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My name is Laura Bonner and I live in Anchorage. I moved to Alaska in 1972 and I have a 12th grader in a public school.

I basically support CS for HB156 (EDU) as passed by the House. I have a concern with Section 1, new item 2 regarding the “comparison of the state public school system to public schools in other states...” because the tests administered may be different and/or administered under different conditions. Standardized tests offer only a glimpse of progress and should not be the only or the best tool to measure accountability.

I oppose the Senate CS for CS HB156 (EDU). Changing the title of the bill and the new Section 18 are especially troubling as those issues have been considered in other bills this session and basically have hijacked HB156. I support only the changes to Section 19 of this version of HB156.

Thank you