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From: John Sanborn

Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:48:50 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday.

John Sanborn

57170 E End Rd

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From: Carolyn Hans

Date: March 13, 2014 at 8:14:52 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday.

Carolyn Hans

11041 Gamache Dr

Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Ross Bright

Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:00:27 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

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Ross Bright

38229 Gamble St

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From: Lynn Wilbur

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:56:47 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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Lynn Wilbur

617 Katlian Street

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From: April Warwick

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:50:24 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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The process to create and amend the bill was done wrong and in secret. Monday's revised bill does not address concerns of hundreds of Alaskans. It leaves the most controversial sections largely unchanged - expanded DNR power, eroding Alaskans rights to appeal DNR decisions, and gutting the public's right to reserve water in streams for fish and other public uses.

The Parnell Administration did a lousy job working with Alaskans & Tribes who had concerns about the bill, instead he crafted the changes big industry wants of him behind closed doors.

The General Permits section still gives complete discretion to DNR staff to determine what activity is or is not likely to cause "significant and irreparable harm." DNR gets to decide the meaning of those words. I know my meaning is different than DNR's, my meaning protects Alaska more than DNR's.

Another messed up thing is Alaskan's Right to Appeal Bad DNR Decisions is dramatically reduced; even when they don't follow the rules. As written, an Alaskan must show that they are "significantly & adversely affected" in order to appeal a decision. This means that an Alaskan would have to demonstrate direct financial or physical harm from the government's decision, which is a very high bar.

The Water Reservations Sections REMOVES Alaskans ability to keep water in streams for fish, HB77 guts the existing laws that were designed to give Alaskans the ability to keep water in streams for fish, recreation or other uses. I am shocked & very concern about this. Water easily could be Alaska's most valueable resource in the future; we have to safeguard it.

The revised version of HB77 gives complete discretion to DNR to put water reservation applications by Alaskans on the shelf indefinitely. The process outlined by DNR and described in HB77 will change the rules for current water rights applications that have been pending for years. This is not fair & it is totally wrong.

April Warwick  
5716 Kennyhill Dr  
Anchorage, AK 99504

From: George Menard

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:32:35 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA! YOU SERVE AT OUR DISCRETION, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND AND WE WILL BE HEARD! I for one am sick and tired of the state of Alaska running rough shod over the will of its citizens. It seems that the government juggernaut that more and more caters to the privileged monied interests has finally taken leave of its senses. WAKE UP DOWN THERE IN JUNEAU! We do not want to repeat the mistakes of the overdeveloped and polluted lower 48 but that's the direction we're headed if we roll over and hand over the decision making process to a few elite bureaucrats beholden only to their corporate masters.

Democracy is not about "streamlining" the process of debate, decision making or permitting for that matter. It is about inviting, welcoming and LISTENING TO the voice of the people and acting in accordance with the wisdom of numbers, not the self interest of the few up there wielding the levers of power. We are not Russia and Sean P., in spite of his behavior to the contrary, is not Vladimir Putin.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trapper Creek, AK 99683

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From: Kevin Cassity  
Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:04:32 PM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Cassity  
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Anchorage, AK 99516



From: Michael O'Meara

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:55:06 PM AKDT

To: <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Anna.Fairclough@akleg.gov>, <Sen.Hollis.French@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 77 Testimony

Senator Giessel and Committee Memembers:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this issue by email. My name is Mike O'Meara and I live between Homer and Anchor Point. I'll try to be brief here since so many other citizens have already pointed out the wrong-headedness and consequent flaws of HB 77. Like them, I oppose HB 77 and urge that it be scrapped. Late arriving Parnell administration alterations of the bill's previous language do little to improve this misguided legislative effort.

Revised language of HB 77 still gives too much power to DNR through the general permit to allow virtually any activity over large regions without reference to difference in local conditions. Once in place a general permit will eliminate any requirement that public notice be given for specific authorized activities.

There has been no change in objectionable language limiting Alaskans' standing to challenge questionable government decisions.

Changes in language regarding in stream water reservations are not satisfactory. While tribes, organizations, and individuals could apply for such water reservations, DNR is relieved from any responsibility to prioritize or consider applications in a timely manner. If ultimately granted, a certificate of reservation must be held by ADF&G rather than the applicant.

