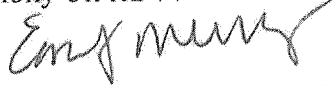


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2-minute Testimony On HB 77

Emily Murray



Tribal member from the Native Village of Elim

My name is Emily Murray. I am a tribal member from the Native Village of Elim. My tribe has passed a Resolution 2013-04, the City of Elim passed Resolution 13-03 and also Norton Bay Inter-tribal Council also passed Resolution 12-01 all opposing HB 77 altogether. My tribe represents **351 people strong**. Furthermore **41-resolutions from communities** all over the State of Alaska, and from our **Bering Strait Region** alone we have **Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Shaktoolik, St. Michael and White Mountain**. Also **4-City state-wide** resolutions have been passed with the **City of Elim** being one of them. To conclude **Bering Strait Development Council** and **Norton Bay Inter-Tribal Watershed Council** from our region have also passed resolution **STRONGLY OPPOSING HB77**. Currently, our tribes have been monitoring two major rivers, **Tubuktulik River and Fish River** to insure we have clean water for salmon fish we heavily rely on. This Bill will ultimately strip **OUR RIGHT** to hold in-stream water reservation. **CLEAN WATER** is essential to maintaining a healthy land base and streams for our food resources. By securing this right **OUR PEOPLE** are able to define our own policies and strategies for sustainable hunting and gathering of food, along with this comes a respect for our own culture and is definitely a precondition for **FOOD SECURITY** for generations to come! **WE STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 77 altogether!** Thank you!

From: Bruce Neeno  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:58 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Please disribute to Senate Resource Committee members

As an Alaskan, I fundamentally disagree with the premise behind HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. Further, I am against the efforts of Governor Parnell to continually favor resource developers over the rights of Alaskan citizens--as if the two are mutually exclusive.

Instead of incurring the wrath of the EPA, please uphold the precedent for maintaining clean waters in our State. Please resist the inertia of special interests over the existing science and laws that seek to ensure our future salmon stocks and subsistence practices.

I vote!

Bruce Neeno - Anchorage

Bruce Neeno  
P.O. Box 90737  
Anchorage, AK 99509

From: Tom Pogson  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:40 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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Sincerely,

Tom Pogson  
PO Box 12  
11371 S. Russian Creek Rd. Apt 4-B  
Kodiak, AK 99615

From: Ray Bulson  
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Sincerely,

Ray Bulson  
26034 Wildflower Circle  
Eagle River, AK 99577

From: Cheryl Westley  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:58 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Listen to Alaskans!

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. Our constitution says that we Alaskans must manage our resources for the maximum benefit of the people, not for corporations like mining companies and oil extractors. Permitting is there for a reason and all Alaskans must have voice in the decision making process. That's called democracy! Keep Alaskan voices an intergal part of this process!

Cheryl Westley

Cheryl Westley  
8500 Greenhill Wy  
Anchorage, AK 99502

From: Dolores Farrell  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:49 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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I strongly object to this effort to turn control of Alaska's natural resources over to corporations and cut the people of Alaska out of the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Dolores Farrell  
3501 Halibut Pt. Rd.  
Sitka, AK 99835

From: Ron Andersen  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:15 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: HB 77

Re: HB77

Dear Senator Giessel:

I read HB77 on line a couple of days ago. I am not a lawyer so I had a hard time understanding it very well. However, two things struck me:

One is the use of the weasel word "may" many times in this bill. The use of this word in the bill leads me to believe that it is probably there to be misleading, because it will mean "won't" more often than not.

The second was that the bill grants near omnipotence to the Director and/or Commissioner by allowing either to dictate what will be done by restricting public comment and discussion when it should be widely debated. It occurred to me that the water rights part is a size 18 boot in the door for fracking in Alaska. Speeding up permitting processes is not the best thing for the State since it opens up loopholes for industry to cause more environmental harm by taking shortcuts. The requirements were put there for good reason.

