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Representative Mike Hawker Alaska State Capitor, Room 502 Juneau, Alaska 99801

HB 5 - Support

Dear Rep. Hawker,

On behalf of AARP Alaska's 86,000 members, we are pleased to support passage and enactment of HB 5, which expands the list of relatives who may be appointed conservator of a vulnerable or incapacitated adult to include relatives by law or adoption. We believe the expanded list will provide increased flexibility and choice for individuals and families who look after loved ones with diminished capacity.

This small fix to existing statute will make a positive difference for many families. Thank you for sponsoring this bill.

Respectfully,

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