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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 150(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/6/13
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NEUMAN, Tuck, Thompson, Hughes, Gara, Isaacson, Edgmon, Higgins, Foster

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and
2 vocational education program; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.15.835(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Notwithstanding AS 23.15.840(a), for the fiscal years ending June 30,
6 2009, through June 30, 2024 [2014], the money collected under this section or
7 otherwise appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, formerly known as
8 the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council, shall be allocated directly in the
9 following percentages to the following institutions for programs consistent with
10 AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850 and capital improvements:

11 University of Alaska	45 percent
12 University of Alaska Southeast	5 percent
13 Galena Project Education Vocational Training Center	4 percent
14 Kotzebue Technical Center	9 percent

- 1 Alaska Vocational Technical Center 17 percent
- 2 Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center 3 percent
- 3 Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center 3 percent
- 4 Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center 9 percent
- 5 Delta Career Advancement Center 3 percent
- 6 New Frontier Vocational Technical Center 2 percent.
- 7 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB150CS(L&C)-UA-SYSBRA-1-21-14
Title: TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Sponsor: NEUMAN
Requester: House Finance

Department: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide
OMB Component Number: 1296

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services		5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1151 VoTech Ed		5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8
Total	0.0	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8	5,431.8

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated for 2nd session to accurately reflect FY2015 and out year costs

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB150 CS(L&C)

Analysis

The Technical and Vocational Education Fund authorized under AS 23.15.840 sunsets on June 30, 2014. House Bill 150 extends the current Technical and Vocational Education program (TVEP) through June 30, 2024. Out-year cost estimates are based on TVEP receipts included in UA's FY2015 budget request and will be revised on an annual basis based on the balance of the fund.

TVEP funding has been instrumental in UA's ability to meet Alaska's workforce training and educational needs and continues to be the key source of funds for that purpose. The UA System office of Workforce Programs works with representatives from the UA campuses and the Alaska Workforce Investment Board to identify state priority industry sectors and high-demand jobs, including regional priorities for occupational training programs. The campuses submit proposals based on the identified needs, and funding is distributed to the highest priority programs.

Fiscal Note

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2014 Legislative Session

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Title: TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Sponsor: NEUMAN
Requester: House Finance

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Commissioner and Administrative Services
Allocation: Commissioner's Office
OMB Component Number: 340

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services		509.1	509.1	509.1	509.1	509.1	509.1	509.1
Travel								
Services		26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits		4,997.2	4,997.2	4,997.2	4,997.2	4,997.2	4,997.2	4,997.2
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1151 VoTech Ed		5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1
Total	0.0	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1	5,533.1

Positions

Full-time		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS HB150 (L&C)

Analysis

This proposed legislation extends the current Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) allocation through June 30, 2024. Currently, the allocation expires June 30, 2014.

Out-year cost estimates are based on TVEP receipts included in the department's FY2015 budget request and will be revised on an annual basis based on the balance of the fund.

The grants line authorization represents the legislation's direct allocations that pass through the department to Kotzebue Technical Center; Alaska Vocational Technical Center; Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center; Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center; Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center; Delta Career Advancement Center; and New Frontier Vocational Technical Center.

Personal services and services expenses are related to TVEP grant administration and revenue collection through the unemployment insurance tax system. Expenses related to these activities must be charged to a state fund source as they are related to a state program and are not an allowable federal expense.

Position counts are based on an average personal services cost of approximately \$100.0 per full-time position and rounded to the nearest whole number.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2014 Legislative Session

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Title: TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Sponsor: NEUMAN
Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Teaching and Learning Support
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits		434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1151 VoTech Ed		434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5
Total	0.0	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5	434.5

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/01/14

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB150

Analysis

The Technical and Vocational Education Fund authorized under AS 23.15.840 sunsets on June 30, 2014. House Bill 150 extends the current Technical and Vocational Education program (TVEP) through June 30, 2024.

Out-year cost estimates are based on TVEP receipts included in DEED's FY2015 budget request and will be revised on an annual basis based on the balance of the fund.

This funding is a grant from The Department of Education & Early Development to the Galena Project Education Vocational Training Center.

This legislation takes effect immediately.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sponsor Statement for House Bill 150 (L&C)

“An Act extending the unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education program and providing for an effective date.”

The Technical and Vocational Education Fund authorized under AS 23.15.840 sunsets on June 30, 2014. House Bill 150 extends the sunset date to June 30, 2024.

In 2000 the Alaska Legislature created the Training and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) to give financial assistance to facilities throughout the state that provide technical and educational programs for industry specific training.

In 2007, Alaska experienced unemployment rates that were reaching 120% of the national average. With large projects on the horizon, there was a clear need for an increase in a better prepared resident work force. The TVEP program was extended to provide more training opportunities to Alaskan residents and help reduce the unemployment rate.

Figures released on January 24, 2014 by the Department of Labor indicated that unemployment rates in Alaska for December of 2013 were 6.4%, while the national average was 6.7%. While the national average has seen a decline in recent history; Alaska for the last 46 months has consistent had a lower rate, indicating the effectiveness of this program.

Funds for the TVEP program are appropriated from amounts the state collects in unemployment insurance contributions at a rate of 0.15 percent and are allocated according to statute.

The more opportunity we provide for Alaskans to develop job skill in sync with the market, the lower our unemployment rate will be. The lower our unemployment rate is the stronger our work force and Alaskan families can be.

Bottom Line: The last five years has shown this investment is working.



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Sectional Analysis -- CS HB 150 (L&C) 28-LS0599\N

“An Act extending the unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education program and providing for an effective date.”

Section 1 Amends AS 23.15.835(d), changing the existing sunset date from Jun 30 2014 to June 30 2024. This action extends the exiting program 10 years with no changes to the present distribution of funds.

***Section 2** Adds an “immediate-effective-date” provision under AS 01.10.070(c). This section was added in the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

*Section 2 was added in the House Labor and Commerce Committee.



Alaska Training Program Performance 2012

*Employment and Wages of Training Program
Participants Exiting in FY 2011*

A report prepared for the
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
by the
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February 2013

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February 14, 2013

I am pleased to present the Alaska Workforce Investment Board's executive summary highlighting the Alaska Training Program Performance 2012 report, prepared for the board by the Research & Analysis section of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The FY 2012 report verifies a more effective and efficient workforce development system in Alaska with more clarity and transparency.

As the lead planning and coordinating entity for Alaska's public workforce development system, the board provides policy oversight of state and federally funded job training and vocational education programs. AWIB members, a majority of whom are private sector leaders, examine employment trends and emerging occupations to ensure training efforts are aligned and Alaskans are ready for the good paying, high demand jobs that are available to them.

Each year the AWIB is required to report to the Alaska State Legislature on the performance and evaluation of training programs within its purview, as specified in Alaska Statute 23.15.580(b)(9) and (f). The report details the training programs and identifies the major providers resourced by state, federal and private sector funds. The high percentage of partnerships between the education and training entities and the employers in business and industry contributes to high placements, high retention and increase in wages for the trainees, as well as an improving means for access by those in all regions of the state.

The full report is on our website www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/home.htm. We will provide a hard copy to legislators upon request. The board is establishing this practice in the interests of reducing costs and responsible stewardship of our budget.

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board welcomes your support and perspectives. We look forward to working closely with you to build a quality workforce and a prosperous, satisfying future for all Alaskans

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lynch".

Jim Lynch, Chair

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

Overview and Executive Summary for the

2012 Training Program Performance Report

THE VISION for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is “building connections that put Alaskans into good jobs.” This comprehensive vision keeps the board focused on developing a workforce system that is useful, accessible and understandable to all of the system’s customers. Today’s customers include businesses looking for qualified workers, unemployed Alaskans looking for jobs and incumbent workers wanting to upgrade their skills in a changing work environment.

THE MISSION for the board is to provide policy oversight of state and federally funded job training and vocational education programs. Board members, a majority of whom are business and industry leaders, look at employment trends and emerging occupations to ensure training is customized and Alaskans are prepared for high demand, good wage jobs. Because of their oversight, public and private educators and training providers connect with employers to ensure the right people are being trained for the right jobs.

AWIB ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK:

Oversight of the state and federal training is to assure that these major investments for the development of workforce in Alaska are meeting the objectives of the Alaskan workforce development system. A number of parameters are looked at by the DOL for the AWIB to measure the program performance as indicated by this report. The AWIB further looks to the report on performance as a data point and assesses overall training programs on a framework including the following:

Does the training address occupations / industries that:

- Are aligned with AWIB priorities?
- Have significant employer demand?
- Require certifications and/or industry qualifications?

Is the training provided to AWIB targeted populations such as:

- Youth and unemployed adults?
- Residents of rural and remote regions?
- Alaskans to replace non-residents in high wage, high skill jobs?
- Those needing skill up-grades for new technology or new economy?

Are the resources utilized for the programs:

- Leveraging funding streams and local resources?
- Providing efficient and effective delivery mechanisms?
- Providing support for trainees and employers?

Are the programs delivering good performance as measured by:

- ROI?
- Placement rates?
- Retention?
- Wage increases?
- Trainee and employer satisfaction?

RESULTS IN 2012:

- Programs have attained high marks for placement, retention and employer satisfaction. In addition there has been substantial wage growth for trainees
- There has been a continuing growth of partnerships across providers, between business / industry and education, and between agencies and projects resulting in reduced duplication, leveraging of funding streams and easier access for the trainees.
- The programs have been on-target for priority industries and the current economy with a developing capability for serving growth industries and major projects.
- There has been good support for Regional Training Centers with many programs reaching into rural areas
- Pilot programs have resulted in templates for more effective and efficient training programs for both entry into the workforce and upgrading of skills to meet new standards or career opportunities.

AWIB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE:

Following are recommendations for the 2013 Legislature and the Governor to support the systems and the policies for workforce development. These five recommendations will both reach down into our schools to prepare Alaskans for the workforce as well as to assist the growth of our economy.

- Support the implementation of the state's CTE plan,
 - Provide funding to the DEED / DOL / UA to support the plan
 - Provide funding for schools to develop the infrastructure for the CTE plan: facilities / resources, qualified instructors and career guides / counselors to assure students are oriented to careers and have the opportunity for career activities in the schools and communities.
 - The CTE plan will continue to build partnerships to connect education with business / industry
- Support the AK Performance Scholarship plan for degree & CTE / training programs
 - This may be a key to entice students into post-secondary training, increase the graduation rate, and better articulate progression from secondary to post-secondary to careers.

- The scholarship program will raise the standards for students in schools and should help create a more skilled workforce for the future. Few high skill / high wage jobs exist that do not require more math, technology and communication skills than our graduates have.
 - Expand the “academy” model piloted with the construction trades to include other AWIB priority industries.
 - The academies require close connections between education & business to assure industry standards are met and careers are well communicated.
 - The academies coupled with a Tech-Prep approach have resulted in direct hire of graduates for entry-level and smooth transition into post-secondary training for higher level jobs.
 - Continue to support skill training for occupations vital to Alaska’s current and future economy such as mining and other natural resources, renewable energy/energy efficiency, health systems and infrastructure construction projects as well as emerging sectors.
 - Align capital expenditures for projects with economic development coupled with the workforce development to grow the economy.
 - Continue to support workforce development in all areas of the state:
 - Continue TVEP to support Regional Training Centers across the state.
- Assist regional economic development councils with workforce development to grow local economies.

AWIB Membership

As of February, 2013 the board consists of 24 representatives of business and industry, education, organized labor, and state government and other individuals with specific experience/expertise in accordance with Alaska Statute 23.15.550.

Mead Treadwell

Lieutenant Governor

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Private Sector

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Dawn Salesky

Adult Basic Education

Corey Baxter

Organized Labor

Jim Lynch

Business/Industry

John MacKinnon

Private Sector

Pearl Strub

Business and Industry

Joey Merrick

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Florian Borowski

Business and Industry

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FY 2011 Performance Measures Summary

Employment Status and Trends

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Research and Analysis Section (R&A) identified and tracked nearly 18,000 training program exiters for this report. Some of these participants exited more than one program; for example, many of the Carl Perkins Postsecondary and Tech Prep students also appear in the University of Alaska student exit count.

More than 67 percent of these exiting participants had Alaska wage and salary employment during the third or fourth quarter after exit. Overall, exiting participants earned 29 percent more after training than they did in the same period before.

Total Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011

FY 2011 Employment and Earnings Before and After Training Program (Months 7 to 12) by Training Type													
	Number Exiting	Number Employed		% Employed		Total Wages		Total Qtrs Worked		Avg. Earnings/Qtr		Total Median Wages	
		Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Training Funds	11,666	7,215	8,226	61.8	70.5	\$82,825,502	\$114,730,582	10,508	12,774	\$7,882	\$8,982	\$7,852	\$10,462
Training Programs	9,400	5,374	6,015	57.2	64.0	\$65,134,599	\$88,705,893	8,120	9,372	\$8,022	\$9,465	\$8,229	\$11,451

Note: Includes individuals who participated in multiple training programs.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

FY 2011 Employment and Earnings Before and After Training Program (Months 7 to 12)													
FY 2011 Programs	Number Exiting	Number Employed		% Employed		Total Wages		Total Qtrs Worked		Avg. Wages/Qtr		Total Median Wages	
		Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Carl Perkins—Postsecondary	5,424	3,536	3,867	65.2	71.3	\$39,156,266	\$51,353,414	5,446	6,264	\$7,190	\$8,198	\$8,690	\$11,148
Carl Perkins—Secondary	1,994	794	1,326	39.8	66.5	\$1,805,278	\$7,693,386	810	1,706	\$2,229	\$4,510	\$1,828	\$4,361
Denali Training Fund	66	54	60	81.8	90.9	\$476,765	\$702,177	88	106	\$5,418	\$6,624	\$7,809	\$10,224
STEP	2,080	1,769	1,765	85.0	84.9	\$30,406,258	\$39,674,714	2,682	2,870	\$11,337	\$13,824	\$14,364	\$20,091
TVEP	977	462	508	47.3	52.0	\$5,164,678	\$6,654,851	606	744	\$8,523	\$8,945	\$5,142	\$8,582
WIA 18 Adult	332	213	234	64.2	70.5	\$2,058,876	\$3,758,796	330	398	\$6,239	\$9,444	\$7,533	\$14,470
WIA 18 Dislocated Workers	226	166	146	73.5	64.6	\$3,211,994	\$2,949,112	286	260	\$11,231	\$11,343	\$14,890	\$16,711
WIA Title 18 Youth	567	221	320	39.0	56.4	\$569,455	\$1,944,131	260	426	\$2,190	\$4,564	\$2,006	\$3,733
Adult Basic Education Alaska	1,462	587	701	40.2	47.9	\$2,998,606	\$4,607,590	708	872	\$4,235	\$5,284	\$2,752	\$4,748
Construction Academy	432	249	310	57.6	71.8	\$2,142,470	\$3,723,750	332	462	\$6,453	\$8,060	\$5,681	\$10,673
Pipeline Training AK Tech—	493	397	431	80.5	87.4	\$7,841,724	\$10,088,260	668	714	\$11,739	\$14,129	\$17,574	\$21,458
Kotzebue	160	106	108	66.3	67.5	\$1,268,444	\$1,584,203	150	168	\$8,456	\$9,430	\$7,548	\$10,707
AVTEC	653	446	480	68.3	73.5	\$5,997,638	\$7,433,598	670	776	\$8,952	\$9,579	\$9,242	\$12,262
Delta Career Advancement Center	114	56	64	49.1	56.1	\$1,055,641	\$1,073,419	90	98	\$11,729	\$10,953	\$16,258	\$10,369
Galena	10	8	10	80.0	100.0	\$170,846	\$202,039	16	20	\$10,678	\$10,102	\$19,945	\$18,929
Ilisagvik	25	18	21	72.0	84.0	\$223,485	\$369,755	28	40	\$7,982	\$9,244	\$9,787	\$17,394
NACTEC	267	23	44	8.6	16.5	\$45,703	\$128,590	14	36	\$3,265	\$3,572	\$703	\$786
New Frontier VTC	24	9	15	37.5	62.5	\$68,477	\$141,428	12	28	\$5,706	\$5,051	\$7,604	\$7,713
Northern Industrial Training	251	166	207	66.1	82.5	\$2,239,467	\$4,026,669	250	350	\$8,958	\$11,505	\$10,689	\$18,098
SAVEC	132	87	103	65.9	78.0	\$1,533,039	\$2,152,306	124	182	\$12,363	\$11,826	\$13,915	\$22,512
UA Voc Ed	4,407	2,605	2,894	59.1	65.7	\$33,284,575	\$45,404,542	4,228	4,712	\$7,872	\$9,636	\$9,785	\$13,110
Yuut Elitnaurviat	970	617	627	63.6	64.6	\$6,264,484	\$7,769,745	830	914	\$7,548	\$8,501	\$4,778	\$7,167

