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House District 38
Kuskokwim & Johnson Rivers
Kuskokwim Bay & Nelson Island

Akiachak
Akiak
Atmautluak
Bethel
Chefornak
Eek
Goodnews Bay
Kasigluk
Kipnuk
Kongiganak
Kwethluk
Kwigillingok
Lower Kalskag
Mekoryuk
Mertarvik
Napakiak
Napaskiak
Newtok
Nightmute
Nunapitchuk
Oscarville
Platinum
Quinhagak
Toksook Bay
Tuluksak
Tununak
Tuntutuliak
Upper Kalskag

To: Members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee

From: Rep. Bob Herron

Re: Explanation of Changes for House Bill 202

The original version of House Bill 202 restricted state agencies, public corporations or local governments from requiring fire sprinkler systems in one and two family dwellings for any purpose.

The current version removes all references to state agencies or public corporations. It allows local governments to retain their ability to require residential fire sprinkler systems in new 1 and 2 family dwellings on a case by case basis.

If a local government chooses to adopt a residential building code with a residential sprinkler requirement for all newly constructed 1 and 2 family dwellings, House Bill 202 (version S) would require them to add the following steps to their existing code adoption process:

- Publish a summary of the ordinance or ordinance amendment;
- Publish a hearing schedule for a minimum of three public meetings on the issue;
 - The first public meeting could be held no sooner than 30 days from the publication of the schedule.
- Hold the three public hearings on the new residential fire sprinkler requirement;
 - The three public hearings would be held within a period not less than 60 days and not more than 180 days.