

Good afternoon,

My name is Michael Bennett MS, OD, a long time Juneau Optometrist. I would like to urge your support for HB 103 which would put Optometry under board control, with certain restrictions, like the other Doctoral level medical professions in Alaska. This legislation will result in better management of the profession on a year around basis and allow for more rapid adaptation to newer technology and therapies. Better patient access and care will result much as with the similar board control with Nurse Practitioners has.

Optometry in Alaska has been an historically conservative and responsible profession with no medical malpractice suits or board actions involving care issues in my twenty years here and I believe long before that.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Bennett MS, OD