

**University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Staff Council**

***Resolution 2016-E-2***

***Approved***

***April 11, 2016***

UAF Staff Council unanimously approved the following resolution via electronic vote on April 11, 2016.

**Resolution 2016-E-2 - Approved**

**A Resolution Supporting the Position of the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF) in Their Opposition to State of Alaska Senate Bill 208 (SB 208), ‘An Act eliminating the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program; and providing for an effective date.’**

**WHEREAS**, UAF Staff Council is the elected representative body of the staff of the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, ASUAF is the elected representative body of the students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska State Senate is currently considering SB 208, which would eliminate both the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program; and

**WHEREAS**, ASUAF recently passed a resolution in opposition to SB 208; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program has made higher education accessible for thousands of Alaska students; and

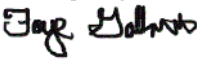
**WHEREAS**, Staff Council recognizes the central focus of UAF’s mission to “educate students for active citizenship and prepare them for lifelong learning and careers”; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff Council also supports UAF’s work to “emphasiz[e] the circumpolar North and its diverse peoples”; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that UAF Staff Council stands with ASUAF in their opposition to State of Alaska Senate Bill SB 208, ‘An Act eliminating the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program; and providing for an effective date.’

(Attachments)

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Faye Gallant, President, UAF Staff Council

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April 19, 2016

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Date



## UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks

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### **SR 186-005 Opposing Alaska Senate Bill 208**

**Sponsor: Senator Murph**

**First considered 4/3/2016**

**Whereas,** The student body of UAF strongly appreciates the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant, understanding that these awards are critical for providing education in Alaska, and;

**Whereas,** The compressed timeline of SB 208 has afforded students little opportunity to testify on the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant's importance, raising significant concern, and;

**Whereas,** The Alaska Performance Scholarship provided assistance to over 3,000 students this year, and;

**Whereas,** The Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant provide critical incentives for students to pursue higher education in the state of Alaska, and;

**Whereas,** Students educated in Alaskan colleges are significantly more likely to stay in the state, strengthening the Alaskan economy and community, and;

**Whereas,** Ensuring that college graduates remain in Alaska is crucial to establishing the economic strength and diversity that will build Alaska's future, and;

**Whereas,** Many students would be unable to attend higher education institutions at all without the benefit of the Alaska Performance Scholarship or Alaska Education Grant, now therefore be it;

**Resolved,** That the student body of UAF strongly opposes Alaska Senate Bill 208, as students believe it will cause significant damage to the vitality of higher education in Alaska and consequently harm the state economy, and be it further;

**Resolved,** That the student body of UAF affirms the importance of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant to higher education in Alaska.

**Statement of Purpose:** To oppose Alaska Senate Bill 208 and support the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant.

**Statement of Fiscal Impact:** \$0



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### SR 186-005 Opposing Alaska Senate Bill 208

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Officiated vote (yes, no, abstention)

April 3, 2016

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Date Passed

*Clare Mullin (For Schurz)*

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Jonathan Schurz, ASUAF Senate Clerk

April 6, 2016

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Date

*Allyssia Garcia*

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Allyssia Garcia, ASUAF Senate Chair

April 6, 2016

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Date

*Mathew Carrick*

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Mathew Carrick, ASUAF President

4/6/16

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Date

00 SENATE BILL NO. 208

01 "An Act eliminating the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance  
02 scholarship program; and providing for an effective date."

03 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

04 \* Section 1. AS 14.42.030(e) is amended to read:

05 (e) The commission may

06 (1) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)

07 to

08 (A) carry out the purposes of

09 (i) AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.325, 14.43.510 - 14.43.750

10 [AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.849], 14.43.990, AS 14.44, and AS 14.48; and

11 (ii) AS 14.43.910 and 14.43.920 as they relate to the  
12 purposes of AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.325, 14.43.510 - 14.43.750

13 [AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.849], 14.43.990, AS 14.44, and AS 14.48;

14 (B) ensure compliance with the requirements imposed by state  
01 and federal statutes and regulations governing the guaranty, insurance,  
02 purchase, or other dealings in eligible loans by federal agencies,  
03 instrumentalities, or corporations; and

04 (C) establish standards for the

05 (i) administration of hearings conducted under  
06 AS 14.43.153; and

07 (ii) administrative enforcement of collection orders  
08 under AS 14.43.151 - 14.43.155;

09 (2) delegate to the executive director of the commission or a  
10 subcommittee of the commission any duty imposed on or power granted to the  
11 commission by this chapter, AS 14.43, AS 14.44, or AS 14.48, except its power to  
12 adopt regulations and its duty to consider appeals under AS 14.43.100(b) and  
13 AS 14.48.120;

14 (3) establish task forces, committees, or subcommittees, not  
15 necessarily consisting of commission members, to advise and assist the commission in  
16 carrying out its functions;

17 (4) contract with or use existing institutions of postsecondary  
18 education or other individuals or organizations to make studies, conduct surveys,  
19 submit recommendations, or otherwise contribute to the work of the commission;

20 (5) establish fees for the review of an out-of-state institution that

21 (A) requests approval for participation in the programs under  
22 AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.325, 14.43.510 - 14.43.750 [AS 14.43.091 - 14.43.750],  
23 14.43.990, and AS 14.44; and

24 (B) is not accredited by a national or regional accreditation  
25 association recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;

26 (6) collect all fees and costs incurred in collection of the amount owed  
27 on a loan or repayment obligation if the loan or repayment obligation becomes  
28 delinquent or in default; in this paragraph, fees and costs include attorney fees, court  
29 costs, and collection fees charged by a collection agency; and

30 (7) if approved by the department, receive and analyze performance  
31 data for students in grades kindergarten through 12 and enter into contracts for the  
01 purpose of assessing education outcomes.

