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The Honorable Eric Feige, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 124
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 104
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Feige and Representative Saddler:

The Departments of Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources respectfully request a hearing in the House Resources Committee on HB 78, "An Act establishing authority for the state to evaluate and seek primacy for administering the regulatory program for dredge and fill activities allowed to individual states under federal law and relating to the authority; and providing for an effective date."

The purpose of this legislation is to provide authority for the state to evaluate and seek to develop a program for the regulation of dredge and fill activities in waters and wetlands located within the state, in accordance with the regulating program allowed states under 33 U.S.C. 1344 (sec. 404, Clean Water Act).

A copy of Governor Parnell's transmittal letter, the bill, fiscal note and sectional analysis accompany this request.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Larry Hartig".

Larry Hartig
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Heather Brakes, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor