

Kendra Kloster

From: RDeising@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 3:43 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Munoz
Subject: Cell Phone Bill HB 22

Greetings Representative Munoz, I write to you in support of HB 22 that you have worked so hard to get on the floor of the Session going on. My name is Ricky Deising 58 year old male who has lived here in Juneau the past 32 years and I ride a Harley Davidson Motorcycle, The reason I support this bill are several but what took place last summer comes to mind firstly, I was riding down the road by the Juneau Empire when out of the DOT parking area a car pulled out in front of me with the driver on her cell phone in her left hand which was blocking her view of the road, I had to react fast by locking up my brakes and sliding sideways to avoid being run over, when the driver did hear me yelling and I came to a stop with my foot hitting her door she realized what had just happened, after yelling at her for being on her cell phone and almost ending my life, she said very casually sorry and drove away while still talking on her phone, Being a grown adult is one thing, but kids never would have had a chance and probably could or would have been seriously injured or killed because of this action by a cell phone user while driving, and not paying attention to the task of being a safe and responsible person behind the wheel of a moving vehicle, there have been several other near misses by drivers on their phones just pulling over into the next lane without even looking because their view is blocked by the phone in their hand, lucky again for me that I am a skilled rider and have been able to avoid a crash while going 55 mph on a motorcycle. I ask that each and everyone of our Elected Officials please support HB 22 and pass it into law. With the passing of this HB 22 I can guarantee many lives will be saved that otherwise will be lost to someone using a cell phone driving down the road.

Praise Life & Namast'e Ricky Deising 4500 Glacier Hwy Juneau Alaska.

January 28, 2011

Representative Munoz
State Capitol Room 403
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB35 and HB68

Dear Honorable Representative Munoz-

Thank you for your support of both of these bills. I think that even hands-free use should be banned except in the event of an emergency. Talking on any cell phone is really dangerous because it creates a distraction from the primary function of driving. And for those who say that hands-free is not a distraction because one's hands are not involved, it's simply not true. Drivers talking on a cell phone are not fully engaged in the act of driving and are less likely to respond to events. I used to talk on my cell phone frequently, but have reduced that dramatically after almost being involved in two accidents.

Please support a total ban on driving while using a cell phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Foley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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