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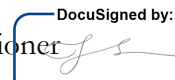
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Louise Stutes, Chair
House Fisheries Committee

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2025

FROM: Julie Sande, Commissioner

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RE: Hearing Request for HB 135

Please accept this request to schedule HB 135 – DUTIES OF ASMI BOARD; MEANING OF SEAFOOD (Version A), for consideration by the House Fisheries Committee.

This legislation allows the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) to promote Alaskan mariculture products by revising the definition of “seafood” to incorporate “aquatic farm products.” This revision will enable ASMI to market propagated Alaskan aquatic plants and shellfish that are either native to state waters or lawfully imported under a permit issued by the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.

With this hearing request for HB 135, the following documents are included:

- HB 135 (Version 34-GH1072\A)
- Governor Dunleavy’s Transmittal Letter
- HB 135 Sectional Analysis (Version 34-GH1072\A)
- HB 135 Fiscal Note (Identifier: LL0072-DCCED-ASMI-03-13-25)
- HB 135 Fiscal Note (Identifier: LL0072-DCCED-DCRA-03-13-25)
- *Additional back up documents forthcoming*

The primary testifier for this legislation will be Director Jeremy Woodrow of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI). He can be reached at (907) 465-5560 or jwoodrow@alaskaseafood.org. Additional testifiers will be added at a later date and will be communicated to the chair in advance in writing.

If you have any questions regarding this hearing request, please feel free to contact DCCED Legislative Liaison, Lizzie Kubitz, at (907) 802-7875 or Lizzie.Kubitz@alaska.gov. Thank you for your consideration.