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Senator Anna McKinnon  
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau AK 99801

Re: HB 83, Repeal of AS 09.68.130

Dear Senator McKinnon,

I am writing on behalf of the Anchorage Bar Association and myself to request and encourage that the Senate Finance Committee set HB 83 for hearing and pass it out so that the bill can be enacted into law this year. A hearing would be short since there is no opposition to this bill. This statute makes criminals out of most Alaskan civil litigation attorneys and pro-se civil litigants. Many attorneys and most civil litigants are unaware of this statute, and compliance is negligible.

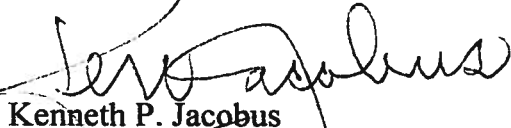
I have enclosed the most recent Resolution 2016-1 of the Anchorage Bar Association, adopted last month. The enclosed resolution lists a lot of the reasons that the statute is unnecessary. At the present time, these reports must be made. Nothing is done with the reports by the State because it has no need of the information. The Alaska Judicial Council presently supports HB 83 and the repeal of the reporting requirements.

Repealing this statute would remove a useless and major burden on Alaskan attorneys and clients. Those attorneys who follow the statutory requirements and submit these reports either bill their clients for them or absorb the cost as an administrative expense. I personally absorb the cost as an administrative expense, but believe that many, if not most, attorneys bill their clients for these reports. HB 83 would also save the State money since it would not have to collect and process these useless reports.

Thank you very much for your help in getting HB 83 enacted.

Very truly yours,

ANCHORAGE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.



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cc Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux