

Testimony to Senate Finance Committee on SB160
March 21, 2012

Chairman Stedman, Co-chairman Hoffman and Committee members:

I am a longtime consulting civil engineer and fisherman--and reside in west Anchorage. Among other activities I serve on the UAA SOE Advisory Board. I'm also a former member of your committee—and appreciate the process you are going through.

I want to address two capital budget issues:

1. Funding for new engineering facilities at UAA and UAF. The need at UAA with growth in its engineering program is particularly acute. I am particularly pleased to see successful outreaches and support for Native students through ANSEP. But UAF with its traditional engineering and research programs also has huge needs. I know both of these building projects have been presented to you.

I encourage you to provide sufficient money to advance them. Getting funding for construction would be nice—but we need at least enough money to advance design and keep these projects on schedule.

2. Port of Anchorage expansion. The MOA has asked for \$350MM to complete this. I know this is a big project. It has had its share of challenges. But these are being addressed. I supported the initial phases of improvements at the Port in the early 1990s—and want to finish the job.

In closing, each of these projects has statewide impact and appeal. They have my support.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:50 PM
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Subject: Capital Budget Testimony: Support For Patient Centered Medical Home Implementation Planning for CHC Clinics Increment
Importance: High

Dear Senate Finance Committee members:

I have been trying to call in to testify during public testimony for the Capital Budget, but am experiencing some problems due to high call volumes (according to the Anchorage LIO). I have here cc'd some of our members who had planned to call in as well. These members are from regions around the state including Fairbanks, Juneau, Anchorage, and Bethel. Below is my testimony for your convenience in case I am not able to make it through for public testimony verbally.

My name is Mary Sullivan and I'm writing you for the Alaska Primary Care Association, which represents all of Alaska's 143 Community Health Center clinics. CHCs serve the uninsured, under insured or otherwise hard to serve populations of Alaska and do not turn anyone away due to inability to pay, providing an important and vital safety net for Alaska. We have member clinics in each district of the state, serving your constituents in rural, frontier and urban settings. Spanning both tribal and non tribal systems of care, CHCs are a major component to Alaska's overall health care delivery system.

We urge you to include and support the **Patient Centered Medical Home Implementation Planning for CHC Clinics** increment into the state Capital Budget, SB160. This increment would be routed through the Department of Health & Social Services to ultimately fund 3 CHC grantees through a competitive RFP process based on readiness. The request is in the amount of \$437,500. We have been told by Commissioner Streur of DHSS that he supports this request. This money will help CHCs transform to the PCMH model, which is a model that was the number one recommendation of the Medicaid Task Force last legislative session, and one of the key recommendations of the Alaska Health Care Commission, to help control and reduce health care costs in Alaska. This model has been proven to help reduce health care costs across health care delivery systems, and to simultaneously improve patient health outcomes and satisfaction. Transformation to this model requires upfront investment, planning, and other significant technical improvements, however. Therefore, the APCA requests that this increment be included in the Capital budget to help assist CHCs with those upfront investment and other challenges as they transform to this new model of care. Grantees of this money would participate in the state's pilot PCMH project and work with the consultant hired recently by the state to assist Alaska in developing a PCMH model to fit Alaska's unique geographic and other challenges. If you include this increment, the state will reap the benefits and more importantly, so will Alaskans in your districts.

Thank you for including this important and modest increment request.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: I support AVTEC Funding

I currently set on the AVTEC Board, I am the Executive Director for Chenega Future, Inc and the Vice President of the Chenega Corporation Board of Directors, I fully support the AVTEC funding in SB160.

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