

From: [Scott Miller](#)
To: [Senate Transportation Committee](#)
Subject: Executive order 131
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:43:16 AM

I am writing in opposition to the Governor's executive order 131, reorganizing the AMHS board.

The diversity inherent in the current system for selecting board members is an asset. Executive order 131 is not a move toward 'efficiency'. It is a naked power grab by the Governor.

Reject this unwise move.

Scott Miller
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From: [Nancy Bird](#)
To: [Senate Transportation Committee](#)
Cc: [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#)
Subject: Executive Order 131 re. Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:20:25 PM

Dear Chair Kaufman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,
I am baffled by the Governor's EO 131 because it proposes dramatic change to an advisory board which seems to be working well. What is there to fix by limiting the pool of appointees to be made by the Governor alone? What is broken? The current composition provides for a few public members to be appointed by the Legislature's leadership. **I strongly support continuation of the current appointment process and urge you to disapprove Executive Order 131.**

The best decisions and advice come from a broad array of opinions, not from a more limited sector. Our marine highway system's operations board needs experts who focus on solutions to make the system run well.

Respectfully,
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From: [Mary Corcoran](#)
To: [Senate Transportation Committee](#)
Cc: [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Rebecca Himschoot](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#)
Subject: Public Testimony EO131
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 2:35:20 PM

To Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on the Governor's proposed EO131 Reorganizing the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board.

I DO NOT support the change to the Board that would allow all members to be appointed by one individual. I have watched many, many meetings of the AMHOB, The Advisory Board and the task force that preceded this Board (created by statute). The members of the Board have demonstrated clearly their expertise and advocacy of the AMHS. They represent decades of experience. This mix of individuals is a healthy mix that I think would be missing if the board was sole sourced, especially if they serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

As a 45+ year resident of both the Interior and the coast, I was a regular rider on the AMHS before its funding and schedule were diminished. I always had super service from the ferry system.

I find the testimony from DOT at today's disparaging of the current Board. If there is a personnel problem, it should be handled at the appropriate level--not a complete redo of the Board.

Please do not support EO131. Thank you for this opportunity and your work.

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Emma Torkelson

From: Dan Parks <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:35 PM
To: Senate Transportation Committee
Subject: Public Testimony EO 131

Senate Transportation Committee,

I'm writing this public testimony on my behalf a Juneau resident. I urge you to oppose EO 131. I support the current way the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board is appointed. I believe the current process provides for a diverse board with different areas of expertise that serves the Marine Highway well.

Thank you, Daniel Parks