In 1995 the Alaska Legislature presented the following citation to Stan Stephens. "...He has been an example for all Alaskans of how citizens can constructively influence decisions that affect their lives and communities,..." Today, it seems that the governor and many in the legislature are trying to restrict that influence by writing legislation that restricts the citizen's right to protest or comment. This is not restricted to Alaska but is occurring in many states and the US Congress.

With the nearly 100 percent of the people testifying against it so far and likely more today, I hope that you will follow the wishes of the people of Alaska and keep the bill from the floor.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Ronald C. Andersen  
PO Box 2276  
Cordova, AK 99574



From: Gerri Koechling  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:12 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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Gerri Koechling  
Mie 2 Whitshed Rd  
Corova, AK 99574

From: Patricia Gaedeke

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Sincerely,

Patricia Gaedeke

P.O. Box 80424

Fairbanks, AK 99708

From: Theresa Moore  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:57 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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Theresa Moore  
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Anchorage, AK 99504

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Sincerely,

Duane Howe  
41640 Gladys Ct  
Homer, AK 99603

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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:13 AM  
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Sincerely,

Lisa Paesani  
2219 W Marston Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

On Mar 13, 2014, at 5:23 PM, "Frank Keim" wrote:

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Sincerely,

Frank Keim  
2220 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Bert Stammerjohan

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Bert Stammerjohan

Bert Stammerjohan  
Box 762  
Cordova, AK 99574

From: Dashiell Feierabend  
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Dashiell Feierabend  
PO Box 756100  
Fairbanks, AK 99775



**From:** Benjamin Pister  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 9:50 AM  
**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** HB 77

Dear Senator Giessel,

I live in your district. The new version of HB 77 represents the worst kind of government overreach. Giving such far reaching power to a political appointee while stifling Alaskan's involvement in decisions is unacceptable. I want you to vote against it.

Furthermore, the way you handled public testimony the other day, cutting members of the public short, preventing your colleagues from asking questions, and then stopping public comment before everyone has had a chance to speak is unacceptable. It is extremely ironic, in the worst way, that you are attempting to stifle public input on a bill that stifles public input. That in itself is a red flag. If you're not "hearing anything new" then if you represent your constituents and the citizens of Alaska your stance on this bill should clearly be against it.

These sorts of bills and practices suggest our legislature is not interested in representing Alaskans. It is more interested in furthering the agenda of the individuals in office. That's not the job of the legislature.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Pister

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Benjamin Pister  
Gentleman, Scholar, Marine Biologist

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W Chris Jones  
PO Box 1237  
Palmer, AK 99645

From: Dylan Gasperik  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:50 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

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Dylan Gasperik  
1418 Venice Blvd  
Venice, CA 90291

From: William Webb Jr

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:55 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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William Webb Jr

PO Box 1622

Kenai, AK 99611

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Andy Baltensperger  
1701 Army Rd  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Ralph Basner  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:45 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
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Ralph Basner  
5290 N. Brywood Cir  
Palmer, AK 99645

From: Timothy Mullet  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:32 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

After attending public meetings and reading the press concerning HB 77, it is obvious to me that the majority of stakeholders (Alaskans) do not want this bill to pass in its present state. Allowing DNR the power to grant blanket permits for development projects in Alaska without public comment or appeal by all concerned Alaskans is not representative of a democracy.

I understand you want to exploit Alaska's natural resources for a more progressive and prosperous Alaska, but at what cost? Alaskans are the people who should decide what is done with the state's natural resources. Without the people's voice we rely exclusively on the personal values and interests of our political representatives. Unfortunately, our political representatives and the DNR do not want Alaskans to have a voice or power in how our great and beautiful state's natural resources are being utilized. How is that representative?

Streamlining the permitting process through HB 77 gives more power and incentives to development companies than to Alaskans. Who is to say these companies have Alaskan's best interest in mind?

As an Alaskan and a person who believes that the state and country should be run by the people, I personally ask you to vote against the present state of HB 77.

