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*Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins*

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Representative Wes Keller  
Chair, House Education Committee  
Capitol 403, Juneau, AK 99801

January 27, 2016

Representative Keller,

I respectfully request a hearing for HB 157, Language Immersion Schools and Teacher  
Certifications, before the House Education Committee.

Possible testifiers include:

- Jennifer Schmidt, Principal, Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School (Wasilla)
- Deena Paramo, Superintendent, Mat-Su Borough School District (Palmer)
- Brandon Locke, Director of World Languages, Anchorage School District (Anchorage)
- Diane Hirshberg, Director, Center for Alaska Education Policy Research, ISER (Anchorage)
- Lance Twitchell, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages, UAS (Juneau)

I also request that off-site testimony be available.

The staff contact for this bill is Reid Magdanz. He can be reached at 465-3306 or  
[reid.magdanz@akleg.gov](mailto:reid.magdanz@akleg.gov).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins", written over a horizontal line.

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins