



## HB131 Sponsor Statement

### Nail Technician Training for Health and Safety

House Bill 131 seeks to improve health, safety, and hygiene in the Nail Technician industry, provide consumer protection, and professionalize Alaska's nail technician workforce. House Bill 131 enhances the training requirements to become a licensed nail technician from 12 theory hours with no examination to 250 practical and theory hours with a state board examination.

When Alaskans pay for a good or service, their health and safety is of the utmost importance. A manicure or pedicure can be a necessary procedure for the elderly, physically disabled, diabetic, and those who may not be able to personally tend to some of their hygienic needs. Alaskans should not have to walk into a nail salon and worry about contracting an infection from something that wasn't properly disinfected. Alaskans should also have a reasonable assurance that their procedure is performed by a professional that knows what tools to use, how to recognize diseases, and how to properly administer correct procedures. With the same tools and equipment being used on a constant flow of clients, hygiene and safety must be held to the highest standards.

It is my belief that consumers will appreciate the additional training requirements that will lead to greater safety and hygiene practices being implemented statewide.