This bill is not intended to give Alaskans what they need but corporations what they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy Mullet  
48025 West Poppy Lane  
Soldotna, AK 99669



From: Laurie Holland  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:41 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I am a voter in your senate district. I expect you to represent me even if I don't share your views on a subject. Wednesday's hearing was another example of the fact that there has not been enough public discourse about House Bill 77. Hundreds of Alaskans were prevented from testifying and they deserve their time to testify in opposition of this bill. I hope that the Alaska Legislature will fully vet this bill in front of multiple committees.

Expanding DNR powers through HB 77 is bad for Alaska and is short sighted in making resource development the priority above all else. It is our state and we must have the ability to participate in natural resource decisions on state land.

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Sincerely,

Laurie Holland  
16110 Honey Bear Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Laura Inglima

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:58 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I am a 40 year Alaskan resident. My family hunts and fishes. We TREASURE OUR RIGHTS AS ALASKANS AND OUR CONNECTION TO THE LAND AND ITS RESOURCES.

I continue to OPPOSE HB77. The revised bill unveiled on Monday does not address the concerns voiced by hundreds of Alaskans. It leaves the MOST IMPORTANT sections unchanged: EXPANDED DNR POWER, ERODING ALASKANS RIGHTS to APPEAL DNR decisions, and DESTROYING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO RESERVE WATER IN STREAMS FOR FISH and OTHER PUBLIC USES.

The Parnell Administration made changes BEHIND CLOSED DOORS without including ALASKANS, THE ONES THIS IMPACTS THE MOST, in these changes.

This is WRONG, this is INHERENTLY UNALASKAN, and this MUST CHANGE. ALASKANS MUST BE INCLUDED IN MAJOR CHANGES THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES, LIVELIHOODS, THEIR FUTURES AND THE FUTURE FOR FOLLOWING GENERATIONS!

Laura Inglima  
60210 Bear Creek Dr  
Homer, AK 99603

From: Derek Poinsette  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:12 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: HB77 Testimony: Bill is bad for Alaska

Senator Cathy Giessel:

Despite recent changes, HB77 is still bad for Alaska. The resources of this state belong to the people, and this bill erodes the power of Alaskans to participate in the management of those resources. HB77 is a threat to salmon; it is a threat to democracy; and it is a blatant give-away to out-of-state mining interests. Please do what is best for the people of Alaska and reconsider this bill with further public comment and committee process.

Sincerely,

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From: Keith Hediger

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:12 AM

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Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

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Talkeetna, AK

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From: Rika Mouw

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:01 AM

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From: Johnse Ostman

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:10 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

HB77 removes the rights of Alaskans and empowers DNR to issue general permits for "an activity" over broad geographic areas of state land. I am concerned that once the general permit is in place, the people will never know about specific projects authorized by it because these projects would not be noticed to the public. HB77 limits the legal rights, making it more difficult for individual Alaskans to challenge DNR decisions, even when they (DNR) don't follow the rules. Under HB 77, in order for me to weigh in or challenge decisions I have to be "significantly adversely affected" which takes away my right to contest projects and/or (bad or illegal) decisions that have broader (adverse) effects for all people. HB77 guts the existing law which allows Alaskans to reserve water in streams for wild fish, recreation or other uses. What right does DNR have to use unfettered discretion to put water reservations filed by Alaskans on the shelf, indefinitely? HB 77 undermines tribes and individual Alaskans' ability to keep water in streams and seriously undermine their ability to participate in natural resource decisions on state land in other ways. Prioritizing development of our natural resources may be the new "mission" of DNR, but that decision was made by a few influenced bureaucrats and does not reflect the "mission" of Alaskans. Above all, this expansion of DNR power erodes individual Alaskans rights to appeal DNR decisions and eviscerates the process for water reservations.

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Please accept this letter as my testimony in opposition of HB77.

Thank you.

