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To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: Hearing for HB 75
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am interested in providing some brief testimony in support of HB 75, particularly the language assuring Alaskans seeking to earn USCG credentials through a certificated maritime training institution outside Alaska would be eligible for PFD allowable absence --provided they met all other PFD eligibility requirements. Passage of this legislation would correct what was previously deemed eligible by the PFD prior to relying on another state agency to determine Outside higher education validity.

Please advise when you anticipate this bill being scheduled for a hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Best regards,

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