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GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

**Department of Commerce, Community,
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BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 9
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The Honorable Jesse Sumner
Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Marital and Family Therapy supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Marital and Family Therapists and Marital and Family Therapy Associates.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Marital and Family Therapy



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**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants.

Sincerely,

Alaska State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy



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STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska State Medical Board supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including physicians and physician assistants licensed by the State Medical Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Wein, MD".

Richard Wein, MD, Chair
Alaska State Medical Board



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Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

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February 20, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers



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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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February 20, 2024

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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Dental Board has had the opportunity to discuss HB 314 and SB 225, bills introduced by Governor Dunleavy, and after discussion find that we do support reasonable efforts that are taken to improve the investigative and hearing processes.

If HB 314 and SB 225 serve to remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that would be seen by the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners as a positive outcome of this legislation. Currently those costs must be covered by professional license fees as stated in AS 08.01.065. Such If enacted, this legislation would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Dental Examiners



THE STATE
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February 20, 2024

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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
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RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Real Estate Commission supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of the investigation of professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including real estate brokers, associate brokers, and salespersons.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Markwood, Chair
Alaska Real Estate Commission



THE STATE
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**Department of Commerce, Community,
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BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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February 27, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
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The Honorable Jesse Sumner
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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Massage Therapists supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Massage Therapists and Massage Establishments.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Massage Therapists



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BOARD OF NURSING

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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
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The Honorable Jesse Sumner
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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Nursing supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation for professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including APRN's, RN's, LPN's, and CNA's.

Sincerely,
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Danette Schloeder

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Danette Schloeder, DNP, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS
Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing

February 28, 2024

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Re: AHHA Supports SB 225

Dear Senator Bjorkman,

For 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare partners across the continuum of care. AHHA members play an invaluable role, both as community providers and essential employers, in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska

We write to express our support for SB 225 and its approach to setting fees for occupational licenses. SB 225 essentially excludes the costs from disciplinary investigations from the setting of license fees, and instead, covers the cost of investigations through other revenue sources. This is expected to stabilize volatile license fees and keep license fees competitive.

Addressing licensing fees in this manner is another positive step to addressing critical workforce shortages throughout our state. In the healthcare sector, we need to recruit and hire approximately 8,000 new healthcare workers per year, including nearly 1,400 nurses, to keep up with demand. Many of these individuals require licenses in Alaska, and as we work to address the existing shortages and robust job growth projections in healthcare over the coming years, we need to do everything to make Alaska an attractive home for young Alaskans to start careers and recruits from the lower 48 to join our workforce. Making licensing fees stable and reasonable is another welcome tool in this effort.

We appreciate your time and respectfully request your support in advancing this legislation. Thank you for your continued partnership in working to solve Alaska's healthcare challenges.

Sincerely,



Jared C. Kosin, JD, MBA
President & CEO



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BOARD OF BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS

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March 4, 2024

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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
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RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Barbers and Hairdressers supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Barbers, Non-Chemical Barbers, Hairdressers, Hair Braiders, Estheticians, Manicurists, Manicurist with Advanced Endorsements, Instructors, Body Piercers, Tattooists, Permanent Cosmetic Colorists, School, Owners, and Shop Owners.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Barbers and Hairdressers



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March 8th, 2024

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Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians.

Sincerely,

Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners