

April 5, 2013

The Honorable Lora Reinbold  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Capitol Room 432  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Bill 140

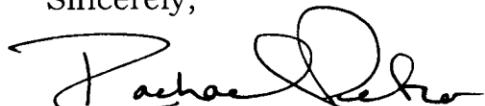
Dear Representative Reinbold,

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) is an organization dedicated to improving the business climate in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber represents hundreds of statewide businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. Today, I write in support of House Bill (HB) 140 – Notice for Regulation Adoption.

The Alaska Chamber supports legislation that updates and clarifies laws as they relate to doing business in Alaska and generally improves our business climate. HB 140 recognizes that administrative code and regulations often can add to the cost of doing business in Alaska. HB 140 requires costs to businesses and other governments be estimated during the adoption process.

Alaska has unique characteristics and challenges when it comes to being competitive in the marketplace – like our Arctic conditions, lack of economies of scale, etc. Promulgation of code and regulations by the State of Alaska should not add to our challenges with being competitive. By requiring cost estimates for businesses and government, HB 140 is an important first step to protect against the State of Alaska reducing Alaska's competitiveness for business investment.

Sincerely,



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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Lora Reinbold  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: House Bill 140

Dear Representative Reinbold:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business/Alaska, I wish to respectfully share our support for House Bill 140. The National Federation of Independent Business is the largest small-business advocacy group in Alaska.

Regulations promulgated by the administrative branch continue to add costs to the operation of small businesses in Alaska. All too often, those involved in writing regulations fail to realize the cost their actions have on private individuals and businesses that are not reimbursed by government. We are happy to see legislation recognizing this fact and requiring that it be recognized by administrative agencies as they consider new regulations.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses/Alaska polled its members asking if legislation or regulation that pertain to business require a cost-benefit analysis before implementation. Our members voted 71% in favor of such a requirement. While this is not specifically addressed in the legislation, HB 140 is a substantive step towards recognizing the cost of regulations to the private sector and municipalities.

If we want Alaska to be welcoming to small business, it is important the state begin to recognize the costs it mandates on those small businesses. Until we require those costs be officially recognized, it is difficult to reduce regulatory costs for small businesses.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis L. DeWitt  
Alaska State Director

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Cc: NFIB/AK Leadership Council  
House Judiciary Committee



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March 20, 2013

The Honorable Representative Lora Reinbold  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Reinbold,

On behalf of Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., I would like to offer support for House Bill 140, the “Regulation Transparency Act.” Regulations which are passed impact our daily lives in many ways and often have unintended consequences and huge costs to organizations and individuals. It is vital that the consequences and financial burden of these regulations be considered carefully prior to implementation.

House Bill 140 will work to ensure that agencies thoughtfully take into consideration the many outer costs that these regulations will initiate. As well as create an awareness of these potential costs that these regulations will pose, both to private individuals and to organizations such as ours.

We feel that this “Regulation Impact Transparency Act” is an important step in creating an open and thoughtful regulation process.

Sincerely,

  
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March 25, 2013

Honorable Representative Lora Reinbold  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska

RE: HB 140

Dear Representative Reinbold,

The Alaska Municipal League would like relay to you our support for HB 140.

While most regulations at the state level and more than a few at the federal level impact municipalities, it is always helpful to have some idea of how that impact will affect our bottom line; for planning and budgetary considerations.

I believe that having this information available to Legislators will also help to identify legislation that might be forthcoming in order to save individuals and/or municipalities money. While the cost of implementation to the agency may be minimal, the costs that will be required of individuals and municipalities may impose more damage than the regulation is worth.

We applaud your attempt to encourage all involved to look at broader impacts of regulation changes.

Sincerely,

Kathie Wasserman  
Executive Director



Council of  
**Alaska Producers**

March 15, 2013

The Honorable Representative Lora Reinbold  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Reinbold,

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) would like to thank you for introducing HB140, the Regulation Impact Transparency Act.

CAP is a non-profit trade association formed in 1992 and serves as a spokesperson for the large metal mines and major metal developmental projects in the state. The Council brings together mining companies with interest in Alaska to represent and inform members on legislative and regulatory issues, to support and advance the mining industry, to provide education to members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and to promote economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

CAP supports a regulatory framework that is rigorous, science based, transparent and predictable and we support HB140 as it provides transparency to proposed regulation changes in the State of Alaska.

It does this by ensuring that details of their provenance, including any federal action that may have resulted in their proposal, are available to the public. It also requires an accounting of the costs to private persons and municipalities that would be required to comply with any proposed regulation change.

By providing additional transparency to the process, this bill will allow all Alaskans to fully understand the impact of regulatory changes to their businesses and their daily lives.

We thank you for your support of the Alaska mining industry and we look forward to providing additional support to this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Satre".

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