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

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TRAINING FUNDS

Carl Perkins—Postsecondary

The purpose of the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) is to develop the academic, career, and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary education students needed to succeed in a knowledge-and-skills based economy. The most frequent uses of funds include: equipment, curriculum materials, curriculum development or modification, staff hiring and development, career counseling and guidance, academic-vocational integration, services for special populations, and expansion of tech prep programs.

For more information about the Carl Perkins IV Fund: <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/CTE/perkins.html>

The Perkins IV postsecondary allocation was distributed via competitive grants to six institutions: (1) Alaska's Institute of Technology, (2) the University of Alaska Anchorage Community and Technical College, (3) Sitka Campus of the University of Alaska Southeast, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks' (4) Tanana Valley Campus, (5) College of Rural and Community Development, and (6) Bristol Bay Campus.

Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	5,424
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	3,684
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	131
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$11,148
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

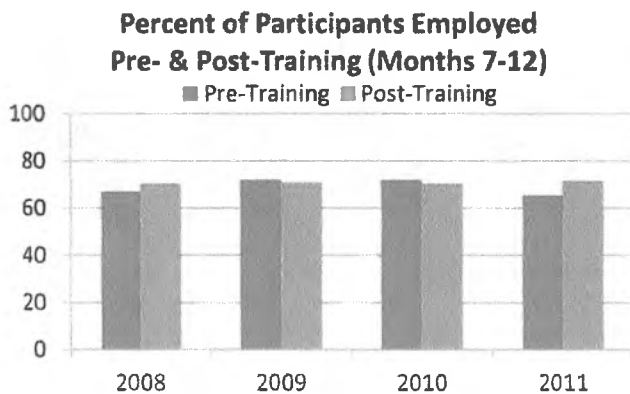
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Carl Perkins—Secondary

Alaska school districts that chose to meet criteria for funding participated in one or more courses within one of 16 career clusters identified by the U.S. Department of Education. Local school district programs examine and revise their career and technical curriculum to ensure its alignment with industry-based occupation standards as well as the state's performance standards for reading, writing, and math and other state academic, employability, and cultural standards. Programs are also beginning to identify and administer third-party technical assessments as appropriate.

Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	1,994
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	1,218
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	53
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$4,361
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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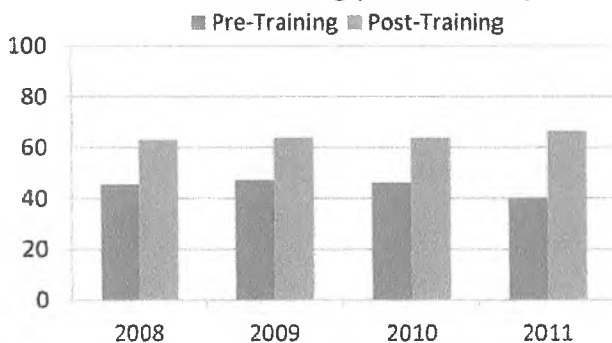
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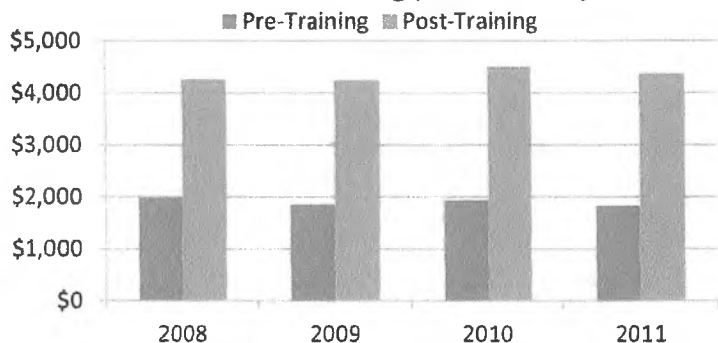
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**Percent of Participants Employed
Pre- & Post-Training (Months 7-12)**



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

**Median Total Wages
Pre- & Post-Training (Months 7-12)**



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Denali Training Fund

The Denali Training Fund was established by the Denali Commission and is administered by the Division of Business Partnerships. The federally funded program provides job training assistance to Alaska's rural residents. The Denali Commission's goal is to ensure residents have the opportunity to learn and to earn an income from local projects. The Denali Training Fund focuses its resources on developing skills in construction, transportation, heavy equipment, and healthcare occupations. Funding is also available for non-Denali Commission infrastructure projects that lead each participant directly to employment.

For more information about the Denali Training Fund: <http://labor.alaska.gov/bp/denali.htm>

Statutory⁽¹⁾ Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	66
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ⁽²⁾	56
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ⁽³⁾	0
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ⁽⁴⁾	\$10,224
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ⁽⁵⁾

⁽¹⁾ AS 23.15.580.

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STEP

Funded by a percentage of employee contributions to the Alaska unemployment insurance trust fund, STEP (State Training and Employment Program) provides training and/or re-employment assistance to unemployed or under-employed workers who have worked in a job covered by UI in the last five years. By reducing the length of time that workers are unemployed, the program reduces the amount of unemployment insurance benefits paid.

For more information about STEP: <http://www.labor.alaska.gov/bp/step.htm>

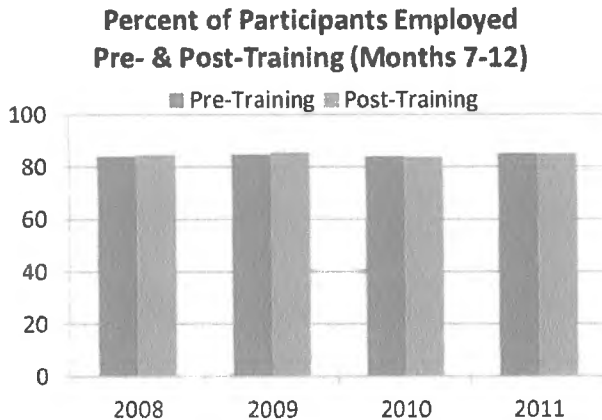
Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	2,080
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	1,674
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	7
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$20,091
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	66.2%

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TVEP

The Alaska Legislature created the Training and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) in 2001 to provide grants to technical and vocational education programs for industry specific training. The program is supported by .15 percent of employees' wages on which they are required to make unemployment insurance contributions. The TVEP law calls for 50 percent of annual generated revenue to go to the University of Alaska, and the balance to go to regional vocational training centers throughout the state. TVEP funds may be used for capital and administrative costs.

For more information about TVEP: <http://labor.alaska.gov/bp/tvep.htm>

Statutory^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants^[2] Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	977
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[3]	442
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[4]	1
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[5]	\$8,582
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs ^[6]	NA ^[5]

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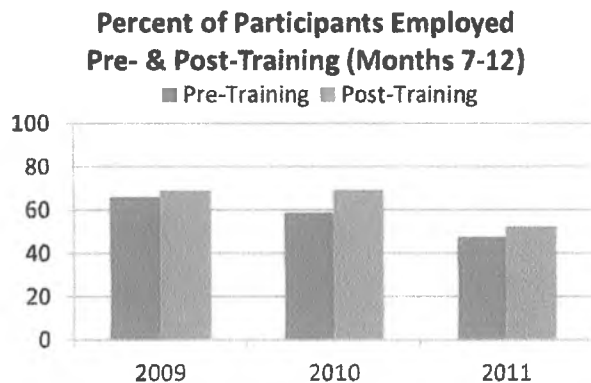
^[2] Participant data does not include University of Alaska or Alaska's Institute of Technology students.

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Alaska Technical Center—Kotzebue

The Alaska Technical Center is an adult vocational school designed to meet the vocational and technical training needs of rural Alaskans. The Alaska Technical Center has four core program areas: office occupations, building industrial technology, industrial mine maintenance, and health occupations. In addition, the Alaska Technical Center provides Adult Basic Education, GED programs, and a variety of short-term training during the year.

For more information about the Alaska Technical Center: <http://www.nwarctic.org/atc>

Statutory^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	160
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	97
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	0
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$10,707
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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AVTEC

Located in Seward, AVTEC provides training courses in areas such as applied technologies, health care, information technology, and energy and building technology.

For more information on AVTEC: <http://avtec.labor.state.ak.us/>

Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	653
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	450
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	8
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$12,262
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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Delta Career Advancement Center

Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc. emerged in response to a demand for education and training to create a skilled workforce in the greater Delta area to meet the needs of the Department of Defense and the installation of a ground-based missile defense system at Fort Greely. Partners for Progress in Delta has joined with the Delta/Greely School District, Alaska Works Partnership, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks to provide training at the Delta Career Advancement Center. The educational consortium incorporated in 2007 and was named a state regional training center in 2008.

The Delta Career Advancement Center provides job training in areas such as development of the Pogo Mine, possible railroad extension, a natural gas line project, school district improvements, and public construction of roads and military housing.

For more information about the Delta Career Advancement Center:

<http://partnersforprogressindelta.org/programs.html>

Statutory^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	114
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	57
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	13
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$10,369
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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Galena Interior Learning Academy

The Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA) is a 9-12 grade vocational boarding school. GILA is a section of the Galena City School District that opened for post-secondary students in mid-2002.

For more information about the Galena Interior Learning Academy: <http://gila.galenaalaska.org/GCSDHome5.html>

Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	10
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	10
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	0
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$18,929
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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Ilisagvik College

Located in Barrow, Ilisagvik College is a two-year community college that provides post-secondary academic, vocational, and technical education aimed at matching North Slope workforce needs.

For more information about the Ilisagvik College: <http://www.ilisagvik.edu/>

Statutory ^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	25
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	20
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	0
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$17,394
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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NACTEC

Together the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) and Nome Public Schools (NPS) developed the Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC), located in Nome.

NACTEC was designed to provide Bering Strait School District and Nome high school students with the necessary resources and skills for jobs, postsecondary education, and independent living through instruction in four focus areas: career and technical skills, career exploration, life skills, and work readiness skills.

For more information about NACTEC: <http://nacteonline.org/>

Statutory^[1] Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2011	
Total Training Participants	267
Alaska Employed One Year After Leaving Training Program ^[2]	33
Department of Defense or Office of Personnel Management Employed ^[3]	0
Median Total Wages 7-12 Months After Exit ^[4]	\$786
Percentage of Participants Employed in Training-Related Jobs	NA ^[5]

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**HB 150 Technical and
Vocational Education Program**

Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP)*

The Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) was established in 2000. The purpose of this program is to provide grants to technical and vocational education entities to provide industry specific training, on-the-job training and classroom job linked training. The authority for this program is Alaska Statute 23.15.840, grants for technical and vocational education.

Funds for the program are appropriated from amounts the state collects in unemployment insurance contributions, and are provided to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board. The board establishes a list of priorities for training under this program. To the extent that funding is available, grants are awarded to entities that apply for funding by the deadline established by the board. The board gives priority to applications from qualified entities whose purpose is listed first on the list of priorities. If money remains after grants for the first priority have been awarded, the board may then make grants to those entities whose purpose is listed next on the priority list.

Note: In recent years, the Alaska State Legislature has appropriated money from the program for specific grants to designated recipients for capital improvement projects. In appropriating the funds, the Legislature has not specified any additional requirements on the use of those funds.

AS.23.15.835 (a) the department shall collect from each employee an amount equal to one-tenth of one percent of the wages, as set out in AS.23.20.175. on which the employee is required to make contribution under AS.23.20.290 (d). The department shall remit to the Department of Revenue, in accordance with AS.37.10.050, money collected under this subsection.

Note: According to House Bill No. 2 (HB 2) the amount to be collected went from one tenth of one percent to .15 percent effective July 1, 2008.

Types of Services Allowed and Un-allowed

Subject to the limits of its grant, an entity receiving a grant under this program shall provide one or more of the following program elements (AS 23.15.840 (c)):

- Industry specific training
- On-the-job training
- Institutional or classroom job-linked training

The entity's activities do not replace or complete in any way with a federally approved apprenticeship program or any other training programs (AS 23.15.840(a)(2)). Grants may not be awarded if the grant would displace money available through existing private technical and vocational educational education programs (AS 23.15.840 (h)).

*The above information sheet obtained from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development Website



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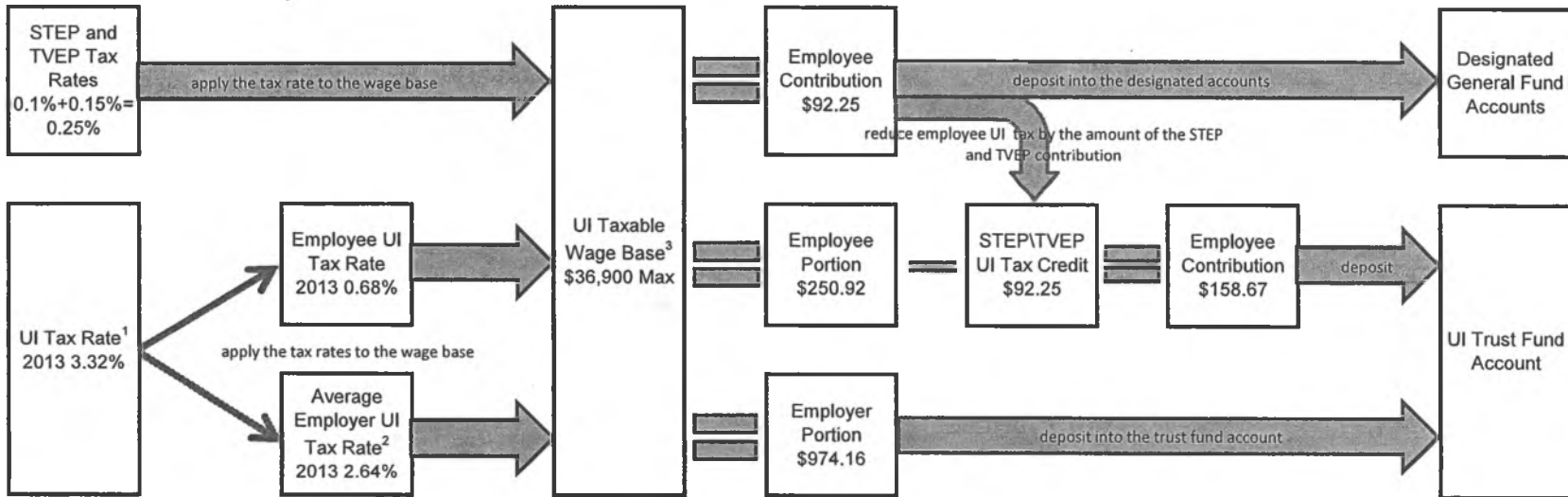
The Alaska Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) helped fund:

