



# ALABAMA EMPLOYER SERVICES COMMITTEE

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## Employer Committee

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RE: HB 137 by Rep. Clouse      SB 345 by Sen. Poole

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Dear Members:

The Alabama Employer Services Committee represents hundreds of employers with thousands of employees.

Without ES offices, employers will increase their recruiting costs and receive little or no benefit for taxes paid whenever new hires are needed. The local ES offices, with a presence in sixty-one locations throughout this state provide services which are utilized by many employers. These ES offices fill job vacancies when we need employees; they take applications, match applicants with job openings, and refer qualified individuals; they provide no-cost space for employers to interview applicants; and they assist veterans in obtaining training and services.

When people are laid off, the local ES office is where people go to get into the WIA System, to be retrained, trained or further educated. The ES is critical to developing and maintaining a viable workforce so Alabama can be competitive in attracting new industry and keeping existing industry in Alabama. With the national unemployment rate at 6.1%, the highest in nine years, we cannot afford to miss this opportunity to put unemployed workers back to work.

In addition, the local offices take and process multitudes of applications for the high profile automotive industry in Alabama - Mercedes, Honda, Toyota and Hyundai - as well as, the many other AIDT projects throughout the state.

Therefore, on behalf of this committee please support HB 137 and/or SB 345. We need your support on this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Barthel  
Chairman

cc: AESC Members  
Phyllis Kennedy