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Senate State Affairs committee:

Thank you for the this opportunity to comment on SB 270: *“An Act relating to grand juries; amending Rules 5(e), 6, and 6.1, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; repealing Rules 6.1(b)(2) and (3), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date.”*

Alaska's Grand Jury Rights are constitutionally protected under **Article 1, Section 8** of the Alaska Constitution, which states: *“The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety shall never be suspended.”* This provision grants grand juries the authority to investigate matters of public concern, including misconduct by public officials, and to issue reports with recommendations.

Thank you Sen. Bjorkman for sponsoring this bill, and Sen. Myers for signing on as co-sponsor to help restore our constitutional right to have a Grand Jury investigate and made recommendations.

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