



THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

**Department of Revenue**

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

State Office Building  
333 Willoughby Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
PO Box 110400  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0400  
Main: 907.465.2300  
Fax: 907.465.2389

January 20, 2016

The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Department of Revenue (DOR) respectfully requests that SB 137, "An Act requiring the electronic filing of a tax return or report with the Department of Revenue; establishing a civil penalty for failure to electronically file a return or report; relating to exemptions from the mining license tax; relating to the mining license tax rate; relating to mining license application, renewal, and fees; and providing for an effective date," be scheduled in the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the mining license tax rate from seven percent to nine percent for a portion of net income in excess of \$100,000. This increase is expected to generate additional revenue of approximately \$6,000,000 annually.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Revenue at 907-465-3669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Hoffbeck".

Randall J. Hoffbeck, Commissioner

Cc: Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor  
Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Revenue  
Ken Alper, Director, Tax Division, Department of Revenue