Johnse S. Ostman  
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Denali Dr  
Cantwell, AK 99729



From: Rocky  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 10:09 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Cc: Sen. Gary Stevens  
Subject: HB 77

Alaska's natural resources belong to all Alaskans and as such we all have a stake in how they are managed and deserve a say in how they are managed.  
I strongly urge you to to vote against HB 77 and to please include this letter in public record and to distribute it to all natural resources committee members

Thank You

Phil Shoemaker  
King Salmon, Ak

**From:** Larry McGee

**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 10:18 AM

**To:** Sen. Cathy Giessel

**Subject:** HB 77 Please include in the public record and distribute to DNR committee members

I am opposed to HB77 in its entirety. If ever there was an agency that needed more public oversight instead of less, it is the Department of Natural Resources.

As an example, I hope you will remember the attempted COAL BED METHANE LEASES the DNR tried to grant here under your constituent's property in the not so distant past.

Best of wishes to you and the DNR in your roles as public servants.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. McGee

**From:** Cathy Teich

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 8:13:07 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

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In all honesty, it should be thrown out. I do not think that it can be fixed. Start again or keep things as they were.

Sincerely,

Cathy Teich  
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**From:** Shawn O'Donnell

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 8:18:30 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

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**From:** kime mcclintock

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 7:12:07 PM AKDT

**To:** <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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Sincerely,

kime mcclintock  
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**From:** Hugh Rose

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 6:42:17 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

**Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.**

Speaking as an Alaska resident for 20 years I find the House Bill HB 77 and the way it is being forced onto Alaskans highly offensive. Alaska has some of the last great wilderness areas left in the USA and we need to make sure that if we are going to spoil that Wilderness permanently for the short term monetary gain of resource extraction, that Alaskans have a say in that decision. Alaskans are being treated like we are too simple to understand what is at stake with this bill. Please stop insulting my intelligence as a voting Alaska resident and put HB 77 to rest permanently!

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Hugh Rose

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**From:** Pamela Richter

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 6:19:37 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

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Pamela Richter  
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**From:** Lorraine Murray

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 6:26:27 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

**Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.**

HB 77 is an insult to all Alaskans. DNR needs to find some other way to deal with their backlog. Blocking public participation in permitting decisions should not be an option. Alaskans have the right to give input on DNR permits.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Murray

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**From:** Lauren Padawer

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 8:35:08 PM AKDT

**To:** <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, <Representative.alan.austerman@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB77 opposition

Dear Senator Giessel and Representative Austerman,

As a Cordova resident, commercial fisherman and small business owner, I think HB77 is too flawed to be fixed. House Bill 77 severely limits the ability of all Alaskans to inform and affect their representatives' and government's thoughts and actions. It even limits the people's knowledge of what their government is doing. In try to achieve efficiency, we are losing safety and efficacy. I feel Parnell and the HB 77 advocates are selling Alaska's resources at the expense of the long-term public welfare.

HB 77 would allow the commissioner to grant general permits within huge land areas for strip mines, oil wells, seafood-processing plants, or any industrial activity. It also eliminates public notice on any such specific projects. It blocks anyone who wants to challenge them unless the person was "substantially and adversely affected." Along the same lines, HB 77 strips human and even corporate "persons" of the right they've had since statehood to request an in-stream flow reservation.

I would not be a proud Alaskan if HB 77 passes. I would be EXTREMELY embarrassed.

Sincerely,

Lauren Padawer

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**From:** Richard Moran

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 8:24:30 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

**Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members**

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. Alaska resources belong to the people of Alaska. It is event to me that any administration be it left or right needs constant vigilance by the people. This bill reduces the ability of the people to check the power of the government. Rewrite this bill to return the full power of the people of Alaska to address issues of Water and Fish resources at all points of the decision process.

Richard Moran

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**From:** Yvonne Carter <yvonne64@sbcglobal.net>

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 7:31:02 PM AKDT

**To:** <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

**Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members**

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Is there nothing in your vocabulary that is called respect/honor/protect/--guess not. Your language has destroy to the highest bidder. May you live long enough to be negatively effected by the damage you create.

Yvonne Carter  
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Cleeland, OH 44107

**From:** Liz Robinson <[liz@envisionmatsu.org](mailto:liz@envisionmatsu.org)>

**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 6:54:10 PM AKDT

**To:** <[Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)>

**Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members**

My name is Liz Robinson and I am making a statement on behalf of the non-profit organization Envision Mat-Su.

House Bill 77 remains a disastrous piece of legislation which affects natural resource project decision-making in a way that does a disservice to the people of Alaska, no matter who they are. Our region, the Mat-Su Valley, has both immense natural resources and rapidly growing communities comprising many different points of view, but this bill will deprive citizens across the board of the ability to reserve natural resources for the public interest, question natural resource decisions, and effectively voice their views.

The new version of House Bill 77 does not address what are the essential problems with this piece of legislation. Despite the revisions, House Bill 77 still trades the voice of the people, as well as lasting protections for fish and renewable resources, in favor of faster natural resource project permitting. This is accomplished by (1) eroding water rights for individuals and organizations, (2) limiting the ability of citizens to become informed about and appeal natural resource project decisions, and by (3) concentrating broad decision-making power in the hands of one person - the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

House Bill 77 erodes the ability of individuals and organizations to keep water in streams, while at the same time allowing corporations the ability to take water. This bill eliminates the ability of individuals and organizations to secure in-stream water rights to maintain sufficient flow necessary for various public interests, including for transportation, recreation, and the protection of fish and wildlife. In the previous version of the bill, federally recognized tribes, organizations and people could no longer apply for water reservations. In the new version of the bill, tribes, organizations and people can apply for water reservations, but the Department of Natural Resources is not required to consider or issue them, and no timeline has to be given to applicants. Local governments, tribes and people cannot hold a certificate of reservation, all reservations will be held by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. So, Alaskans can spend a lot of time and money to file an application to reserve water in a stream, but the Department of Natural Resources no longer needs to prioritize these applications or make a decision on them. What is the point of that?

House Bill 77 also reduces the ability of Alaskans to participate in the project appeal process, therefore hindering the ability of citizens to effectively voice their concerns regarding natural resource project decisions. In order to initiate the court review process for a DNR permitting decision, an individual or organization must show, according to House Bill 77, that they would be "substantially and adversely affected" by the action rather than simply "aggrieved", as is stated under existing law. In effect, this bill would make it harder for individuals or groups to raise concerns about DNR decisions and hold the agency accountable to the public. Due process of law is a right guaranteed to all Alaskans, but this bill limits public access to the courts. Also,

with House Bill 77 in effect, there would be no requirement for public notice on the issuance of permits. In effect, this bill would make it harder for Alaskans to challenge the Department of Natural Resources' decisions, even when the Department does not follow their own rules. The Department of Natural Resources says this legislation is needed to keep the citizens from slowing down the permitting process, but is it a fair deal for Alaskans?

House Bill 77 gives one person, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, vast powers and vague rules. In addition to limiting public input, this bill still concentrates natural resource decision-making power into the hands of the Commissioner. The new version of this bill makes the exception that the Commissioner must respect Alaska Department of Fish & Game laws, but the Commissioner may still override the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources if desired. Additionally, natural resource project permits may be granted if it is determined that the project will not result in "significant, irreparable harm" to state land or resources, but what constitutes this language will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The term "irreparable" is problematic in that the Commissioner may issue a permit for a project resulting in harm to our lands and waters if it is believed that this harm could be repaired. Thus, it must be proven that an activity will "likely" result in "significant" and "irreparable" damage, not the other way around. And what about damage that, in theory, could be repaired? Are we okay with that? And what about possible, but unlikely, irreparable damage? Is the grey area of such vague legal language worth such risk to our lands and our resources?

Upon examination of the various components of House Bill 77, Envision Mat-Su determined that this piece of legislation remains odds with our mission to "actively engage Mat-Su residents and other Alaskans in the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and stewardship of our region's most valuable resources – our unique communities and natural assets." By taking away the power of the people to fully engage on natural resource project decisions, our ability to be good stewards of our lands, waters, and communities is undermined. In our view, the economic benefits that may come from fast permitting processes for natural resource projects do not outweigh the negative social and environmental impacts that would come from denying Alaskans their voice.

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