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Alaska Legislator
State Capitol Building

Re: Support for passage of HB32 "An Act providing for the issuance of one business license for multiple lines of business; and providing for reissuance of a business license to correct a mistake on the license."

Dear Legislator;

Southeast Conference strongly supports the passage of HB32; current law requires a business owner to purchase a separate state license for each line of business they operate out of a registered business. House Bill 32 would reduce that requirement to one license for each business. Small business owners in Alaska often do many things to survive. An example is a person who plows driveways in the winter and falls trees in the summer. Currently this person is required to purchase two separate business licenses. There are many other examples with individuals required to purchase as many as 8 or 9 licenses.

It is likely those working in more than one line of business are those who are least able to afford multiple license fees paid to the state. This is especially difficult for those Alaskans when they discover that business license fees bring in double or triple the amount the state spends issuing and monitoring business licenses.

Southeast Conference is a regional, nonprofit corporation that advances the collective interest of the people, communities and businesses in Southeast Alaska. Members include municipalities, native corporations and village councils, regional and local businesses, civic organizations and individuals throughout the region. Our mission is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment for Southeast Alaska. We are the State-designated Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), the federally-designated Economic Development District (EDD), and the federally designated Resource Conservation and Development Council for Southeast Alaska. Each of these designations requires Southeast Conference to take an active role in regional resource management and economic development planning.

This bill will have relatively little impact on state revenue, but it helps Alaska's who generally should not be subsidizing other areas of government with their licensing fees.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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