HB 87 Written Testimony 2-27-25

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To:

House State Affairs

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Rep. Carolyn Hall; Rep. Sara Hannan

Subject:

HB 87

State Affairs Committee members,

During my local community council meeting tonight, I heard about the Introduction of HB 87 sponsored by Representatives Hall and Hannan that would establish the month of March as Women's History Month in Alaska. I am strongly opposed to this and ask you to spend your time on more important matters and vote against this bill. I believe our history is a shared history amongst all genders, races, and backgrounds and we should stop continuing to divide history. We should honor women in history throughout the year, not just one month. And I think it is a waste of tax payer's money to have State Representatives spending time writing and considering bills like this when there are bigger issues to address in Alaska.

It is likely that many of you may feel inclined to vote for this bill because you are afraid of appearing sexist if you don't. I implore you to look at this from a different angle. You would be honoring the women in history more by not separating their achievements. I believe the biggest accomplishment for women in this country will be when our achievements are recognized on their own merit and not because our of sex.

Sincerely, Andrea Snowden Anchorage, AK