## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Miles Baker, Director Governor's Legislative Office

## State of Alaska

**Department of Law** 

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After reviewing an April 9, 2021 Legal Services memorandum and meetings with Legal Services, and at your request, attached is a proposed minor amendment to SB 97.

In section 13, subsection (b)(1), unnecessary federal law citations have been deleted. In section 13, subsection (d), a sentence has been amended to ensure consistency with AS 38.05.035(e). Section 14 has been amended to incorporate the definition of "agricultural purposes" in the earlier substantive provisions of AS 38.05.321. This amendment specifically addresses Legal Services' concerns that AS 38.05.321(j) was a "stuffed" definition. Furthermore, with this amendment to Section 14, the definition of "agricultural purposes" in AS 38.05.321(j) becomes unnecessary, thus warranting a repeal of that subsection

These amendments do not substantively change SB 97, but they do address the concerns raised by Legal Services. Please let us know if you have any questions.

TRT:SRP

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Hon. Cori Feige, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources