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MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2017

**TO: Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins, Chair
House State Affairs Committee**

FROM: Representative Jason Grenn

**SUBJ: Hearing Request for HB 44 – Legislative Ethics: Voting and Conflict & HCR 1 –
Amend Uniform Rules: Abstain from Voting**

I am writing to respectfully request a hearing for House Bill 44 – Legislative Ethics: Voting and Conflict, in conjunction with House Concurrent Resolution 1 – Amend Uniform Rules: Abstain from Voting. By requiring a majority vote when a legislative member seeks to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest, as well as ensuring conflicts are “substantial” before such abstention is required, this bill and partnering resolution seek to ensure legislators are effectively representing the public interest and safeguarding trust in the public process.

Included in this bill packet:

- HB44 & HCR1 Sponsor Statement
- HB44 ver D
- HB44 ver O
- HB44 ver O Sectional Analysis
- HB44 Explanation of Changes ver D to O
- HCR1 ver J
- HCR1 ver J Sectional Analysis
- HB44 & HCR1 Supporting Documents
 - Alaska Public Interest Research Group Letter of Support 1-22-17
 - David Nees Letter of Support 2-1-17
 - Alaska League of Women Voters Letter of Support 1-27-17
 - LRS Report, Conflict of Interest Voting 6-29-15
 - LRS Report, Definition of Substantial Conflict of Interest 6-23-15

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or my staff, Ryan Johnston, at 465-3892.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

