

AIA Alaska

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects



February 4, 2013

Representative Steve Thompson
House District 3
Alaska State Capitol, Room 500
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 5

Dear Representative Thompson:

The Alaska Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Alaska) would like to support **House Bill 5**, which will amend AS.08.48.055, by establishing a full time Investigator position for the State of Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors, and will amend AS.08.48.091, to allow electronic examinations instead of the present wording which requires only written examinations.

A full-time Investigator is needed to keep up with the current very heavy case load of violations of the Alaska Statute covering professional services in the State of Alaska. The one existing investigator has to serve seven boards, whereas in the past, 2-1/2 investigators were required to investigate reported violations.

Professional license examinations are set by national organizations, and are electronically administered by a testing agency, and electronically executed by applicants. The rewording of the statute to allow electronic examinations brings the language of the Alaska Statute up to date with current practice.

We support the passage of **House Bill 5**, in the interest of improving professional design services and safer building environments for the people of Alaska.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ramona Schimscheimer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramona Schimscheimer AIA

President, AIA Alaska