



Anchorage Independent Longshore Union Local No. 1

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May 6, 2022

Via Email Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov & Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov
Via Email Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov & Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov

The Honorable Co-Chairs of House and Senate Finance
120 4th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Letter of Support for Port of Alaska Funding

Committee Co-chairs:

Anchorage Independent Longshore Union, Local 1 (AILU) represents over 300 workers for the Port of Alaska which needs funding for refurbishment and modernization. Since before AILU's inception in 1974, Anchorage longshoremen have handled the cargo brought to Alaska through the Port, and plan to continue doing so far into the future. Funding is a crucial necessity for the Port to continue operations at its current levels of approximately 1,000 containers per day.

The Port is the linchpin for Alaska providing supplies to the road system. Food, pipeline material and other goods off-loaded by AILU members are then brought to the interior and Kenai Peninsula and are the lifeline for Alaska's development and food security. AILU works a 24/7 schedule to ensure that goods are offloaded when the cargo ships come in, and the distribution of goods timely gets out for delivery.

With more federal dollars being made available, it is crucial that Alaska be competitive in applying for these grants to secure money over larger ports across the country. AILU fully supports the \$200 Million appropriated for the Port of Alaska modernization with the purpose of matching each dollar received in federal funds in the House Finance committee substitute version G working draft. This funding will allow for better competition for the Port of Alaska to obtain grants and more federal funds.

Sincerely,

Anchorage Independent Longshore Union, Local 1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Black".

Donald C. Black
President

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050622 House Finance Committee Letter of Support Port of Alaska

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001
Cc: The Alaska State Legislature House Finance Committee
The Alaska State Legislature Senate Finance Committee
Senator Lisa Murkowski

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Subject: Request for state investment of funding, in the amount of \$6.1 million dollars for Alaska's Health Information Exchange, healtheConnect Alaska.

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I urge you to take action and ensure that \$6.1 million dollars in state general funds is put into the budget for fiscal years 2023-2025. Thank you for supporting Alaskan healthcare providers and patients.

Thank you,

Corinna Muller, DO, FACOOG (Distinguished), MBA
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Senator Tom Begich
Representative Zack Fields

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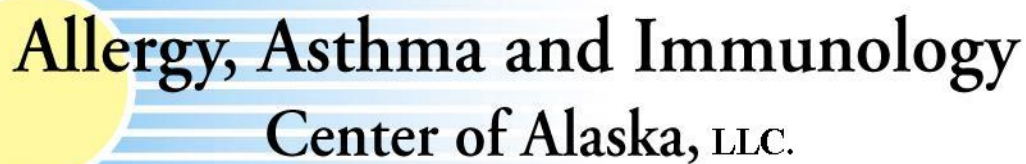
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Ashlyn Krause
Operations Manager
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Melinda M. Rathkopf, MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI, FAAP
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May 6, 2022

The Alaska State Legislature House Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Submitted via email to House.Finance@akleg.gov

Dear Representatives:

The Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA) represents physicians throughout the state and is concerned primarily with the health of all Alaskans.

ASMA supports the proposed funding to continue the health information exchange known as healtheConnect Alaska for fiscal years 2023-2025. This funding will further the data modernization efforts, provide for department staff and efforts to transition to more long-term funding.

HeatheConnect is a HIPAA-compliant project that provides physician and other medical professionals with access to accurate and up-to-date patient information. This access to current lab results and disease monitoring from multiple providers and sites is essential to providing the quality of patient care that Alaskans deserve.

Please do all you can to support funding for healtheConnect Alaska. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pam Ventgen, Executive Director
Alaska State Medical Ass

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
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Thank you.



Albert Fogle
HealthConnect Alaska Treasurer
5910 West Tree Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507
907-575-5625

From: Asimakopoulos, Jody [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2022 5:35 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: 115 waiver services

To Whom it May Concern

Please add funding in the capital budget for behavioral health treatment capacity. The funding will help us deliver 115 waiver services. It is greatly needed in our community and a good investment in the future.

