

Karen Lidster

From: Sen. John Coghill
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From: Montauk [<mailto:rendova@alaska.net>]
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2013 9:35 AM
To: Sen. John Coghill
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Dear Senator Coghill:

Thank you for scheduling a hearing on HB69. Your support of this bill is encouraged and appreciated.

It is important I think not to wander too far afield debating the national constitutional issues of this bill. While some may insist the bill is inherently flawed because of the Supremacy Clause, an equally compelling argument may be made that unconstitutional Federal laws, regardless of their support in Congress and legitimization by the Judicial Branch, do not enjoy the force of law.

The overwhelmingly more important aspect of the proposed legislation is the message it sends to the Federal Government and the support it provides to legislative bodies in other jurisdictions.

For that reason alone, it is a worthy bill. It is likely those who insist the larger arguments must be settled before "time is wasted" on HB69 do not appreciate the memory of an electorate that has not forgotten how much legislative effort was expended on choosing an official State Mammal.

Regards,

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