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**Subject:** HB 21 & SB 110 School/University Employee Health Insurance

I just heard about HB 21 and SB 110 today, School/University Employee Health Insurance. Bringing in a larger pool of people into AlaskaCare should help lower the cost of insurance.

If I was the "God" of the legislature, I would push to bring jobs back to Alaska that are being farmed to insurance companies and not pay them a profit. The State of Alaska should set up their own processing of claims. This would give the State control so they could see when a provider is charging too much. It could also gather data on medical procedures being done. At the same time, I would remove the cap for maximum benefits paid for retirees. Health insurance is one of the guarantees for retirees but if a major catastrophe occurs, such as needing a heart transplant, the insurance could end.

Could you include as testimony to the committees hearing the bills?

Thank you.

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