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Representative Paul Seaton
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Representative Seaton:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School supports HB 202, allowing the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to establish a workforce and education-related statistics program for analyzing education and training outcomes and maintaining a database containing this information.

Sharing data between school districts, state agencies and higher education is important for all entities and the Alaska economy. The longitudinal data will allow high quality decisions regarding resource allocation, program evaluation and promote greater collaboration between the various parts of our educational system. This collaboration will promote student growth at all levels of the system and meet the needs of individual students for long-term social and economic success.

An important part of the bill is to protect students and personal information. This protection comes from requiring ACPE to remove personally identifiable information before placing the information in the database. With written agreements in place between ACPE and other entities addressing information disclosure, KPBSD believes students will be protected.

HB 202 looks to be an excellent tool to bridge any information gaps between ACPE, pertinent state agencies, the University of Alaska, and K-12 education. Students will benefit through this bridge and efforts promoted by HB 202. KPBSD supports passage of this bill during this legislative session.

Sincerely,

Sean Dusek
Superintendent of Schools