02 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.43.810(a) is amended to read:

03 (a) The Alaska performance scholarship program is established to provide  
04 scholarships for students who graduate from high school on or before July 15,  
05 2016, [GRADUATES] who are Alaska residents to attend a qualified postsecondary

06 institution in the state.

07 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.43.820(a) is amended to read:

08 (a) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall award an Alaska  
09 performance scholarship to an applicant who

10 (1) is a resident of the state as defined in AS 01.10.055;

11 (2) graduated or will graduate within six months from a high school in  
12 the state;

13 (3) except as provided in (c) of this section, has completed a core  
14 academic curriculum of high school level coursework that includes

15 (A) four years of mathematics, four years of language arts, four  
16 years of science, and four years of social studies, one year of which may  
17 include a foreign language, an Alaska Native language, fine arts, or cultural  
18 heritage; or

19 (B) three years of mathematics, four years of language arts,  
20 three years of science, four years of social studies, and two years of a foreign  
21 language or an Alaska Native language;

22 (4) has a minimum grade-point average in high school of 2.5 or higher;  
23 the department shall set by regulation minimum requirements based on a substantially  
24 similar standard for districts that do not assign grades;

25 (5) has achieved a minimum score on a

26 (A) college entrance examination; or

27 (B) standardized examination designed to measure a student's  
28 level of preparedness to make the transition to work, as selected by the  
29 department; [AND]

30 (6) is enrolled in good standing in a course of study at a qualified  
31 postsecondary institution in this state that is intended to result in the award of a  
01 certificate or degree ; and

02 (7) applies to the commission on or before July 15, 2016 .

03 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.43.825(b) is amended to read:

04 (b) A student's eligibility for a scholarship terminates six years after the date  
05 the student graduates from high school unless the student qualifies for an extension of  
06 time allowed by the department by regulation. The department may not extend a  
07 student's eligibility for a scholarship past July 15, 2022.

08 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.45.130(a) is amended to read:

09 (a) A religious or other private school that elects to comply with AS 14.45.100  
10 - 14.45.130 shall maintain permanent student records reflecting immunizations,  
11 physical examinations, standardized testing, academic achievement, and courses taken  
12 at the school [, AND LEVEL OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ALASKA  
13 PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849].

14 \* Sec. 6. AS 37.14.750(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The Alaska higher education investment fund is established in the general  
16 fund [FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS AWARDED UNDER

17 AS 14.43.400 - 14.43.420 BY APPROPRIATION TO THE ACCOUNT  
18 ESTABLISHED UNDER AS 14.43.915(a) AND OF MAKING SCHOLARSHIP

19 PAYMENTS TO QUALIFIED POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS FOR

20 STUDENTS UNDER AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849 BY APPROPRIATION TO THE

21 ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER AS 14.43.915(b)]. Money in the fund does not  
22 lapse. The fund consists of

23 (1) money appropriated to the fund;

24 (2) income earned on investment of fund assets; and

25 (3) donations to the fund [; AND  
26 (4) MONEY REDEPOSITED UNDER AS 14.43.915(c)].  
27 \* Sec. 7. AS 14.03.113 is repealed July 16, 2016.  
28 \* Sec. 8. AS 14.43.400, 14.43.405, 14.43.406, 14.43.415, 14.43.420, 14.43.810, 14.43.820,  
29 14.43.825, 14.43.830, 14.43.840, 14.43.849, 14.43.915; and AS 37.14.750(c) are repealed  
30 July 16, 2022.  
31 \* Sec. 9. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
01 read:  
02 APPLICABILITY. The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education may not  
03 award an Alaska performance scholarship under AS 14.43.810 - 14.43.849 to a new applicant  
04 who first applies for a scholarship after July 15, 2016.  
05 \* Sec. 10. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
06 read:  
07 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Education and Early  
08 Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska  
09 Commission on Postsecondary Education may adopt regulations necessary to implement  
10 changes made to their respective authorities by this Act. The regulations take effect under  
11 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law being  
12 implemented.  
13 \* Sec. 11. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:  
15 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 2 - 4 of this Act are retroactive to July 15, 2016.  
16 \* Sec. 12. Sections 1, 5, and 6 of this Act take effect July 16, 2022.  
17 \* Sec. 13. Except as provided in sec. 12 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
18 AS 01.10.070(c).