

**Subject:** HB 105 Why I am a No Vote

Dear Ed Committee Members,

After reading the Statement of Support and the Bill, I have concluded that this bill is a shirt-tailed relative to SB41 by Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson. Do we need two proposals for one issue? Mental health education is a wonderful sentiment. However, there is more to it than that. If you want to affect student behavior, change their diets. We have known, as nutritional experts, that the Standard American Diet is to blame for the current affairs of mental health, or the lack thereof. My suggestion is that we fund nutrition studies in classrooms with parental cooperation and support. Let's get real food in the schools.

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority has already been conducting such studies of the mental health of students. SB41 has serious finance issues. How do you fund Mental Health care IN the schools with 216,000? I hope you see that adding another layer of medical care IN the schools is not the answer. Medicaid and IHS already provide the care off site. This is pertinent to the student's image. Parents need to be in charge of their child's care and education. NOT THE GOVERNMENT. The government teaches 3 R's and STEM. Parents teach the rest.

Please don't drown the public with another expensive layer of service already provided for. I urge you to preserve parents' rights by not placing their child's health education on the altar of almighty government.

Regards,

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