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The Honorable Jay Ramras
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ramras:

The Alaska Supreme Court respectfully requests that the House Judiciary Committee schedule a hearing on HB 323, which creates a new superior court judge position in Anchorage. The judge will handle civil cases.

An additional judge is needed because Anchorage superior court judges are the busiest in the state and a combination of more time being devoted to Child in Need of Aid cases and an ever-increasing number of unrepresented litigants has created a workload that is unsustainable.

Adding one new judge will not solve this problem (more judges will likely be needed in the very near future), but it will provide some relief as the court works to develop alternative ways to manage the workload.

A fiscal note and sponsor statement are attached. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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