

March 25, 2015

Senator Bert Stedman State Capitol Room 30 Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 53

Dear Senator Stedman:

We are writing in regard to SB 53, "an act related to advanced practice registered nursing." This bill updates the 34 year old title "advanced nurse practitioner" (ANP) to "advanced practice registered nurse" (APRN) and aligns Alaska statute with the APRN Consensus Model, a national best practices act.

For two years the APRN Alliance has worked to educate other healthcare professionals and legislators about this issue. We were very excited when SB 53 was read across the floor of the Senate on February 18, 2015 with about 20 nurses in the gallery to bear witness.

The Board of Nursing will be meeting in Juneau April 1 - 3, 2015. Several of us will be in attendance. We respectfully request you to schedule a hearing of SB 53 in Senate HSS during that time, when we will be available to attend, answer questions, and testify in person if needed.

Thank you very much for your time and prompt attention to this issue of importance to Alaskan APRNs.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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