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House Bill 32
Sponsor Statement

"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."

Currently Alaska requires a business license for every line of business operated by a business. This is an unnecessary burden for many small businesses that may perform various lines. For example, an individual that plows driveways in the winter and sells firewood in the fall must purchase two business licenses.

Business licensing not only carries the cost of the activity in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, it is a significant profit center. Yet, many Alaskans are charged extra fees when they need to do several things to feed their families.

Small businesses do not have large margins, and this is one added expense they should not need to pay. Small businesses that are required to purchase multiple licenses are likely to be those that must be involved in several lines just to make ends meet. These businesses ought not be required to subsidize activities not relative to the licensing process.

Proposed legislation would require one fee be paid and allow a business to register all its lines of business on the one license.

The proposed legislation would also allow for a business license to be corrected or changed once during its term at no charge. Currently, changes to information on a business license require the purchase of a new business license.

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