



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Support for SB 5

Dear Senator Hughes,

As the Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, I am writing to express my strong support for SB 5.

It is well documented that health care costs in Alaska are the highest in the nation. Alaskans spend more per resident, face the highest insurance premiums, and have experienced cost increases at a pace well above the national average. Our residents pay more out-of-pocket for health care than those in any other state. These rising costs continue to erode employee paychecks and strain school district budgets across Alaska.

In the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, health care expenses have significantly impacted our ability to recruit and retain staff. The opportunity for districts to join a health care plan with a larger employee pool is a critical step toward providing more affordable and sustainable coverage options for school employees.

Thank you for sponsoring SB 5 and working to give Alaska's school districts greater flexibility and choice in addressing these ongoing challenges.

Respectfully,

Clayton Holland
Superintendent