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Office of Representative Thompson
Alaska State Capitol Building 428
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 5

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is in support of House Bill 5 relative to amendments to **AS 08.48.055 Executive secretary of the board** for a full time investigator for the State of Alaska, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) and **AS 08.48.091 Written examination and examinations fees**.

The amendments relative to AS 08.48.055 are requested to improve the performance of the AELS Board's ability to investigate violations and enforce statutes and regulations related to the public health, safety, and welfare in the State of Alaska.

The AELS Board is assigned one investigator that is presently assigned to six additional boards. In the past the AELS Board was assigned two full time investigators and one half time investigator. While the number of investigators was reduced the work load has increased. A large numbers of firms and individuals not familiar with the Alaska statutes and regulations have been providing services for Alaska projects. The additional registrants in conjunction with the increasing pressure on the part time investigators efforts on the other six additional boards, makes investigation and enforcement difficult.

The recommended amendments relative to AS 08.48.091 are required to provide for the present method and format of examinations. The examinations are presently conducted in electronic format and not written format.

Consideration and support of House Bill 5 by Representative Thompson is appreciated.

Refer to position papers attached for additional information.

Sincerely,


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