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Senator Mackinnon,

Please consider a hearing on HB 346. I know time is short and you have a lot to accomplish, however, I believe this is an easy one. This bill enables the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners to expedite a temporary dental license for filling in for a dentist who suffers an acute disability such as a broken arm or a debilitating illness. This is especially important for specialists and rural areas where finding temporary coverage is very difficult to impossible so we have been collaborating with the Alaska Dental Society to find a solution. Further, this is a revenue neutral bill.

Thank you,

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President Alaska Board of Dental Examiners.