

HB 133 Written Testimony

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I am Amy Simpson, Executive Director for Programs for Infants and Children or PIC. I am providing my support for HB133. PIC is a private, nonprofit organization providing valuable early intervention services to Alaskans in need of these supports. PIC receives the almost half of our financial support from State Grant Funds to provide Early Interventions services mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education act. As a nonprofit organization we provide services as outlined in a grant agreement executed with the state with many requirements for service delivery, financial/accounting timelines, and program data objectives.

I have been the Executive Director for PIC for 21 years and have experienced delays in payment from the state for executed grants. These delays required PIC to secure short-term loans to cover personal and facility costs just in case the payment would be delayed. I have heard from my colleagues in the nonprofit sector of unbelievable delays of more than 6 months for payments due to them as outlined in their grant agreements. Those kinds of delays would have put the agency I run in danger of not meeting financial obligations to staff, vendors, leasing agents, and insurance companies due to our small size. I have experienced delayed payment of up to four months. Even this delay is stressful and makes recruiting staff challenging because we don't know the timeline we will have the funds to pay the salaries. It does not build confidence for staff that we are struggling to make payroll. We also have unanticipated expenses around securing these short term and in some cases long term loans.

Nonprofits are the workhorses that implement programs and provide direct services to Alaskans at a cost that is more efficient than the government could possibly do. Without nonprofit organizations in Alaska, many would have to go without the services that keep them in their homes, keep them healthy, keep them fed, and keep them out of institutional care. It only makes sense that the state prioritizes reimbursement for executed contracts for nonprofit partners for the good of Alaska's citizens.

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House State Affairs Committee Members:

Due to City meetings today, I am not able to attend the final hearing for HB133-Prompt Payment today .I have submitted written testimony previously and this email will serve as another piece of testimony regarding this bill. As a former CEO of a local non profit, our agency has and still experiences late payments for substantial grants. For instance, one grant for FY25, has only been addressed and re-worked so that now, in the middle of May, we are able to complete executed documents for reimbursement payments. This year alone, executed documents for reimbursable payments-payments which could not be made to our sub contractor in the amount of over \$100,000-were only addressed last month (April). April began the first month of the last quarter of this fiscal year. Not being able to make payments to our sub contracto9r, has put our agency in a bad light of not being able to pay our bills. This all has been due to the State not treating non profits and their payments the same as businesses. Non profits, especially now, need to be on the same playing field as businesses regarding prompt payments from the State.

I encourage you to support House Bill 133 and make this a fair payment field.

Pat Branson