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Representative Olson,

HCR-1 was brought to my attention yesterday by a fellow sprinkler fitter and in my opinion needs to be addressed. This Resolution is similar to one that appeared last year that is promoting Fire Sprinklers in residential dwellings. I am in agreement with most of the resolution with the exception of a couple parts. Page 2, line 3, "Whereas a plumber can install fire sprinklers", and page 2, line 21, Further Resolved that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, working with the state fire marshal and other groups, to train and certify plumbers and others to install or certify residential fire sprinkler systems.

At this time, we do have a trained and licensed workforce available to install fire sprinkler systems in Alaska. With another four residential fire deaths this week in Alaska's rural communities, I do agree residential fire sprinklers are a needed life saving device. Please do not lower the standards of training that we have worked so hard for by letting pipe manufacturer lobbyists create legislation to promote their product.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Chris Hayes

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