- The first-in-the-nation core driller registered apprenticeship program to provide a resource development industry workforce.
- The nation's only dental therapy program and the only dental training clinic in rural Alaska. The program has national impact and has the potential to change dental care delivery in the U.S. while increasing Alaska's ability to provide critically needed dental care to Alaska Natives.
- A college readiness partnership program in intensive science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related activities to better prepare rural students for success in post-secondary education. This program gives students access to a level of education not currently available in most villages, thus allowing them to compete on a level playing field for acceptance into a university and for scholarships through the Governor's Performance Scholarship program.
- A Renewable Energy pilot program. In 2011, 21 students were involved with the installation of a 45' Skystream wind turbine that was connected to the grid at the student dormitory. As a result of this training program, students have both the knowledge and experience preparing them for wind turbine installation and maintenance jobs.
- Outreach to rural communities for the Heavy Equipment Operator Academy, accepting students from Dot Lake, Nulato, Alatna and Stevens Village. The academy partnered with the Deltana Fair Association to improve fairgrounds as a part of the hands-on training; and participants received MSHA (20-hour), First Aid/CPR/AED and Forklift training and certification.
- The only state-certified driving school west of Anchorage, AK. It is also the only State Certified Third party CDL Road Skills Tester and Class D Road Skills Tester west of Anchorage.
- Village Police Officer/Tribal Police Officer Academies and Village Police Officer/Tribal Police Officer Advanced Academies as well as continuing education training for Village Public Safety Officers. These trainings were coordinated in conjunction with the state Department of Public Safety and the Alaska State Troopers.
- Construction Trades Technology apprenticeship training endorsed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research.

State of Alaska Tax Flow Chart:

**Unemployment Insurance (UI)
State Training and Employment Program (STEP)
Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP)**

The STEP and TVEP tax rates are set in statute (AS 23.15.630 and AS 23.15.835 respectively) and are applied to the annual UI taxable wage base. The amount of STEP and TVEP revenue is not affected by the UI tax rate. For further information please contact Jim Wilson (465-4520). The calculations provided below are per employee, assume the maximum wage for 2013, and are based on the 2013 UI tax rate.



- 1) The UI tax rate is calculated each year to ensure solvency of the trust fund account and cover benefit payments.
- 2) The exact employer tax rate varies by employer. The rate provided above is the average employer UI tax rate. For more information please reference the UI Tax Calculation Cookbook (http://labor.alaska.gov/research/uiprog/Tax_Cookbook.pdf).
- 3) The UI maximum taxable wage base per employee is calculated each year as 75% of the average annual wage in Alaska (AS 23.20.175).

Further reference materials:
[2011 UI Actuarial Study and Financial Handbook](#)
[UI Tax Calculation Cookbook](#)

Provided by: Representative Mark Neuman

HB 150 Technical and Vocational Education Program

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) Distribution History (in thousands)
 Corrected April 3, 2013

Fiscal Year	Legislative Bill	Total Distribution	UA	UAS	Kotz	AVTEC	Galena	SAVEC	Yuut	NACTEC	Delta	New Frontier
2001	SB 289	\$ 3,425.0	\$ 1,781.0		\$ 548.0	\$ 1,096.0						
2002	SB 137	\$ 4,553.8	\$ 2,868.9		\$ 500.9	\$ 1,001.8	\$ 182.2					
2003	SB 252	\$ 4,553.8	\$ 2,868.9		\$ 500.9	\$ 1,001.8	\$ 182.2					
2004	SB 252 and SB 283	\$ 5,563.6	\$ 3,505.1		\$ 612.0	\$ 1,224.0	\$ 222.5					
2005	SB 283	\$ 300.3	\$ 189.2		\$ 33.1	\$ 66.0	\$ 12.0					
2005	HB 375 - Direct Appn	\$ 100.0				\$ 100.0						
2005	HB 123	\$ 4,670.0	\$ 2,568.5		\$ 513.7	\$ 1,027.4	\$ 186.8	\$ 186.8	\$ 186.8			
2006	HB 123	\$ 5,132.0	\$ 2,822.6		\$ 564.5	\$ 1,129.0	\$ 205.3	\$ 205.3	\$ 205.3			
2007	HB 123	\$ 5,240.0	\$ 2,822.0		\$ 576.4	\$ 1,152.8	\$ 209.6	\$ 209.6	\$ 209.6			
2007	Leg Change	\$ (23.8)				\$ (23.8)						
2008	HB 123	\$ 5,698.8	\$ 3,134.3		\$ 626.9	\$ 1,253.7	\$ 228.0	\$ 228.0	\$ 228.0			
2009	HB 2	\$ 9,447.0	\$ 4,251.2	\$ 472.4	\$ 850.2	\$ 1,606.0	\$ 377.9	\$ 283.4	\$ 850.2	\$ 283.4	\$ 283.4	\$ 188.9
2010	HB 2	\$ 9,447.0	\$ 4,251.2	\$ 472.4	\$ 850.2	\$ 1,606.0	\$ 377.9	\$ 283.4	\$ 850.2	\$ 283.4	\$ 283.4	\$ 188.9
2011	HB 2	\$ 9,747.7	\$ 4,386.5	\$ 487.4	\$ 877.3	\$ 1,657.1	\$ 389.9	\$ 292.4	\$ 877.3	\$ 292.4	\$ 292.4	\$ 195.0
2012	HB 2	\$ 10,085.4	\$ 4,538.3	\$ 504.3	\$ 907.7	\$ 1,714.5	\$ 403.4	\$ 302.6	\$ 907.7	\$ 302.6	\$ 302.6	\$ 201.7
2013	HB 2	\$ 10,898.0	\$ 4,904.2	\$ 544.9	\$ 980.8	\$ 1,852.7	\$ 435.9	\$ 326.9	\$ 980.8	\$ 326.9	\$ 326.9	\$ 218.0
2014	HB 2	\$ 10,760.0	\$ 4,842.0	\$ 538.0	\$ 968.4	\$ 1,829.2	\$ 430.4	\$ 322.8	\$ 968.4	\$ 322.8	\$ 322.8	\$ 215.2

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 UAS University of Alaska Southeast
 Kotz Kotzebue or the Alaska Technical Center
 AVTEC Alaska Vocational Technical Center
 Galena Galena Project Education Vocational Training Center
 SAVEC Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center
 Yuut Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc. People's Learning Center
 NACTEC Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Center
 Delta Delta Career Advancement Center
 New Frontier New Frontier Vocational Technical Center



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Unemployment rate at 6.4 percent in December

Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in December. November's preliminary rate of 6.5 percent was revised to 6.4 percent.

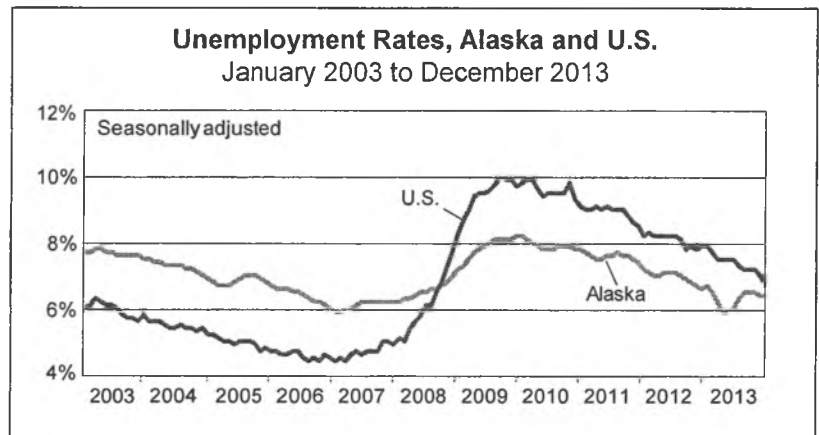
The comparable national rate in December was 6.7 percent.

Alaska's unemployment rate ended the year three-tenths of a percentage point below where it started. Although the rate took a rollercoaster ride in the middle of 2013 — most likely due to volatility in the numbers that will be smoothed out in later revisions — the overall trend through the year was downward.

Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in almost all of Alaska's boroughs and census areas, as is typical in December. Exceptions were in the municipalities of Anchorage and Skagway, where rates were essentially flat, and the North Slope Borough, where the rate fell eight-tenths of a percentage point. The North Slope Borough had the lowest rate in December at 3.9 percent.

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area had the highest rate in December at 21.3 percent. Wade Hampton Census Area and Skagway also had rates above 20 percent. The largest rate increases were in the Aleutians East Borough and Aleutians West Census Area, where rates increased 4.7 and 3.7 percentage points respectively.

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 Research and Analysis Web site: <http://laborstats.alaska.gov>



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	12/13	11/13	12/12
Alaska	6.4%	6.4%	6.6%
U.S.	6.7%	7.0%	7.9%

Sources for graph and table: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For detailed employment estimates, see <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/ces/>. The estimates are preliminary and subject to potentially large revisions.

Alaska Miners Association

Resolution 2013-1

A Resolution in Support of Reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Program Fund

WHEREAS, current and future workforce needs require continued education and training to stay competitive; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature established the Technical Vocational Education Fund to provide grants to technical and vocational education entities to provide industry specific training, on-the-job training and classroom job linked training; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska and the regional training centers have been recipients of Technical Vocational Education Program funding and utilize the funds to deliver hundreds of education and training programs to more than 4000 students throughout the state of Alaska resulting in graduates for Alaska's jobs; and

WHEREAS, the TVEP investments are aligned with priority industries established by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, the UA workforce development priorities include recognition of economic and community development, career pathways and high demand jobs as endorsed by University of Alaska Statewide Academic Council; and

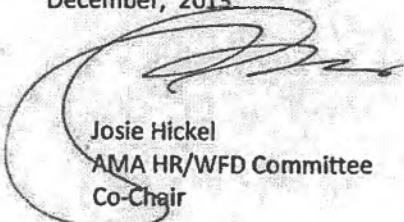
WHEREAS, the University of Alaska partners with employers and industry and other providers to offer education and training programs that meet industry and occupational needs throughout the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Vocational Education Program funding is due to sunset in June 2014;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Miners Association urges the Legislature and the Governor to support the reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Miners Association encourages the Legislature and the Governor to support current Technical Vocational Education Fund allocations to the University of Alaska and the regional training centers in the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Alaska Miners Association HR Committee this 18th day of December, 2013



Josie Hickel
AMA HR/WFD Committee
Co-Chair



Meg Day
AMA HR/WFD Committee
Co-chair

Cover Letter for a Resolution of Support for Reauthorizing TVEP

To: Alaska State Legislature

From: The Alaska Miners Association HR & Workforce Development Committee

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is an industry consortium that supports all mining entities in the state. The Human Resources Committee is focused on the policies and practices of employment and the development of the workforce for mining exploration and operations. The AMA HR committee has been an advocate of career and technical education and is focused on preparing our Alaskan students for successful and economic careers. The AMA is supporting the reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Plan (TVEP) per the attached resolution.

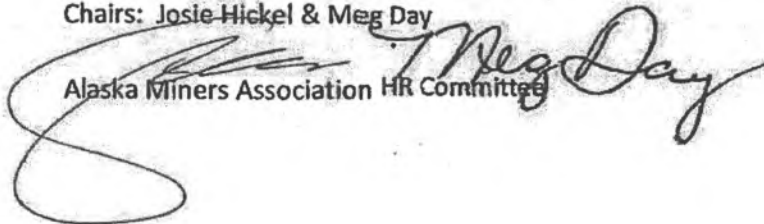
The TVEP has been a critical funding mechanism for those programs bridging from secondary to post-secondary education, in a pathway to good jobs for Alaskans in many areas of the state as well as providing upgrade in skills instruction to Alaskan residents. The University of Alaska and the regional training centers have been major players in utilizing the funds to train Alaskans with job and employability skills to fit both the local and state-wide economies. The Regional Training Centers and the University with its statewide campuses are prime locations for mining employment preparation with the industry's spread across Alaska's geography.

TVEP allows for both training programs and capacity building for the providers to help maintain an educational infrastructure that is accessible in many regionally as well as in the population hubs. The program not only needs to be reauthorized but should be funded to allow expansion of that reach to areas where access is still a problem. The UA and the regional training centers are currently stretched and need to be able to deliver training across distances through both technology and direct instruction. The TVEP is a major resource for those institutions, all of which have delivered well for their regions.

The Alaska Miners Association would like to reiterate our continuing advocacy of the TVEP as an integral part of the state's education plan. We strongly support the UA and the regional training centers in their efforts to provide training as a critical piece of workforce development. We hope to work to provide insights to the Legislature from the Business / industry sectors as well as to continue the dialogue of employers, educators, parents and communities.

Chairs: Josie Hickel & Meg Day

Alaska Miners Association HR Committee

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meg Day', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.



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February 4, 2014

Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Alaska Miners Association support of Reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Plan

Dear Legislators:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter of support for the reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Plan (TVEP).

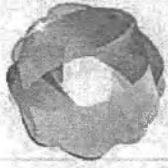
The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is a non-profit membership organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,500 individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. Our members look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

Attached is a resolution in support of reauthorizing TVEP created and approved by AMA's Human Resources and Workforce Development Committee. This committee has been focused on policies and practices of employment and development of the workforce for mining exploration and operations. I endorse this resolution wholeheartedly.

Thank you for your service to our State and for your support to create Alaskan jobs.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett
Executive Director



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September 11, 2013

Representative Mark Neuman.
State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 150 – Technical and Vocational Education Program – Letter of Support

Dear Representative Neuman:

Please accept this letter of support for the Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center's request for Technical and Vocational Education Program funding.

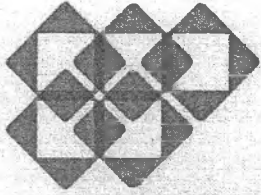
Ucore Rare Metals, Inc. is in the process of permitting and developing the Bokan-Dotson Ridge Rare Metal Project on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 36 miles from the community of Ketchikan. This is a project that will provide approximately 190 full time jobs during operation; and even more positions during the construction phase. We are committed to a strong local hire policy which is mutually beneficial to the company and the surrounding communities. For this policy to succeed, we will need the training opportunities provided by the Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) at their Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center (SSEATEC) to help ensure there are potential local employees with the skills necessary to do the work required. KIC and SSEATEC do an excellent job of providing introductory skills needed on the job such as: safe working habits, experience with power tools, and introductory regulatory required certifications under the Mine Safety and Health Act requirements. We also value the goal of the center which strives to ensure that each graduate is 'work ready', which includes screening and attention to life skills as well as industry focused training.

Ucore Rare Metals will, by company policy, give priority consideration to local SSEATEC students when hiring new workers.

We hope you give SSEATEC's request for funding serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.

Alaska Works Partnership ♦ Cooperative Extension Service ♦ Delta/Greely School District
University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College

March 25, 2013

Representative Mark Neuman
State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Neuman:

On behalf of the board of directors of Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc, I am writing in support of extending the sunset date for funding of Regional Training Centers through the program for Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP). Current funding is due to sunset June 2014. It is our understanding that your bill, HB 150, would extend the sunset date to 2024. Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc., a consortium of educational partners working together since 2003, is a state-recognized Regional Training Center committed to career advancement through education and training to develop Alaska's skilled workforce. Your support in sponsoring this bill is deeply appreciated.

A sunset date of June 2014 makes it difficult for our board to plan for the coming year. For us specifically in Delta Junction, if we commit to classes and training that we would like to offer at the Delta Career Advancement Center for the summer of 2014, but then learn next spring that funding will not be continued, we have little recourse since we are dependent on TVEP funding for our operation. We either severely scale back programs until we find additional support or perhaps even dissolve the consortium.

Furthermore, the timing of sunset in 2014 comes when we are looking to expand our operation with the construction of a building expansion to meet growing area needs for education and training. We are a small operation but have focused on quality and community needs as they relate to career advancement and workforce development needs of the state. Many describe us as a model for the state.

