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To: House Finance Committee
From: Kyla Kosednar, Advocacy Director, The Alaska Center
Re: Support for SB 64

Dear Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Center is committed to building a future in which all Alaskans will thrive. Sustainable energy, a healthy climate, and clean air, water, and salmon are all a part of this vision. Critically, so is a government that is responsive to the needs of all Alaskans. As such, we write to voice our strong support for SB 64, which if passed, would reduce the barriers that still prevent many Alaskans, including military and overseas voters, from making their voices heard in our elections.

The many improvements to our election system that SB 64 would bring include:

- Reducing the ballot rejection rate by establishing a process for ballot curing, ensuring that ballots are not discarded due to honest mistakes.
- Requiring the Division of Elections to implement a secure, mobile-accessible ballot-tracking system that allows voters to confirm when their ballot is sent, received, and counted, and provides information necessary to cure a ballot if needed.
- Modernizing our voter list maintenance by clarifying review timelines, requiring forwardable confirmation notices, defining “contact” with the Division, and aligning cancellation procedures with federal law. These reforms enhance transparency, ensure accurate voter rolls, and provide clear public reporting
- Creating a rural community liaison position to collaborate with tribes and municipalities to facilitate early and absentee voting access in rural communities and ensure adequate precinct staffing.
- Making voting more equitable by sending prepaid envelopes with mail ballots, ensuring no Alaskan has to pay to vote.

Together, these provisions will enhance the security of our elections and make voting more accessible to Alaskans who have been pushed to the margins of our political process. We urge you to continue working toward these important reforms to ensure a more inclusive, fair, and effective electoral system for Alaskans.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of our state.

Sincerely,

Kyla Kosednar
Advocacy Director