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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 518
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The Honorable Donald Olson
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 508
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The Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 516
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Dear Co-Chairs Hoffman, Olson, and Stedman,

This letter serves as a response to the question addressed to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) during the presentation on Senate Bill (SB) 110 Museum Construction Grants at the Monday, May 11, 2026, Senate Finance meeting.

1. The fiscal note contains one full-time (FT) position. Does this grant program require one FT position?

Yes. SB 110 proposes establishing a museum construction, expansion, and major renovation matching grant program for Alaska museums. The Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums does not currently have the staff capacity or in-house expertise required to offer a grant program related to facilities construction. The fiscal note for SB 110 includes one FT position that would require in-depth understanding of facilities construction and renovation projects as well as experience assembling a facilities panel, creating a scoring mechanism, and managing a building-related grant program.

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Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deena Bishop", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Deena Bishop, Ed.D.
Commissioner

cc: Jordan Shilling, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor