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Co-Chair McKinnon and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to testify on the Senate Finance CS of HB 44. I wanted to clarify NEA-Alaska's position on Section 14 of HB 44 (page 7, line 23-24) specifically addressing physical examinations for teachers. We are concerned with sentence that reads, "A school district may not pay the cost of physical examinations for teachers". This language is of particular concern to teachers in rural Alaska without access to a physician qualified to administer such an examination. I suggest changing this sentence to read "A school district is not required to pay the cost of physical examinations for teachers".

Please consider removing or amending this language to allow districts to pay for physical examinations for their teachers.

Thank you,

Ron Fuhrer, President

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