

SB 34 Written Public Testimony (SEDC)

Good day to support long overdue recognition of indigenous tribal member of our new generation who right to speak n know the history of united states n alaska hostility to us i went to public n boarding school im a victim of abuse by this system n many many more its time to change prejudice among the system after poor education n we end up in jail why some cant read or understand law ty

-Faye Ewan

To: Senate Education Committee
From: Mary Bishop,
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I just listened to yesterday's hearing on SB 34. As someone supportive of government closest to the people, I can certainly understand the desire for tribal involvement with youth education in our villages.

If the state does provide educational funds to a tribe — or to a tribal consortium— — I believe it is desirable for the state to require a waiver of sovereign immunity from breach of contract before providing those state funds. Would you please request a representative from the Department of Law to answer questions related to this matter of State funding and tribal sovereign immunity.

My second concern — — what is the process for withdrawing from a compact arrangement if the state decides it is best to do so? Would a contract arrangement have more flexibility than a compact arrangement? I understand the two forms of agreement are quite different. Again the Department of Law might be helpful in answering these questions.

Please post this comment in the committee hearing documents. Thank you.