From where I sit as an Alaskan citizen HB 77 looks like an effort to disenfranchise me. As you all know, Article 1, Section 2 of the Alaska Constitution states that: "All political power is inherent in the people. All government originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the people as a whole." Unfortunately, HB 77 would restrict my ability to be informed about and have meaningful input into decisions being made by DNR regarding the management or transfer of public resources which, in part, belong to me. Even worse, it would greatly impair my standing to "meddle" in such affairs should I catch wind of something that smells a little questionable.

The intent of HB 77 seems to be to lubricate the DNR permitting machinery so that any proposed project gets approved with minimal work by agency staff and even less public oversight.

It seems like the intent of our permitting process should be to make sure any project proposed gets a thorough review to weed out the bad ideas from the reasonable ones. That requires adequate staff time and meaningful public oversight. If a project can be conducted safely, with a minimum of harm to or waste of Alaska's resources, little disruption of the community where it would occur, and promises some kind of meaningful benefit for citizens it gets permitted. Otherwise not.

We need a real permitting process that will protect us from ill conceived schemes to get rich quick by exploiting our resources in wasteful and destructive ways. To me HB 77 is just the opposite and should die in committee.

From: Mitchell Hrachiar

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:54:49 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77 and will not be cut out of the process! Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

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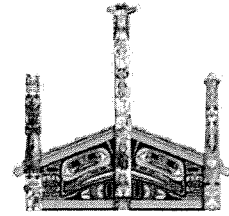
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Sincerely,

Mitchell Hrachiar  
41236 Volcano View Ct  
Homer, AK 99603

# *Ketchikan Indian Community*



**RESOLUTION:** KIC-14-14

**TITLE:** RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 77 AMENDING STATE PERMITTING STATUTES AND ELIMINATING WATER RESERVATIONS

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the Ketchikan Indian Corporation doing business as the Ketchikan Indian Community ("KIC" or the "Tribe"), is a federally recognized Tribal government organized under a Constitution and Bylaws (collectively, the "Constitution") ratified on January 16, 1979, and previously organized under a Constitution and Bylaws ratified on January 27, 1940, in each instance pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act ("IRA") of 1934 as amended; and

**WHEREAS,** the KIC Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the representative Tribal Government of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the KIC Tribal Council is empowered under Article V, Section 1(c) of the KIC Constitution to "sell, convey, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property...with the approval of the Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the tribe is the governing body of [village] as recognized by the Tribal citizens and has a responsibility to provide a government to protect the good health and welfare of its Tribal citizens, and address any needs in its community; and

**WHEREAS,** the tribe is qualified to exercise powers of self-government by reason of its original Tribal sovereignty as passed down from its ancestors since time immemorial; and nothing in this resolution shall be in conflict therewith;

**WHEREAS,** the tribe is a Federally-recognized Tribal Government in Alaska, with full power and authority to negotiate with the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS,** the tribe has a responsibility to steward the land, water, and other natural resources to maintain a cultural subsistence way of life for future generations; and,

**WHEREAS,** Alaska Native peoples depend on abundant salmon runs in healthy rivers for food security in subsistence lifestyles and also for Tribal identity; and

**WHEREAS,** the Parnell administration is promoting legislation, House Bill 77 (H.B. 77), that amends Alaska's state permitting laws and rules changing how the state's commonly held resources will be managed; and,

**WHEREAS,** sixteen Tribes have invested millions of dollars to substantiate applications for in-stream flow rights, and are appropriators of the rights for those water reservations; and,

**WHEREAS,** H.B. 77 would eliminate the rights of Alaska Native peoples to apply for in-stream flow rights and rescind all existing in-stream flow water rights applications submitted by Tribes; and,

**WHEREAS,** H.B. 77 ignores Tribal sovereignty rights by eliminating the process for Alaska's Federally-recognized Tribal Governments to acquire water reservations to protect productive salmon streams, while local governments (boroughs and municipalities) will continue to be able to apply for water reservations under the new law; and,

**WHEREAS,** H.B. 77 gives DNR the authority to issue an endless series of temporary water use permits for a single project, without opportunity for public review or vetting; and,

**WHEREAS,** H.B. 77 expands the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to issue general permits for almost any project on state lands without any public input; and,

**Whereas,** H.B. 77 makes it more difficult for Alaska Native peoples to access the judicial process and prevents Alaska Native peoples from having their day in court; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Ketchikan Indian Community opposes H.B. 77 and urges the Alaska State Senate to reject the legislation as it fails to recognize tribal sovereignty, gives DNR new broad and unchecked powers at the expense of Alaska Native peoples' ability to participate in collaborative resource management, creates legal loopholes to remove guaranteed points of public oversight, and establishes significant barriers to access the judicial process.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Council assembled this 13th day of March, 2014 at 2960 Tongass, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, by a vote of: 10 FOR, 1 AGAINST and 0 ABSTAIN.

