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The Honorable Chuck Kopp
Chair, House Rules Committee
Alaska State Capitol Room 216
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: HB 311 Follow-up Information

Dear Representative Kopp and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 311 in the House Rules Committee yesterday. During testimony, the committee asked for more detail on Section 12 of the bill. Please find the department's response below.

Representative Pruitt inquired about whether Section 12 included corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

ANCSA corporations are formed under the Nonprofit Corporation Act (AS 10.20), which is not included in the current version of the bill. It stands to reason that nonprofit corporations that have not already built electronic meetings into their bylaws may benefit from inclusion in this legislation. Similarly, other types of corporations formed elsewhere in AS 10 may be impaired if they are unable to physically gather and do not have provisions in their bylaws for electronic meetings. Members of the committee received a letter in this regard from the Alaska Realtors Association. The division would support an amendment to HB 311 or SB 241 that provides flexibility for all corporations during this time period.

We look forward to collaborating on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Chambers".

Sara Chambers
Director

Cc: Glenn Hoskinson, Special Assistant, DCCED