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Sponsor Substitute House Bill 13 (34-LS0194\N)

Sponsor Statement

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House Bill 13 gives municipalities additional tools to use at their discretion in helping to solve their local housing challenges.

Five separate and **completely optional** municipal tax exemptions are specifically authorized through this legislation.

- For owners that convert a short-term rental to a long-term rental
- Up to a 10-year exemption for certain mobile home park construction/renovation projects
- For properties rented to low-income families (as defined under 42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)(A))
- People who reside in owner-occupied homes
- Those who are first time homebuyers

Lack of affordable housing is a nationwide crisis and Alaska is no exception. In fact, with our drastic weather challenges and already high cost of living lack of housing is a clear and present threat to the basic safety of Alaskans every day.

In summation the legislation specifically clarifies multiple **options** municipalities **may** use in solving housing challenges that vary from community to community across Alaska.

No municipal tax exemption in this bill is mandatory.

I would appreciate your support.

