

**Advisory Board on Alcoholism  
and Drug Abuse**



**Alaska Mental Health Board**

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Representative Bob Herron  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 415  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: HB 110 — Licensing of Psychologists

Dear Representative Herron,

The Alaska Mental Health Board appreciates your recognition of the need to ensure that quality care is provided to adults and children needing psychological services.

We recognize that there have been occasions in which someone without proper credentials or licenses have held themselves out to be psychologists. This not only compromises the quality of care received by patients, but also the credibility and reputation of the mental health profession as a whole.

We appreciate that your bill balances the need to protect patients by ensuring that mental health professionals are properly licensed with the unique needs of school districts employing school psychologists.

We feel that HB 110 will help ensure that Alaskans receive quality mental health services from properly licensed and credentialed professionals. We thank you for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debi Keith".

Debi Keith, Chair  
AMHB