

**HB 295 Written Testimony**

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**Stuart Relay**

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**From:** Lane, Robert, ALA064 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 2:02 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** House bill 295

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I am writing to have Flight crew and Pilots included in HB 295. We are Alaskans living in Alaska with a unique job that takes us out of state. we pay taxes, vote in elections and raise our family here.

Please add Pilots/flight crew

Captain  
Bobby Lane  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lucas Hickle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 11:29 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HB295

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lucas Hickle. I am a lifelong Alaskan born in Palmer and currently live in Wasilla. I am writing today to express my full support for HB295, which would allow airline crewmembers to continue receiving their PFDs and, therefore, maintain hunting residency despite work absences.

I got my private pilot certificate in Fairbanks when I was 21 years old. I got my commercial certificate in Palmer in 2019. I worked for a 135 operator out of Anchorage from 2019-2021. In 2021, I went to Horizon Air, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alaska Air Group. Ever since making this switch, getting my PFD has been an absolute nightmare. My first year there, I had to pay out-of-state income tax in Oregon, where my new hire training was being held. This flagged my application, and I had to provide statements and tax returns to the PFD division, which is not easy and very time-consuming. There was a lot of back and forth with confusion on both ends. The next year, they requested ALL of my absences from the state. As an airline pilot, this typically happens once a week. I had to go back and find all of my flights out of the state and my return flights, log them, and submit them to the PFD division. This was incredibly time-consuming and difficult to accurately document. They asked me on the phone, "Where were you at midnight?" To which I gave the response, "Which time zone are we talking about?"

This year, I switched from the regional subsidiary of Alaska Air Group to Alaska Airlines. As a new hire at Alaska Airlines, I was not able to bid into our Anchorage pilot base. Ultimately, that is my goal; it may be a few years until I have the pilot seniority to do so. Even then, it will be similar to my regional airline job, where I will be absent from the state, flying the public to the lower 48 on a weekly basis.

My 2025 application has once again been rejected because I truthfully answered that I accepted full-time out-of-state employment. (I was sent to Honolulu 01/10/2026) I hadn't even left Alaska for my first trip in 2025 yet.

In summary, my entire life is up here. My house, my children, all of my vehicles, and my belongings. When I have days off from work, I come home on the first flight I can. I am currently up here on a 12 day stretch off from work. When I am not staying in hotels, I stay in a crashpad in Honolulu. This is a pilot/flight attendant shared space where we can sleep. This is not my home, and I claim no residency benefits in Hawaii. This is where work is forcing me to be for the time being. Air crewmembers are the backbone of this state. We not only fly vacationers in and out, but we also fly people to Seattle for medical treatment. We fly workers in and off of the slope to their homes, many of which are out of state. We fly-fish out of Western Alaska to people down south. Cargo pilots bring so many of our essentials over here from all over the globe. We sacrifice so much of our time in our home state to keep the world moving. I am an Alaskan through and through. I have not, nor will I ever, live anywhere else. Please pass this bill to make my life, as well as the lives of the thousands of pilots who live in Alaska easier.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time,

Lucas Hickle  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lewis, Paige, ALAMEC Government Affairs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2026 6:53 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** HR 295

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Hi. I am writing in support for HR 295. As an Alaska Airlines pilot living in Anchorage I think this change is long overdue. I also support making this change for all crew members (Flight Attendants too!)

Thanks you for looking into making this process more streamlined for those us that have travel as a job

Captain Paige Lewis  
Anchorage