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Subject: More Information Re: HB 291 CS

Hello State Affairs Colleagues,

In our last hearing regarding the CS to HB 291, there were some questions from members of the committee about precedent for specific Alaska Native representation on state boards and commissions.

I would like to bring to the committee's attention that there are already many different boards and commissions that specifically designate seats to Alaska Native individuals/members of Alaska Native organizations, including several of the recently convened Task Forces created by Governor Dunleavy:

AK Bycatch Review Task Force	AK Criminal Justice Commission
AK Food Insecurity & Independence Task Force	AK Historical Commission
AK Juvenile Justice Advisory Comm.	AK Marine Highways Operations Board
Board of Forestry	
Denali Access System Program Advisory Committee (4 members who represent existing Regional AK Native Corp., Native non-profits or tribal government)	
Governor's Task Force on Broadband	Governor's Council on Opioid Remediation
Governor's Council on Human/Sex Trafficking	Governor's Council on MMIP
North Pacific Research Board	Pacific Salmon Commission-Yukon River Panel
Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee	State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee
State Suicide Prevention Council	
State Independent Living Commission (1 rep. from a tribal vocational rehab. Program)	

This shows the diversity of state councils, boards, and commissions that have included the language for AK Native representation that is being proposed in our latest CS. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments!

Best,

Rep. Geran Tarr