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North to the Future

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SB 127 Vehicle Transaction Agents Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 127 is designed to improve the quality of service and efficiency of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Advanced Business Partnerships (ABPs) are already doing contract work for the DMV by providing license plates, vehicle registration and renewals, titles, as well as other functions, for citizens at convenient locations for citizens. This bill would allow retention of the administrative costs to the ABPs.

Currently, the businesses themselves are paying the fees for these transactions, including credit card fees. The private sector ABPs provide a high quality of service, efficiency, shorter lines and increased customer satisfaction.

This is not a new concept for the State of Alaska. As a matter of fact, what SB 127 proposes is already being used by the Department of Fish & Game in allowing private businesses, such as Fred Meyer, to sell and issue hunting and fishing licenses. In the face of budget shortfalls, strategies like SB 127 are an effective way to reduce government through innovative use of the private sector. This is a win-win-win for Alaskans: it's good for the government due to reduced workload, it's good for business due to increased revenue, and it's good for the public due to a more efficient DMV and more options and locations to receive DMV services.

Please join me in support of Senate Bill 127.

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