

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Drummond
Co-Chair, House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

Rep. Hannan,
Co-Chair, House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Rep. Chuck Kopp 

RE: House Bill 221

DATE: February 18, 2020

I respectfully request a hearing before the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee for House Bill 221, an Act providing for state recognition of federally recognized tribes; and providing for an effective date.

Our hearing packet consists of:

1. The original version of the bill
2. Sponsor statement
3. Fiscal note
4. President's Nixon's Special Message on Indian Affairs dated July 8, 1970
5. The *Baker v. John* Alaska Supreme Court Case
6. Attorney General Lindemuth's letter to Governor Walker on the legal status of tribes in Alaska, October 19, 2017
7. Tribal Self Determination at the Crossroads, Kevin K. Washburn, 2006, U. Minn. Law School, Research Paper No. 05-52
8. The History, Status, and Future of Tribal Self Governance Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Geoffrey D. Strommer, 2015, American Indian Law Review
9. American Indian Self-Determination, The Political Economy of a Successful Policy, Stephen Cornell and Joseph P. Kalt, November 2010, Joint Occasional Papers on Native Affairs

We plan on having one power point presentation in our initial bill presentation.

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We have witnesses for invited testimony, two, will be calling in offnet:

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