a committee hearing be scheduled at your earliest possible convenience for SB 192, "An Act relating to teachers and training programs in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to the placement in the exempt service of certified teachers employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to their eligibility to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Alaska, and to the functions of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board regarding the Kotzebue Technical Center and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; and providing for an effective date."

I would like to add the Seward LIO to the teleconference list.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Best regards,


Gary

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SPONSOR STATEMENT-TERS/PERS BILL

This year, Governor Murkowski has proposed transferring the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) from the Department of Education and Early Development to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. While the transfer of the school will be accomplished through the FY 2002 budget process, Senate Bill 192 will allow the transfer to occur with minimal disruption to the staff and operation of the school.

SB 192 would specifically grant statutory authority to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to employ teachers who are members of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) and would enable current AVTEC instructional staff to remain members of the TRS after AVTEC transfers to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. It also would allow future AVTEC instructional staff to become TRS members. Without this bill, the current teachers at AVTEC would need to transfer to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). This would not only be unfair to employees who were originally hired under the TRS system, but it would hamstring AVTEC management in their teacher recruitment efforts. The management of AVTEC has found it advantageous to offer a TRS retirement benefit as an incentive to attract experienced teachers to accept employment at AVTEC. It would be a disincentive to experienced teachers who have accrued years of TRS membership at other educational institutions in the state to consider employment at AVTEC under PERS.

SB 192 also would make amendments to clarify that AVTEC and the Kotzebue Technical Center will continue to be under the oversight, planning, and coordination responsibilities of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) through the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

In summary, this bill would implement good public policy by facilitating the transfer of AVTEC from one agency to another, allowing employees to remain in TRS, by giving management a tool to attract quality employees, and by clarifying the authorities and responsibilities of AWIB.

I urge your prompt consideration and passage of this important bill.



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April 24, 2003

Senator Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Dyson,

I am writing to you today in support of SB 192. Senate Bill 192 is an important part of the overall effort needed to insure an effective transition of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) from the Department of Education & Early Development to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD). This legislation will allow certificated instructional staff currently employed at AVTEC to remain in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) after the transition to DOLWD. AVTEC employs some of the highest quality and technically competent instructors in Alaska. Many of these are mid-career professionals who have earned ten or more years of TRS member service. These instructors should be held harmless and allowed to remain in the TRS as AVTEC transitions to DOLWD. I appreciate your serious consideration of this bill and would be happy to answer any questions you might have on the impact it will have for AVTEC.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Esposito
Director

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 192
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Department: Labor and Workforce Development
 Title: DOL Teachers and Training Programs BRU: Office of the Commissioner
 Component: Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor: Senator Stevens
 Requester: Senate HES Component Number: 340

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: None

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would allow certified teachers employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to remain in the Teachers' Retirement System. The department does not anticipate a financial impact from this legislation.

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 Approved by: Greg O'Claray, Commissioner Date: 04/29/03
 Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2003

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of Senate Bill 192
(Work Order No. 23-LS0994)

TO: Senator Gary Stevens
Attn: Doug

FROM: Barbara R. Craver *BRC*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. This adds certificated teachers working for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to the Teachers Retirement System.

Section 2. This change reflects the move of the Kotzebue Technical Center and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center into the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, from the Department of Education and Early Learning.

Section 3. Adds teachers employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to the list of exempt employees.

Section 4. Effective date.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

DATE: 5/1/03
TO: Health, Education and Social Services Committee
(Room 121)
FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary
SUBJ: Referral Change

The Chair of the Committee noted above has waived the referral(s) on the following bills(s):

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SB 192 DOL TEACHERS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Please give the bill file(s) to the page delivering this message for forwarding to the next Committee of referral.

Thank you.