



ALASKA NATIVE
TRIBAL HEALTH
CONSORTIUM

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The Honorable Harriet Drummond, Chair
House Education Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Drummond:

On behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), I write in support of House Bill 214, an Act renaming a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act as Bree's Law.

ANTHC is a statewide tribal health organization serving all 229 tribes and more than 166,000 Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) individuals in Alaska. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation co-manage the Alaska Native Medical Center, the tertiary care hospital for all AN/AIs in Alaska. ANTHC also provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health, and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities.

ANTHC believes formally naming the "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Education" portion of The Alaska Safe Children's Act as "Bree's Law" will assist in raising awareness around dating and domestic violence, one of Alaska's most serious social issues. ANTHC recognizes the critical need to continue advocating for education and awareness on teen dating violence. HB 214 is an important step in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Roald Helgesen
Chief Executive Officer & Administrator