

Dawson Mann

From: Rachelle Griffitts [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15 Public Testimony from Rachelle Griffitts

Hello Sir or Madam,

I am writing in for Public Testimony for SB-15. I am in favor of SB-15. The Assembly members should be held accountable for violating the open meetings act. We the People need to be respected and treated as though our voices count because they do. There should be consequences for all members who violate this act.

I support SB-15.

Thank you for your time,

Rachelle Griffitts
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From: Teri Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15 Public Testimony

To Whom It May Concern-

I am writing in for public testimony in regards to SB-15.

I support Assembly members being held accountable for violating the Open Meetings Act. I am in favor of SB-15.

Thank you.

Mrs. Teri Jensen

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From: Tammy Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 7:13 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in for public testimony in regards to SB-15. I am in FAVOR of holding the Assembly members accountable for violating the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies. I urge you to support the Open Meetings Act of SB-15 for those violating the Open Meetings Act!

Thank you,
Tammy Smith

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From: Justin ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB15

I am for this bill please push it through!

Sincerely Justin Ross McKay

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From: Rachel Colvard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:37 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15

Greetings,

I'm in favor of SB-15 and urge your support.

Please hold public officials responsible for their actions. The rules are only fair if they are applied evenly and fairly. Violations of this type damage the public trust. How much longer do you think the public will consent if you do not act in the best interest of securing that trust? I assure you we will not consent very much longer. We are being made aware of the general disdain for the average person on almost a daily basis by the general malaise and lack of leadership at the state level.

Sincerely,

Rachel Colvard

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From: Larry O Hannaman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15

Hello -

I am a born and raised Alaskan, I live in Anchorage, I am a home owner, I work for a native corporation and I am in support of SB-15.

We have laws and rules for a reason and those who choose to ignore these laws, and find themselves above the law, should absolutely be held accountable and be personally responsible for their actions.

Thank you,
Larry Hannaman

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From: LaMantia Kat [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:59 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB15

It is imperative that you establish a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies. We have been abused repeatedly in Anchorage and there was no reason for this behavior except that it was punitive and highhanded. Please put some teeth in the bill so this does not happen again.

Thank you.

Kathy LaMantia
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From: Marie Hannaman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15 public testimony

Hello -

I am an Anchorage resident and home owner and I am in support of SB-15.

We have laws, rules and procedures for a reason and those who choose to ignore these procedures, and find themselves above the law, should absolutely be held accountable and be personally responsible for their actions.

Thank you,
Marie Boyd-Hannaman

Dawson Mann

From: Christiane Schild <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:50 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Sb15

SB15.
Hold our elected officials accountable.

"An act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies."^(08/10/21)
Please absolutely hold our elected officials accountable. They should be receiving penalties for violating our open meetings.

I live in Anchorage Alaska my name is Christiane Schild I am a registered nurse my address is [REDACTED]
Anchorage Alaska AK 99516

Blessings Christiane Schild RN

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From: Jerrod Dunbar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:39 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15 Public Testimony

All,

I am writing in for public testimony in regards to SB-15. I am in favor of SB15 only;

1. If it will be enforced
2. If another law isn't already in existence that addresses this.

Our local Anchorage assembly has not followed the charter regarding the mayors position by holding a special election.

They also have not filled acting mayors Austin Quinn-Davidson's seat on the assembly for district 3.

The statute says that no one person can hold two positions.

The chartered clearly states the requirement for a special election.

The charter clearly states an assembly seat cannot be vacant for more than a period of 6 months. It will be 8 months by the time Austin Quinn-Davidson returns to her seat.

Nothing will be done to address any of these infractions because they are allowed to do whatever they want, whenever they want.

Most of the damage will have already been done the by the time the law suit has went through court for the assembly's violation of the Open meetings act in August of 2020.

Assembly person Cristopher Constant said to us in an assembly meeting that they will do what they want and if we don't like it, we can take them to court because "That's how the system works".

I'm all for any process that will hold elected persons accountable.

Thank you,

Jerrod Dunbar
Anchorage Resident
[REDACTED]

Dawson Mann

From: Beth Abisoror <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB-15 public testimony

Dear members of the state legislature,

I am writing for public testimony in favor of SB-15. There should be a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies. Anchorage has already suffered after months of the Anchorage Assembly voting during closed meetings in 2020 and limiting capacity in 2021, with the intent to keep the public out of the open meetings. I was locked out of multiple assembly meetings in 2020 and 2021 that were supposed to be open to the public.

Thank you for your consideration,
Beth Abisoror

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Beth Abisoror

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK, 99508
[REDACTED]

Dawson Mann

From: Nancy Winniford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: SB 15

I'm writing to show my support for SB 15, regarding holding legislators who lock the public out illegally. They should be held accountable and they would hopefully think twice if they considered choosing to break the law in that manner again. Legislators choosing to hide behind closed doors is unacceptable, period.

Thank you,

Nancy Winniford
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

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From: Louis Imbriani <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Written testimony in favor of SB-15

Senator Hughes,

I am writing the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee to provide written testimony in favor of SB-15. There needs to be some sort of ramification for violating the Open Meetings Act. By not having any type of consequences in place further jeopardizes our democracy by not holding people accountable for their actions. There needs to be something put in place as a deterrent to keep elected officials from conducting public business behind closed doors.

I urge you to please pass SB-15 and hold those not willing to play by the rules accountable for their actions.

Thank you

Louis Imbriani

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From: Brittany A [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony for SB15, March 9th 2021

March 9, 2021

Senate Community and Regional Affairs,

I fully support SB 15

SB 15: "An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies."

Elected officials need to be held accountable for their actions, decisions and inactions. The Alaskan People should have their concerns regarding our government officials heard - and it would be nice to feel like we were heard as well.

They must also be held accountable to uphold their oath of office and uphold the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the United States.

Thank you,

Brittany Lauper

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From: Francesca A <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Public testimony SB15

Senate community and regional affairs,

I support SB 15

SB 15: "An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies."

Elected officials need repercussions for not upholding their oath of office.

Francesca Allegranza

Sent from my iPhone

Dawson Mann

From: Denise Allen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Senate Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Open meetings act SB 15

I feel that fines for violating the open meetings act is very appropriate!

We as constituents voted these people in to act in the way WE want! Right now they don't listen, look at us with disdain and even discount expert testimony as "mis- information!"

It is a lot like what my parents taught us- if someone be it a friend, spouse, or anyone does not want you to contact friends or family away from them but at the same time does not include you in their dealings, there is always something wrong!

A friend or spouse may want to hide abuse but I am afraid our Assembly wants to hide their sweetheart deals, underhanded switching of cares act funds so they could have a spending spree of infrastructure among other things! Closing a meeting just to hear only what you want to hear from your chosen "experts" is unacceptable!

I apologize for my un- preparedness on the telephone.

Denise Allen
Anchorage