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The Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol Room 411
Juneau AK, 99801
Email: Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov

Re: *HB 95: Civil Investigative Authority*

Dear Chair Kreiss-Tomkins:

The Department of Law respectfully requests the House State Affairs Committee schedule a hearing on HB 95, "*An Act relating to elections and election investigations*," at the committee's earliest convenience.

Under current law, if the Division of Elections suspects a violation of the election laws, the only action it can take is to refer it to law enforcement. Having a way to investigate matters from a civil perspective would assist the Division in identifying election violations and either seeking an injunction or making more-informed decisions that ensure against election law violations. APOC addresses campaign finance complaints, but for the remaining civil election laws, HB 95 would give civil investigatory authority to the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations and take appropriate action.

The hearing request packet is attached and consists of the following documents:

- Transmittal Letter
- Sectional Analysis
- HB 95 version A
- Fiscal Notes

The Department of Law will be available to present the legislation and answer member's questions.

If you should need any additional information please contact Assistant Attorney General Sharla Mylar, Legislative Liaison, at 419-7439 or sharla.mylar@alaska.gov.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,


By:

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cc: Governor's Legislative Office