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Senator Steve Thompson
Juneau, AK

RE: Support for HB 337 – Investigator for the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

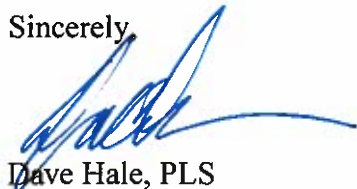
Dear Senator Thompson,

I am a licensed Professional Land Surveyor practicing in Alaska, and serve as the president of the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors. I am not writing in my capacity as president of our society because we have not had time to discuss this issue as a group, and I have not been directed by our members to write in support of HB 337. However, I do feel that it is my duty to write as an individual working in the Land Surveying Profession to support this bill.

I have seen the number of cases that come before the AELS Board, and that require investigation, as I am sure you have. With the expansion of branches for licensure for engineers, we will have an even more pressing need for an investigator that is assigned solely to the AELS Board, and not one that is shared among several boards. The task of the board is to protect the public, and if our board is to accomplish that task, they need a full time investigator dedicated to the public safety as it pertains to the work of professional architects, engineers, and land surveyors.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to share my support of HB 337, and I look forward to the passage of this bill so that our AELS Board can continue to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Hale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Hale, PLS

cc: none

Attachments: none