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Subject: Support for Committee Substitute for House Bill 154

Representative Steve Thompson--

As a University of Alaska faculty member who has worked extensively with Alaskan ecology and its connection to culture, I strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154, which would designate the University of Alaska Museum of the North (UAMN) as the repository for natural and cultural history collections. These research collections are fundamental for our citizens, students, faculty, and international researchers to understand the state's human and natural history. These collections also contribute to making the museum a prime tourist location that contributes to the state economy.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

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