

34th Alaska Legislature

120 4th St, Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for House Bill 30 – Establishing the Office of Entrepreneurship

Honorable members of the 34th Alaska Legislature,

As an Alaskan small business owner, I support House Bill 30, which would establish an Office of Entrepreneurship. I believe such an office could better coordinate Alaska's many business support programs and serve as a single point of contact for new businesses seeking resources.

Many entrepreneurial programs are offered in Alaska, but they are often fragmented, making it difficult for startups to navigate available opportunities. At Kartorium, we've participated in nearly every major program in the state—from NSF I-Corps at Center ICE at UAF to gBETA Alaska, Alaska Angel Conference, and Launch Alaska—as well as multiple pitch contests and business competitions. We were fortunate that our journey flowed seamlessly from one program to the next, but many founders I know struggled to connect the dots, missing out on valuable opportunities due to timing and lack of coordination. A centralized Office of Entrepreneurship could streamline access to resources, ensuring startups make the most of the support available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jay Byam
Founder & CEO of Kartorium