



ALASKA RESILIENCE INITIATIVE

January 9, 2018

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Rm. 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Scheduling and passing HCR 2 – relating to Adverse Childhood Experiences

Dear Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins,

The Alaska Resilience Initiative is in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 2 – relating to Adverse Childhood Experiences. As part of a collaborative effort housed at the Alaska Children's Trust, our Initiative is a network of nonprofit, tribal and state government organizations, schools, businesses and community coalitions with a shared goal of mobilizing Alaska to end child maltreatment, and intergenerational and systemic trauma, through healing and strategic advocacy.

Our Initiative's Steering Committee members, who represent 25 different entities and 16 sectors, spent many hours working in collaboration with the sponsor and others to revise the initial version of HCR 2, and we would like you to consider the attached version as your working document for consideration as soon as possible in January. We are already working to build support in the Senate and are mobilized to get it passed through both bodies. We understand the restraints the state is facing, and this legislation represents a strong first step towards trauma-informed practices, which will improve well-being and reduce costs.

Attached please find the new draft resolution and a list of all the organizations that have already sent letters of support, many of whom have members in Sitka and other cities and towns of importance to your committee. This is a statewide issue that will reap rewards for our children's future.

Sincerely,



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Director, Alaska Resilience Initiative

Cc: House State Affairs Committee Members:

Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, Vice Chair
Rep. Chris Birch

Rep. Chris Tuck
Rep. DeLena Johnson

Rep. Adam Wool
Rep. Gary Knoop



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