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### Sponsor Statement SB 51 - Extend Board of Veterinary Examiners

*SB 51 extends the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; and providing for an effective date.*

SB 51 extends the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners (BVE). Currently, the board will sunset on June 30, 2017. SB 51 extends this date by eight years, to June 30, 2025.

I encourage all of the members to review the Legislative Audit summary and the full audit report. You will see that in the opinion of our auditors, the BVE is serving the public's interest by effectively licensing and regulating veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The board monitors licensees and works to ensure only qualified individuals practice. Additionally it was found, the board develops and adopts regulations to improve the veterinarian and veterinary technician occupations in Alaska.

The BVE serves an important role in protecting the health and safety of Alaska's many pets and farm animals. From lap dogs to sled dogs, ball pythons to sleigh-pulling work horses, our pets and animals in Alaska deserve qualified veterinarians and veterinary technicians for their care and well-being. The continuation of the board is very important.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.