  
Irene Dundas

Date

ATTEST:

  
John Morris, Jr.

3/13/2014  
Date

Effective March 13, 2014			
Roll Call	Yes	No	Absent
DUNDAS			
ARRIOLA	✓		
JAMES	✓		
MORRIS	✓		
HUDSON	✓		
BURNS	✓		
JACKSON	✓		
REEVES		✓	
4 Affirmative Votes Required for Passage			

From: Deana Darnall

Date: March 13, 2014 at 10:48:40 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

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Deana Darnall

2187 Crow Hill Dr

Douglas, AK 99824

From: AD Granger

Date: March 13, 2014 at 10:41:22 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. HB77 goes too far in concentrating power in the hands of DNR, removes opportunity for public input, and the appeals process, and limits or removes essential articles of the public process.

I feel that passage of this bill as it is written significantly and adversely affects my ability to ensure that reasonable safeguards for salmon streams remain intact.

Go back to the table, open up the process to public input and do your job as a public servant and steward of Alaskan rights and resources.

A D Granger

AD Granger

837 Amanita Rd.

Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: Yolanda de la Cruz

Date: March 13, 2014 at 10:35:51 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. I strongly oppose HB77, its time for these public servers (politicians) to work for Alaskans and for the best interest of the state, to preserve the natural resources for future generations. We do not have a dictatorial government in U.S.A. I am asking these public servers who are implementing their own bills, which only benefit themselves and their special interest where is the democracy? The Parnell's administration and legislators are out of control, by introducing their bills in order to take the entire control of the natural resources by force. Things couldn't get any worse in terms of politicization and corruption of the Alaska natural resources by the Parnell's administration and his followers legislators. Alaskan do not need anymore interest legislation and bills like HB77 for the benefit of the politicians and their special interest. What really makes these politicians public servers ( LEGISLATORS) believe that special interest is more important than Alaskans.

Yolanda de la Cruz

806 West 57th Avenue

Anchorage, AK 99518

From: Lisa Slepetski

Date: March 13, 2014 at 10:26:52 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

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The revised bill unveiled on Monday does not address the concerns voiced by hundreds of Alaskans. It leaves the most controversial sections largely unchanged - expanded DNR power, eroding Alaskans rights to appeal DNR decisions, and gutting the public's right to reserve water in streams for fish and other public uses.

The General Permits section allows DNR to issue general permits which pre-approve activities over broad geographic regions before specific projects are approved. Once the general permit is in place, Alaskans will never know the specific project authorized because there will be no public notice for these projects after the general permit is issued.

The right to appeal a decision by DNR that affects subsistence use of Alaskans resources may be impossible under the current language in HB77.

HB77 guts the existing laws that were designed to give Alaskans the ability to keep water in streams for fish, recreation or other uses.

Lisa Slepetski

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Girdwood, AK 99587



From: Jim Kowalsky

Date: March 14, 2014 at 3:18:07 AM AKDT

To: "senator.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov" <senator.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB77

this bill takes Alaska in the wrong direction senator. citizens everywhere including our own dear state of Alaska

continue to see the end of their patience as we watch corporations seize initiative which comes with the kind of advantages HB77 would grant to run absolute roughshod

over common average concerned people who would have virtually no chance or greatly lessened opportunity to participate.

everywhere this is the direction... eg: guaranteed lack of or absence of or failure to have standing in the ordinary public discourse that should be non negotiable in a civil society .. standing we all must have and unfettered process to exercise it. . kill HB 77 now and forever and leave us free to participate without the ridiculous constraints on public participation that are the hallmark of HB77. kill it!!

james Kowalsky

Fairbanks

PO Box 10640

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To: Anchorage Legislative Information Office  
733 West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK 99501

From: Sharon Lowe  
2100 Minerva Way, Unit A3  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Date: March 12, 2014

Re: My Comment Regarding HB77

If HB77 limits or prevents Alaskans from speaking up about important issues, then this bill is in violation of the rights of free speech guaranteed to all Americans by the United States Constitution, and thereby makes the Alaska State Legislature vulnerable to a lawsuit which it would not win.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Lowe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

# ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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REPRESENTING:

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BILL#/ SUBJECT:

HB 77

VALGLOOSCHERKO@YANDEX.CO

COMMITTEE &

HEARING DATE:

MARCH 12, 2014

I have a master's degree in aquatic ecology and have worked in government service for my entire career - here in Alaska, previously in other areas of the United States and also in the province of Ontario.

