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### **SB 80 Extend Boards Sponsor Statement 34-LS0416\N**

Senate Bill 80 proposes to extend the sunset date of four boards, Board of Massage Therapists, the Marijuana Control Board, Alaska Commission on Aging, and the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

The Board of Massage Therapists is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor. The duties of the Board include examining massage therapist applicants and issuing licenses, adoption of regulations, and establishing standards of professional competence. In the fall of 2023, Division of Legislative Audit completed a sunset audit report of the Board. In this audit it was determined that overall, the Board has operated in the public's interest by conducting its meetings in an effective manner as well as actively amending regulations to address statutory changes, improving the licensing process, and enhancing public safety.

The Big Game Commercial Services Board is comprised of nine members appointed by the Governor. The duties of the Board are maintaining and writing examinations, generating reports, and licensing functions. Legislative Audit conducted a sunset audit report of the Board in the summer of 2023. The audit concluded that the Board operated in the public's interest by conducting its meetings in an effective manner, supporting statutory changes when deemed necessary, and actively amending regulations.

The Marijuana Control Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Governor and is a regulatory and quasi-judicial board created for the purpose of controlling the cultivation, manufacture, and sale of marijuana in the state. The duties of the Board are to propose and adopt regulations, establish qualifications for licensure, review applications for licensure, order the executive director to issue, renew, suspend, or revoke a license, and hear appeals from the Board Director and from actions of officers and employees charged with enforcing Board statutes and regulations.

The Alaska Commission on Aging is comprised of eleven members that make legislation and regulation recommendations to the governor and legislature to benefit older Alaskans. The duties of the board include helping older Alaskans lead dignified, independent, and useful lives, encouraging the development of municipal commissions and community-oriented programs and services to benefit elder Alaskans, and upon request, the commission assists Alaska Housing Finance Corporation senior housing office for senior housing loan program.