Thank you
Jody Asimakopoulos

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From: Colleen Nusbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2022 9:20 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Tom Chard
Subject: Funding for 1115 Waiver

Please add funding in the capital budget for behavioral health treatment capacity. The funding will help us deliver 1115 waiver services. Thank you.

On another note, the way the Alaskan Law is written for Licensed Clinical Social Workers prevents us from being able to provide any support services, only counseling. This this significantly restricts the care our beneficiaries deserve.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Colleen Nusbaum, LCSW

From: Mike Sims <msims@thearcofanchorage.org>
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2022 8:40 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support Behavioral Health

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a community provider who provides essential services to Alaskan's who experience behavioral, emotional and mental health challenges, I would like to take this opportunity to say on behalf of our agency and supported individuals, please add funding in the capital budget for behavioral health treatment capacity.

The funding will help us deliver 1115 waiver services and assist individuals in improving his/her health, independence, and quality of life.

We appreciate all that you do and thank you in advance of your support.









Mike Sims

Project Manager

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From: Lawrence Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2022 4:34 PM
To: House Finance; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: Seems obscure, but it's really important...

Dear legislators,

As a retired public health professor from UAA, I am writing to request that public funding, in the amount of \$6.1 million dollars, be allocated to the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal years 2023-2025 to continue the crucial services provided through healthConnect Alaska. Seems esoteric, but is really a critical services in these times of deadly infectious diseases in our communities.

HealthConnect provides electronic patient data to our health care providers all over the state so they have access to the right patient information at the right time. It enables us to assist the state with the reporting of lab results and syndromic surveillance reporting, and ensures we are providing our patients the timely and appropriate care they need.

I urge you to take action and ensure that \$6.1 million dollars in state general funds is put into the budget for fiscal years 2023-2025. This will directly support Alaskan healthcare providers and patients today and every day across the state.

Thank you.

Lawrence D. Weiss PhD
5862 Kennyhill Dr.
Anchorage 99504

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[REDACTED]

From: Austin Ahmasuk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:32 AM
To: House Community and Regional Affairs; House Finance
Subject: Port of Nome Expansion is a waste Alaskan and Federal Dollars

My name is Austin Ahmasuk I am a lifelong resident of Nome Alaska and urgently want to share my opinion of the port of Nome and potential expansion.

NO Food, NO medicine, NO clothes, are sent through the port of Nome, and there is NO military need for an Arctic Port anywhere.

NO livestock come or exit via the port of Nome to serve Alaska or the nation.

There is no portside infrastructure to serve Alaska or the nation.

There is no line of steel, or other raw materials rolling off ships or on to ships to serve Alaska or the Nation. In fact the port of Nome is frozen for seven months of the year and will sit idle and taxpayers will spend money with no return.

It's a fantasy to think that port of Nome expansion will import and/or export raw materials and change the fate the local people living in Nome or the State of Alaska.

The City of Nome will not have the infrastructure ready and where will the money come from in order for the port of Nome to be fully manned up. It's unreasonable to expect, that the tiny of port Nome is needed for any of the reasons that the Nome Port Director, Mayor of Nome may have indicated. In fact the people of Nome do NOT want port expansion. A vocal few peddling dishonest information have meant that dishonest facts have been allowed to come to light.

Thank you for your time and consideration please remove port of Nome funding from the budget.

Austin Ahmasuk

From: Joelle Hall <joelle@akaficio.org>
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2022 2:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Port of Alaska

The Alaska AFL-CIO representing over 50,000 working Alaskans would like to go on record supporting the \$200M increment for the Port of Alaska.

This project is important to Alaska and will keep these needed and vital improvements on track. In addition to the goods and material that comes across the docks destined for communities all over our state, this is a source of needed jobs. This project is shovel-ready and will be a pathway to training up the workforce we will need as future IJA projects come on line.

Please support this important project.

Thanks- Joelle

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Joelle Hall
President
Alaska AFL-CIO
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cell 907-229-3445

From: Rachael Sizemore [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2022 1:27 PM
To: House Finance; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: HealtheConnect

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Rachael Sizemore

Physical Therapist

