

From: Matthew Jackson <[REDACTED]@akleg.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 12:53 PM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for HB271

I strongly urge you to support HB170 to reform AIDEA. AIDEA is in dire need of reform anyways, but this would also strike a useful balance with the so-called Green Bank Bill. HB 170 has many admirable goals including the promotion of energy efficiencies and renewable energy - however it's fatal flaw is that it houses the Energy Independence Fund inside AIDEA. AIDEA lacks public oversight, spends unseemly amounts of time in executive sessions, and is responsible for many wasteful boondoggles of public funds. As it stands, SEACC cannot support HB170 due to the flaws in AIDEA at this time. HB271 would solve many of these outstanding issues with AIDEA, and if passed would allow SEACC to support HB170 as well.

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From: Mary Corcoran <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 2:30 PM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY HB 271

Respectfully to Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I support HB 271 and urge you to pass it. AIDEA membership encompasses a broader sampling of the interests of the state's residents. It also sheds more light on AIDEA business and increases the public's ability to learn and comment about pending decisions. Additionally the bill broadens the scope of projects to reflect Alaska's needs.

AIDEA needs to be held more accountable and I see this bill accomplishing that.

Thank you for your attention and your work.

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran
Delta Junction

From: Adrienne Canino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 6:14 PM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB271 AIDEA Reform Bill

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in support of the AIDEA reform bill. Not only do I think it necessary to see improved dividends from industry benefiting from our lands, I believe it is crucial to establish and enhance the community engagement of such choices, for the good of all. We cannot let big business come in and operate any ole way in Alaska anymore.
Thank you for your work,
Adrienne Canino
Anchorage, AK

From: Frana Burtness-Adams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 10:30 AM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 271

Hello State Affairs Committee,

I highly encourage the reforms to AIDEA in HB271. AIDEA reform through this bill is necessary to help ensure that AIDEA does not make politically-driven investments.

Instead of being lenders and issuing bonds for small businesses as has been the case historically, AIDEA increasingly has become the owner and operator of politically controversial projects like the proposed Ambler and West Susitna roads and the leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

AIDEA board and staff currently are not responsive to the legislature or to the people of Alaska. AIDEA does not give sufficient notice of board meetings, it doesn't adequately consult with important stakeholders such as the tribes and communities most impacted by projects, and it has frequently received negative comments at board meetings but ignored the comments and moved forward with unpopular projects anyway. AIDEA needs to be accountable to Alaskans.

Thank you for reading this,

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"Have the bravery to act and the humility to be corrected" - Cana Uluak Itchuaqiyag

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She/Her - [what's this?](#)

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I acknowledge and honor the peoples of the Lower Tanana Dene tribe, the rightful stewards of the [land I am on](#). I honor the lives, languages, and cultures by addressing my internalized white supremacy, paying reparations, and holding white people in my life accountable.

I see and support Indigenous and Native youth, activists, leaders, parents, elders, and ancestors for their continued work to get their rightful [#LandBack](#) [#DefendTheSacred](#)

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From: Kim Smith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:04 AM
To: State Affairs <staregs@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 271

I am in entire support of HB 271. The time has come for ordinary Alaskans to have public input into what has often been a waste of our dollars. As an Alaskan of 44 years, I encourage full support.

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From: Riki Lebman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:15 AM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for HB 271

Dear Committee Members,
I appreciate what house bill 271 attempts to accomplish; accountability, meaningful public input and investment in environmentally prudent future.

I've noticed that the "jobs now" and "energy need" mantras that appeal to AIDEA lack adequate socioeconomic review. This is evident in their financial support of many bankrupted projects.

Please support and pass HB 271.

Thank You,
Ricarda Lebman
Anchorage

From: Greg Demers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:06 PM
To: House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 271

As Alaskans with over one hundred years residency, we strongly support HB 271 !!!

Sincerely,
Greg and Carole Demers
Anchor Point