

## HB 124 Written Testimony

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### Stuart Relay

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**From:** Thom Ely [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 12:07 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Cc:** Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** HB 124

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Dear AK Legislature Members,

I strongly support HB 124 the AIDEA Accountability Act. The agency is supported with public funds, so it must be accountable to the public. For too long AIDEA has operated on its own agenda driven by the wishes of the private industrial resource extraction sector.

Poor decisions have been made with our money regarding investments and development projects. It is time to change that with more oversight and involvement of government and public decision makers. Please vote in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ely  
Haines, AK

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**From:** KC Casort [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:20 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs; Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski; Sen. Robert Myers  
**Subject:** Support for HB 124: AIDEA Accountability Act

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Hello,

I am a lifelong resident of Fairbanks, currently living in HD 34, and I want to encourage you to support HB 124, the AIDEA Accountability Act. Thank you, Rep. Carrick, for introducing this bill.

I particularly like the pieces of the bill that:

- strengthen protections against conflicts of interest,
- require legislative approval for projects over \$10 million, and
- subject AIDEA to the Alaska Public Records Act.

It is wild to me that these things aren't already in place for a government institution with such massive spending authority. This kind of accountability for public spending is common sense, and I look forward to my representatives standing up for government transparency and against corruption.

-Kasey Casort  
Fairbanks, AK 99712

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**From:** sisusuomi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 8:32 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** AIDEA

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“Juneau could lose the power to claim its electricity is 100% renewable if AIDEA sells local energy credits”  
That was the header in a news article I read several months ago. The Borough of Juneau and its residents benefit from our hydro power and the energy credits. We don’t need to lose them via this proposed sale. Offering our green energy credits to out of state buyers hurts local businesses and residents who will be eliminated or restricted from claiming our use of renewable power.

Currently we, Juneau Borough and residents, receives its electricity largely from Snettisham Hydroelectric which is entirely renewable. Selling RECs would allow some entity other than Juneau to purchase those credits forcing Juneau to re-classify its energy.

Who suffers locally? Local organizations, businesses, non-profits, residents that report they use green energy could face financial penalties etc.

Selling these credits to generate revenue for state treasury is a short term view, as the Borough and residents benefit more thus putting more revenue into use locally than sending the proposed profits to the state treasury.

Thank you for reading,

Scott Jouppi

Juneau, Alaska

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**From:** Nathan Borson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 7:43 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Yes on HB 124

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To the House State Affairs Committee:

I strongly support HB 124 to bring accountability and oversight to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). In my experience, this legislative oversight is needed because the AIDEA board ignores and disregards public input in acting against the public interest and in favor of big oil. In April 2025, the board closed public comment after just six minutes. At an earlier meeting that I called into, "technical problems" prevented public testimony by people on the call. And the reasons I felt moved to weigh in with the board are more reasons that oversight and accountability are needed. The almost exclusive support for oil and gas is detrimental to Alaska's future. Intervention is necessary to make AIDEA a just clean energy transition leader.

Sincerely,  
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[Nathan Borson](#)

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