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Alaska State Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2009

To: Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chairman
Representative Mike Hawker, Co-Chairman
House Finance Committee

From: Representative Chris Tuck

RE: HB 69 Alaska Parents As Teachers Act – Fiscal Note

I would like to note for the record that there is a significant discrepancy between the HB 69 fiscal note the Department of Education and Early Development verbally offered to the House Education Committee on April 10, 2009 and the fiscal note presented after the hearing concluded which accompanied the committee report of the bill.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the Finance Committee to reduce the fiscal note as intended by myself as the bill's sponsor and the Education Committee.

The April 10, 2009 House Education Committee hearing record reflects that the Department said the fiscal note would be about \$1.9 million. The Committee hearing record also reflects that Committee members noted that the fiscal note had been amended to that amount.

However, the fiscal note that came from the Department after the bill had passed out of committee is nearly 9 times that amount, and does not match the Department's commitment and the Committee's shared understanding.

While the Department has the authority to devise the fiscal note of its choosing, the Department did not take any opportunity afforded to correct the common understanding it promoted that the fiscal note would be roughly \$1.9 million.

Copies of the Department's statements on the record will be submitted to the Finance Committee when transcripts are completed.