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Please help us get this bill out of the House Labor and Commerce Committee. THis bill passed in the senate 20-0. We want to ensure that Alaska's athlete's are protected and guided by qualified licensed professionals to the maximum extent possible; especially following on the heels of the concussion legislation passed last year! I have attatched the Bill info for your convenience. This is an important piece of legislation for Fairbanks as we have nearly 50% of the total active certified athletic trainers in the state of Alaska!

Please help get this bill out of the House Labor and Commerce committe and send it to the floor for a final vote in the House.

Thank You!!!

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Alaska Athletic Trainers Association

Senate Bill 119

- 1) In an effort to ensure that Alaska's young athletes are protected and guided by qualified licensed professionals to the extent possible, passage of SB119 is critical legislation following on the heels of the concussion legislation the Legislature passed last year.
- 2) Passage of SB119 this Session is the next step needed is to ensure that credentialed professionals are caring for our youth athletes
- 3) SB119 ensures the medical training standard of those referring to themselves as Athletic Trainers.
- 4) SB119 guarantees that Athletic Trainers will be protected by Alaska's Good Samaritan law while volunteering hundreds of hours at youth sporting events.
- 5) Alaska is one of only 3 remaining states who do not require licensure of Athletic Trainers. While volunteering at youth sport functions, anyone can refer to themselves as an Athletic Trainer even though they may not have the required educational medical training and National Certification.
- 6) Athletic Trainer licensure will be self-funded by the licensees through the Division of Occupational Licensing. The State's role will be limited to issuing an Alaska License to those applicants having passed National Athletic Trainer exams by the Board of Certification
- 7) SB119 has received no opposition to the passage of the bill. Slow advancement this session is due to fiscal note revisions recently agreed to by the AATA and the Division of Occupational Licensing.
- 8) SB119 does not require licensure of any individual other than those having completed education training and wishing to become Athletic Trainers. It does not impact 'personal trainers' or require the presence of AT's at youth sporting events.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Alaska as you work tireless during the remaining days of the legislative session.

We ask that you vote to pass SB119 this session when it comes before you.

