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Dear Alaska Senate Labor and Commerce Members:

On behalf of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 54 (SB 54). NCEES proudly voices its support for the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors, the state licensing board for professional engineers and professional surveyors, among other fields. Our organization is advocating for an eight-year continuation of the board as we continue to champion licensure's public protections and develop and maintain licensure pathways for engineers and surveyors.

Since its establishment, the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors has played an integral role in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans. With over 5,000 licensed practitioners, the board oversees licensure requirements, enforces licensure law, and ensures its professional engineers and professional surveyors abide by national standards. These licensure requirements and regulations are in place to make sure that only qualified individuals receive and practice with a professional license. Thus, the board is instrumental in safeguarding critical state infrastructure and ensuring site improvement projects are safely conducted each year—all of which impact the daily lives of Alaskans.

As the national organization representing 69 state licensing boards for engineering and surveying, NCEES understands the importance of regulating engineering and surveying licensure and having adequate subject-matter experts on each licensing board to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare. Professional board members are essential to discerning areas of practice overlap and determining improper practice.

For these reasons, **NCEES implores you to vote for the continuation of the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.** We believe that the board's mission to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Alaska through licensure is too important to interrupt or jeopardize.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on SB 54, as it is of the utmost importance to our organization. NCEES will continue to support the Alaska board as it works to protect Alaskans and the state's unique environments by upholding the importance of consistency and effectiveness in licensure requirements across the country and within the state.

Sincerely,



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