

Support for SB101 Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas (CACFA)

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Senator Josh Revak, Chair Senate Resources Committee Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support SB101, "An Act extending the termination date of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Formed in 1992, CAP is a non-profit trade association that works to inspire Alaskans to realize a shared goal of sustainable mineral production, providing economic and social benefits to our communities and the people of Alaska. CAP represents the interests of Alaska's five large metal mines and several advanced projects, informing members on legislative and regulatory issues, supporting and advancing the mining industry, and educating members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues.

For many years, the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska (CACFA) operated effectively in monitoring the effects of federal regulation and management decisions. CAP agrees with the conclusion of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee's May 2020 Audit that there is a continuing public need for CACFA. We also concur with the recommendation that the Commission's termination date be extended to 2029.

Thank you for hearing this bill. We encourage the Resources Committee to pass it from committee quickly.

Sincerely,

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