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Sponsor Statement HB 26

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective date."

HB 26 extends the sunset date for the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives to June 30, 2017.

I encourage all the members to review the Legislative Audit summary and the full audit report. You will see that in the opinion of our auditors, the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is serving the public's interest by effectively licensing certified direct-entry midwives (CDM) and apprentices. Additionally, it was found that the board worked to improve the profession by modifying and adopting midwifery regulations to conform to current standards of care.

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives serves an important role in protecting the well-being of Alaskans by identifying individuals who are willing to pursue technical training and meet specified technical qualifications necessary for license as midwives. The continuation of this board is very important to the health and safety of Alaska's women and children.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.