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Subject: House Bill 49 Follow Up
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Good Evening to the Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you all for allowing me time to speak today on behalf of HB 49. I truly believe that extending the direct-entry midwifery board will be beneficial for midwives and families throughout our state.

Many of you touched on the (almost prohibitively) high costs of investigations in today's meeting. As we continue in this legislative session, please be aware of HB 90. This bill will have a strong impact on licensees and commerce in Alaska by reducing impact that investigations can play on professional boards. I urge your support in passing HB 90.

Thank you again for your service to our state. Have a great evening!

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From: [Holly Steiner](#)
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Subject: support for HB 90
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Dear Senators/Representatives,

Please support HB 90. Our Board is imperative to our profession in Alaska for continued support and safety for the midwives and the public. I am a CDM practicing in Palmer, AK and I served on the Board from 2005 to 2012 and served as Chairman for 5 of those years. I do not see how we would be able to continue our profession in this state without it. We do need to come up with ways to support this board's investigative expenses as we have been absorbing the investigations of non licensed people calling themselves "midwives". It has always been a problem for the board and this problem is only getting worse.

Thank you, sincerely,

Holly Steiner RN CDM



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The Honorable Representative Sam Kito
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Kito,

The Alaska State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy is in support of HB 90 which proposes to add a nominal fee to all professional licenses to cover the costs of investigations. While we have a large enough number of licensees that fluctuations caused by the costs of investigations have not been a financial burden on our licensees, we have still noticed the impact to our fees.

Often we find the most costly investigations are for unlicensed practice or for individuals seeking licensure in the state, but not already licensed, rather than misconduct of our licensees. These are individuals that the Board does not have regulatory authority over, and yet they can be cause for expensive cases. The Board feels this bill more fairly distributes this cost more equitably across all the professions that utilize the investigative services.

While individual board members do have some control over whether a complaint goes to a full investigation or not, our primary purpose is protection of the public, and we would never want that decision to be made based on the financial impact rather than the merits of a case.

Thank you for introducing HB 90.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Kostik".

Ruth Kostik, Chair
Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy