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House Bill 302

“An Act extending the termination date for the Board of Professional Counselors; and providing for an effective date.”

HB302 extends the sunset date for the Board of Professional Counselors to June 30, 2026. I encourage all the members to review the Legislative Audit summary and the full audit report. You will see that the Board has served the public’s interest by effectively licensing and regulating professional counselors and certified counselor supervisors. From FY14 to FY16, the Board has had a 46% increase in new licenses, and has issued 190 new licenses and 73 supervisor certifications over that time. Additionally, the Board has worked to implement new tele-health regulations to guide the distance delivery of services for mental health occupations.

The Board of Professional Counselors serves an important role in monitoring licenses and working to ensure that only qualified individuals practice in Alaska. The continuation of this Board is important to the ongoing improvement of the professional counselor occupation.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.