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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: HB 78
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Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I respectfully ask you to support HB 78 and the restoration of a sustainable defined benefit retirement system for Alaska's public employees.

Since the defined benefit pension was eliminated in 2006, Alaska has struggled to recruit and retain qualified public servants. Retirement security is a major factor in whether employees choose to stay and build long-term careers in public service.

State employees are willing to contribute more toward retirement if it means greater long-term stability. HB 78 includes responsible risk-sharing provisions that protect the state from unsustainable costs while providing a reliable benefit for employees.

As a State of Alaska employee, I value the opportunity to serve our communities. A stable retirement system helps ensure experienced employees remain in public service. Younger workers, including Millennials and Gen Z, also value defined benefit pensions and long-term security.

Please support HB 78 as an investment in Alaska's workforce and future.

Sincerely,
Angie Imholt