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**To:** [Rep. Justin Parish](#)  
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Dear House Community and Regional Affairs,

I am testifying on behalf of myself against HB264 which relates to shopping bag fees. I oppose this legislation because it is growing the size and scope of government. I am a fiscal and social conservative. Therefore, I abhor the thought of government getting even larger. A shopping bag fee is an attempt to limit the amount of plastic that gets into the ocean, which I support. That is the reason that I supported Cordova's successful attempt to ban plastic shopping bags. I support initiatives like this at the local level, the lowest level of government. However, I can not, in good conscience ask you to impose a tax on the entire state that would indeed be growing the size of government.

Therefore, all who claim to be conservatives, I ask you to vote NO and hold your objections on this legislation. It grows the size of government which is a very bad thing. If you support liberty without tyranny and you do not want to see local decisions made at the state level, vote NO.

Thank you for allowing me to testify,

William Deaton, Cordova

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Rep Parrish and the committee,

Alaska Policy forum believe in the value of less regulation, smaller government intervention in free markets and good public policy.

This bill is more regulation, loss of free market decisions and bad public policy.

This bill imposes new regulations on all of Alaska.

It decides for the consumers by imposing state choice on them.

HB 26 is also about Local control vs state control, good public policy allows local control.

Alaska has a long history of allowing cities, communities and boroughs to exercise local control. This bill is state control imposed on local areas.

Alaska will be the only state imposing a fee, Washington DC imposes fees but it is not a state. The fee is ½ of the fee suggest in the bill.

None of the testimony on this bill has included the biggest users, Fred Meyer, Carrs and Safeway.

3 states ban plastic bags outright, 9 states prohibit banning plastic bags and 4 require recycling labling.

Here is a link

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/plastic-bag-legislation.aspx>

While keeping plastic bags out of the environment is a good thing, this bill is not. It will have a negative economic effect during a depression.  
David Nees