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Subject: HCS CSSB 23 in House L&C

Hello Members of House L&C,

Thanks for the House L&C Committee's hearing on 4/11 and the introduction of HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 23(L&C).

I was able to listen via the web to the hearing and was glad to hear the committee's changes tightened the bill.

I have a couple of suggestions that will continue making SB 23 a stronger piece of legislation.

Please consider a \$1 million salary cap for wages and salaries paid to any one person or loan out corporations claimed by a production as qualified expenses. Some actors and directors own loan out corporations which are paid the salaries and wages earned during a production.

The large contrast between directors, producers and actors salaries vs local Alaskan below the line wages creates a possible subsidy paid on a salary larger than the total Alaska payroll.

If you consider a \$1 million salary cap that would be \$300,000 back to the producer. I believe Alaskans can live with that compromise.

Another suggestion for Section 8 would be to consider the reporting of the total accumulated wages and salaries of all non-resident workers to include producers, directors and actors to the legislature for data analysis.

I am well aware of the support SB 23 has from Alaska business and Alaska workers. This film industry is my paycheck too. I am passionate about film and television here in Alaska.

I appreciate the compromise that House L&C committee has worked towards in considering a technical bill such as SB 23.

Please consider my suggestions in the best interest of Alaskans.

Thanks for your time,

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