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Good morning Senators Hoffman, Olson, and Stedman,

Last week, the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee referred HB110 to the Finance Committee. HB 110 would allow Alaska to join the Social Work Interstate Licensure Compact, helping strengthen the behavioral health workforce and improve access to care across the state. By reducing licensing barriers between participating states (33 states have passed the compact at this point), the compact can support recruitment, expand telehealth opportunities, and increase access to qualified social workers—especially in rural and underserved communities. As Alaska continues to face workforce shortages, HB 110 represents an important step toward improving continuity of care and meeting growing community needs.

As HB110 moved through committee it became the conduit for many other healthcare professional compacts (including speech-language pathologists, medical licensure, physician assistants, occupational therapists, and physical therapists) that are tied to the rural healthcare transformation funding.

If you have specific questions related to social work practice or the social work compact specifically, I would be more than happy to meet with you or your staff. Our more than 1200 licensed social workers in Alaska look forward to seeing this bill cross the finish line!

Thank you for your leadership.

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