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House Bill 221 Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to subdivision of unplatted land in second class boroughs; and providing for an effective date.”

Alaska has abundant land resources, and land ownership is a goal for most Alaskans. Unfortunately, there are a large number of land parcels in boroughs around Alaska that were created outside the subdivision process, such as by recoding a deed, resulting in a large number of lots that cannot legally be further subdivided. In the Fairbanks North Star Borough for example, it is estimated that there are as many as 10,000 land parcels that were created outside the subdivision process and many of those illegal subdivisions were not created by the current property owners. If a property owner has an improperly subdivided land parcel they cannot further subdivide or sell off parts of that lot. Currently, for illegally subdivided land to be further subdivided, the owner of that land would have to research the entire history of the creation of their parcel and notify all other land owners in that parcel of the further subdivision presenting a very burdensome and bureaucratic process for landowners.

HB 221 allows our boroughs to create an exemption process for illegally subdivided lands to be further subdivided without the current burdensome legal process. This is important for homeowners as well as businesses to be able to more easily sell land. I hope you will join me in supporting HB 221.