Our mission is to: *Make area youth and adults competitive for emerging jobs to help build Alaska's workforce.*

Since 2003 our educational partners have accomplished the following:

- Begin Construction Trades program at the high school. *100 + high school students to date*
- Build a facility in which partners deliver education and training programs for workforce development. The Delta Career Advancement Center opened in 2005.
- Hold first Industry Roundtable in 2005. We held our eighth Industry Roundtable in October 2012 to update our supporters and discuss with them their needs for future training and education.
- Kickoff in 2006 an intensive summer Intro to Heavy Equipment Operator Academy. *80+ Participants to date*
- Incorporate as Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc. in 2007 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit.
- Recognized by the State of Alaska as a Regional Training Center in 2008.
- Deliver for-credit and non-credit classes reaching 400+ students.

Our founding partners—Alaska Works Partnership, Delta/Greely School District, University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and UAF Community and Technical College deliver a

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range of workshops, testing services and classes for credit and non-credit skills building classes as well as certification opportunities at the Delta Career Advancement Center.

In addition, our annual summer academy has become life changing for many. Since 2006, more than 75 young adults have been introduced to the safe operation of heavy equipment through our **Introduction to Entry Level Heavy Equipment Operator Intensive Summer Academy**. Partners for Progress in Delta offers this academy each June in cooperation with one of the consortium's founding partners, Alaska Works Partnership, and the Operating Engineers Local 302 and its Training Trust.

Since 2006, we have had 20 apprenticeship placements resulting from the summer academy and high school Construction Trades classes; the 20th was just accepted by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) as a direct indenture from the Construction Trades high school program, and he will be recognized at the May 2013 high school graduation.

Of these 20 placements, many were youth who previously had not thought about their future and how they might fit into the workforce. Not all plan to attend college right after high school.

- In one instance a bank teller left her position to become a heavy equipment operator who is earning a good wage working throughout the state.
- In another instance someone who took the high school sequence is pursuing a career in the U.S. Coast Guard as a journeyman electrician.
- Yet another academy participant is working on a civil engineering degree at UAF—he wanted to understand what it meant to move dirt so he could be a better engineer.
- One success story is that of the high school student who took the high school Construction Trades classes, participated in the summer academy, was accepted into an IBEW apprenticeship, is now a journeyman and currently is working on a college degree by taking classes at the Delta Career Advancement Center.

We survey all of our participants annually and many tell us they appreciate the “hands-on experience and the opportunities to learn to get a well-paying job.” Additional comments include statements such as the following:

- “It was very helpful in teaching me how to operate equipment the correct way...it was a great experience.”
- “This center helps students find their career. People here have connections with employers.”
- “I learned, practiced a lot.”
- “I learned how important a good work ethic is on any job.”
- “It made me realize what I wanted to do.”

In 2012 and for 2013 as well, emphasis will be directed toward both heavy equipment operation and heavy equipment mechanic training. Importantly, the academy has had tremendous support from the City, local businesses and the Deltana Fair Association. We hope to have the 2012 academy students work this summer with a local contractor who is building the new Senior Care Center in Delta. Academy participants have the opportunity to operate each of the pieces of equipment used during the hands-on two-week portion of the program including a dozer, grader, excavator, water truck, backhoe, compactor, and end dump. The three-week academy results in 20-hour MSHA, Forklift operator, First Aid/CPR/AED training and certifications.

Below is a sampling of classes offered as needed and as demand warrants—for credit and not-for-credit through UAF Community and Technical College:

- Arctic Engineering, (graduate level) was video conferenced from the main UAF campus
- Birds of Alaska
- Certified Nurse Aide course through a combination of in-person instruction at the Center, videoconferencing and hands-on training in Fairbanks.
- Computer Business Applications (Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel)
- Developmental Math
- Digital Photography
- EMT II
- English 111
- Fundamentals of Oral Communication
- Information Technology (distanced delivered from Nome)
- Introductory Russian
- One student joined the Cisco Networking Academy training twice weekly in our facility. Another student took a distance delivered Communications class via video conferencing throughout the semester.
- Private Pilot Ground School
- Quick Books
- Small Business Marketing
- Welding I and Welding II
- Graduate student working on a master's degree in Natural Resources Management took a class vis-à-vis video conferencing at the Center
- Computer Business Applications: Microsoft Word and Excel
- Alaska Works Partnership offered two Weatherization classes

In addition we offer a number of workshops on a variety of topics to build skills for employment.

- Archaeological Fieldwork—an introductory class aimed at building entry level skills for work on archaeological digs—developed in cooperation with the U.S. Army Garrison—Fort Wainwright.
- CDL Prep Class and a CDL 10-hour intensive driving class with testing at the end. Worked with the Center for Employment Education to offer a pilot 10-hour Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) driver training and testing in Delta July 16-20, 2012. Of eight applicants four were interviewed and selected for this pilot training. Three of the four earned their license.
- Certiport
- Culinary Arts classes
- Drinking Water for Emergencies—developed to meet the needs of the Alaska State Defense Force, a 16-hour workshop aimed at training for decontaminating water in the event of disasters
- English as a Second Language workshop
- Heating Efficiently with Oil (Systems and Controls)—a CBU course for operating oil burners offered in cooperation with the Alaska Science Building Network
- ServSafe for food handler certification

One of our partners, Cooperative Extension Service (CES), increased its use of the Center with a series of videoconference classes, workshops and discussions. The local CES 4H program depends on the Delta Career Advancement as a place for its meetings.

- Alaska Residential Building
- DOT Trucking Regulations
- Solar Energy for Alaskans
- A required pesticide applicator class was delivered from Delta at the Center via videoconference to link with Anchorage, Kodiak, Juneau, and Fairbanks.
- Workshops on “Raising Chickens” and “Raising Fruits” were delivered from Fairbanks to the Center for local participation.
- Introduction to Specialty Food, Business, Family Child Care, as well as several sessions commemorating the 150th anniversary of the land-grant 1862 Morrill Act, were available through videoconferencing.

Our Delta/Greely School District partner uses the facility throughout the year for delivery of many of its career and technical education classes. In addition, the Delta Career Advancement Center has been the hub of the Delta High School Career Day programs for several years, including the fall 2012 daylong “Women in the Trades” focus. The Delta Career Advancement Center also serves as an important site for testing for appropriate placement in classes with Accuplacer testing, Center for Distance Education (CDE) testing, and the ACT tests offered throughout the year as the Center is now listed as a testing site.

In 2012 our Center headcount for classes for university credit, workshops, specialized training and testing at the Delta Career Advancement Center (DCAC) totaled 417 students. That’s up from the 2011 total of 248.

As required by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development we annually survey our students and area employers. We heard 97% of student respondents to our annual survey say they would take another class or recommend others to take a class at this center. In 2012, more employers than ever responded to the survey and they believe we are providing quality training.

Year	Student Response rate	Employer Response rate
2012	100%	69%
2011	53%	58%
2010	33%	31%
2009	27%	46%

In 2012, employers told us the following:

- 92% of employees who took classes still work for the organization.
- 68% of those who responded are very satisfied and 28% satisfied with overall skills of employees who take classes.
- 84% are very satisfied with the work ethic of employees hired who took classes at the Delta Career Advancement Center.

In 2012 area employers identified the following classes as important to offer in the future:

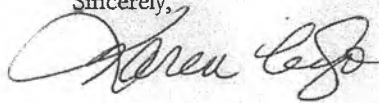
- GIS
- AutoCAD

- How to Teach Math
- Noncertified X-ray technician
- EMT II
- ESL more simplified
- Network Plus, Security Plus (8750 certificate training)
- Computer-related training
- Equipment safety for youth under 16
- Pedagogy and phlebotomy

At a February 2013 Delta Junction Chamber of Commerce Meeting we shared our vision for the expansion and attendees were asked if they supported us. We heard an enthusiastic "yes." For this reason the board is committed to working with the community to continue to offer a range of classes and training that can make a difference for the residents of our region. Continued TVEP funding is critical to this effort.

Please let us know what additional information you might need. Again we appreciate your sponsorship of this bill and support of workforce development efforts underway across the state.

Sincerely,



Karen Cedzo
Partner Coordination and Development, Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc.

Board Members

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The Honorable Representative Mike Chenault, Speaker of the House
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March 26th, 2013

To: Representative Neuman
From: Doug Walrath, Director
RE: TVEP Reauthorization

Dear Representative Neuman,

Thank you for your efforts to extend the Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) by sponsoring HB 150. This line of funding is instrumental to the delivery of Career and Technical Education training in Northwestern Alaska with several hundred young adults receiving vocational training from TVEP annually.

NACTEC continues to refine our vocational training programs to align with the 2012-2016 Alaska Integrated Workforce Development Plan with a technical training focus on priority industries such as: health care, construction, education, seafood harvesting and processing, information technology, and natural resource development as vocations in demand in Northwestern Alaska.

TVEP funding is of crucial importance to prepare young adults with workforce development skills. NACTEC is currently developing a "Success Series" of posters dedicated to young adults who've made the next step to the workforce as a result of their training. As one example, Marcus Barr a past trainee from Brevig Mission, completed NACTEC training, continued on to advanced VPSO training through Yuut Elitnaurviat, and then returned to his home village where he is now a VPSO. TVEP funding was instrumental to this success.

An extension of the TVEP funding will permit a continuation in much needed vocational training programs to meet local workforce needs in our region and prepare more young adults like Marcus. NACTEC supports all efforts to extend the current TVEP sunset and appreciate your proactive efforts to make it happen this year.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Walrath, NACTEC Director

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Representative Mark Neuman
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Re: HB150

Dear Representative Neuman:

The Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center would like to express gratitude to you for filing HB 150, which would provide for the extension of the unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education programs. The extension will allow us to continue to provide jobs training for our rural residents in our rural setting.

Since the inception of the unemployment contribution, SAVEC has made substantial gains in Vocational and Education programs. This funding mechanism has led to many jobs in the Bristol Bay region. The result of providing training for jobs is the best example of workforce development for our region, where unemployment approaches some of the highest percentages in Alaska.

Among the most recent classes, we have had a historically successful STEP grant program training mostly rural residents for CH2M Hill oil industry jobs. That program has one of the best returns of investment, and one of the highest wage gains of all STEP programs that are funded in Alaska.

SAVEC has also recently become a recipient of a BBNA written grant, with many Bristol Bay and federal partners that will result in the Bristol Bay fisheries job cluster development through a USDA and EDA Rural Jobs Accelerator Challenge grant. It is the first of its kind for training of rural Alaska residents for fisheries related jobs in the future.

Also, for the first time, SAVEC has partnered successfully with two of the Bristol Bay School Districts to provide CTE certified training for high school juniors and seniors in the Lake and Peninsula School District and Bristol Bay Borough School District. The program teaches basic business, construction, small engine repair, OSHA, Safety and First Aid, and other classes that will enable youth to get a head start, gaining both high

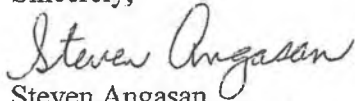
school credits, and college credits through a perpetual partnership with the University of Alaska, Bristol Bay Campus.

SAVEC has also become a recipient of a recent Denali grant for certification of Rural Alaska Maintenance Program Training in partnership with Alaska Works Partnership and five other Bristol Bay area regional partners.

SAVEC is making strides in providing technical and vocational training. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to enhance the job skills and the ability to get a job through the extension of the unemployment contributions for Alaska technical and vocational education programs.

Without the HB 150 contribution extension, and subsequent extension at historical levels, SAVEC will not be able to operate under the ever increasing costs of fuel and electricity that we encounter.

Sincerely,


Steven Angasan
Executive Director

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March 25, 2013

RE: HB 150-TVEP Sunset Extension

ATTN: Labor and Commerce Committee

Dear Committee Members:

Yuut Elitnaurviat-People's Learning Center Inc. (YE) recently learned the House Bill 150 is being reviewed and if approved will change the sunset date for Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) from 2014 to 2024. YE is 100% in support of this bill.

YE is a fully operational vocational school located in Bethel. Our organization was created to deliver workforce development programs to our region, the most populated in rural Alaska. The legislature took a leap of faith and named YE as a TVEP recipient when the program was created in 2004. YE was still early in its development, and this investment from the state made it possible to pilot programs while our campus was still under construction. When we became fully operational in 2009 we were ready to expand and we hit the ground running. Our service numbers jumped from an average of 150 per year during development to nearly 3,000 in 2012.

YE fully utilizes all of our TVEP funding by March or April of each fiscal year. We then spend earned revenue to get us through the end of each year. As it stands we have struck a nice balance with our business model. Our staffing is small, but adequate. Our programs are robust and responsive to our regional workforce development needs. When fuel costs increased dramatically last summer and heating fuel hit \$7 a gallon, we invested in wind turbines and solar panels. The net effect has been that our costs are the same as they were the year before the increase. Our current funding level ensures we are frugal and encourages us to constantly strive to improve and explore new opportunities.

We have data and statistics demonstrating the state's investment in our activities is a good value. As it presently stands TVEP constitutes approximately 24% of our annual operating budget. In return for this investment YE provided services to 2981 individuals in fiscal year 2012. YE has developed a very sophisticated customized student tracking database over the last 7 years. The database tracks students progress through programs and after they enter the workforce. YE services include direct training for dozens of industry driven classes, career guide services, GED instruction & testing (largest program in rural Alaska), Rural Alaska's only State Certified Driving School (permit classes, behind the wheel training, ADL & CDL testing), hosting the Dental Therapy Program (the only of its kind in the US), Rural Alaska's only full apprenticeship programs for Industrial Electric, Plumbing & Carpentry, coordinating the RANSEP program (brings village based students to Bethel so that they can take advanced math and science classes), and YE now hosts Village Police Officer Trainings for the entire state.

YE carefully collects student data and keeps impeccable financial records. We take our commitment to our funders seriously and strive to ensure we are always good stewards of all public and private funds that support our endeavors. Our greatest pride however is our commitment to our students. We know



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them. We know their families. Their success is our success. We link our services and programs to encourage students to keep advancing.

George Kameroff graduated from Aniak High School and went on to complete our Certificate in Construction and Maintenance in 2012. He then enrolled in our Electrical Apprenticeship program with Chulista. Receiving the certificate allowed him to transfer 500 hours towards his apprenticeship program. .

Debbie Rushing moved to Bethel and completed her GED at YE at age 54. She is now enrolled in our Certified Nursing Assistant Program (CNA) and has a job waiting as soon as she finishes the program in March.

Eddie Stanley Jr. received his GED at YE. He then completed our Certificate in Construction and Maintenance and entered our Electrical Apprenticeship Program. The licensed electrical journeyman who is now signing off on Eddie's apprenticeship hours, Jason Martin, is a graduate of our apprenticeship program in his own right.

YE is currently partnered with the Association of Village Council Presidents to deliver a welding class. We have a cohort of 9 students who upon completion of the program will go straight to work building the boardwalks in their own community. After the guaranteed experience this summer, these new welders will have both classroom and real-world work experience under their belts. They will be highly qualified for additional high wage jobs at remote camp sites throughout the state.

Anthony Nevak was a 19 year old junior in danger of dropping out. YE recruited him into the RANSEP Program. He came to Bethel from Toksook Bay for two semesters of advanced math and science coursework. He completed both the ANSEP Acceleration Academy and the ANSEP Summer Bridge Program. Anthony graduated in 2012 and entered UAA without needing any remedial classes. He is now excelling in his freshman year of college at UAA with the ANSEP program.

TVEP funding has been critical to our success. We believe that the TVEP program is a great investment, and an effective way for the State to support workforce development in the YK Delta.

Sincerely,

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