As a retired federal biologist, it is my professional opinion that revisions to HB 77 are useless. I am very familiar with the so-called "General Permit" process, and it was established (invented, if you like) to simply eliminate public or greatly reduce public awareness and consultation. So that the <sup>input</sup> activity whatever it is, can simply be permitted.

HB 77 takes away our basic constitutional right to speak up on behalf of our rights as Alaskans.

I also attended the last hearing for HB 77 here in Anchorage - there were so many people wishing to speak that the line went out the door!! No one was in favor! The resulting adjustments are only window dressing, and HB 77 remains an unacceptable TIME BOMB!

Kill it! Don't let it out of committee!

Val Glooscherko

From: Deland Anderson

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:29 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. The Alaskan people are charged with protecting the resources of this state from degradation. Our fish are our greatest resource by far, supporting a unique culture and way of life. Do nothing to undermine the authority of the people to make the critical decisions concerning our resources. Reject HB 77.

Deland Anderson

Homer

Deland Anderson

Homer, AK

From: cash joyce

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:23 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77. You are building a lack of trust with your closed door Bill construction. Lack of public notice is not democracy. You are fulfilling your own agendas with your actions. This state is ours, not yours for the taking. All ingredients in this bill speak to me as a strong arm from your administration. I will not sit by and become powerless by law, so you can walk tall behind a curtain of legal ease and manipulation.

cash joyce

Mile Post 79 Glenn Hwy

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From: Amy Christiansen RN  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:36 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: For inclusion in public record PLEASE distribute to committee members.

I used to trust DNR-- no longer! Closed door meetings in privacy?? All kinds of power grabs away from the people? I think BULLY is a good term to describe DNR these days, and I am astounded by the LACK of protection they offer our natural resources. Alaska is NOT up for grabs.. our resources need to be developed slowly, and meticulously.

Which is why we must have not only the right, but the power, to participate in natural resource decisions on state land! I love Alaska. For oh so many reasons. I have a right to help decide what is done with state land!!!

A bill that is this complex and expansive deserves multiple public hearings to allow Alaskans to provide input, and review by several legislative committees.

Sincerely,

Amy Christiansen RN  
705 Soundview Ave  
Homer, AK 99603

From: John Cassity

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:52 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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Sincerely,

John Cassity  
500 S Country Cir  
Wasilla, AK 99654

From: Terry Tarner

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:43 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

Dear Cathy,

I wholeheartedly and vehemently disagree with HB77. Any attempt to limit the Alaskan public's testimony or opinion on issues that affect Alaska is criminal. To be honest, it's no better than the actions of federal authorities in DC. The ones that shut out overwhelming public outcry against attacks on our freedoms. Let me be clear. HB77 is an attack on our right to as Alaskans and Americans to "gather and engage in peaceful demonstrations and to petition the government for redress of their grievances."

Try not to mimic the federal government in stripping our rights as citizens under the US Constitution. If you and your fellow office holders (and the DNR) are tired of listening to Alaskans, find another job. It's that simple.

In closing, whoever sponsored and supports HB77 should be ashamed of themselves. Special interests should never be placed above the citizens of Alaska. Not only should the writer and sponsors of this bill be ashamed, I believe they should be run out of Alaska on a rail.

Shame on you too for cutting testimony short yesterday. I once voted for you, but believe me, it will be worth the travel expense to campaign for your opponent next election.

Terry Tarner

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Eagle River, AK 99577



From: Tim Hayes

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:19 AM

To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

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I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday.

Tim Hayes

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From: Bryan Kirkpatrick  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:09 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Please include this in public record and distribute to Senate Resource Committee members

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday. We've seen what has happened up and down the west coast when greed and poor management has been allowed to occur. Let's not let that happen to Alaska.

Thank you,  
Bryan A. Kirkpatrick

Bryan Kirkpatrick  
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Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Jeremiah Ladenburg

Date: March 14, 2014 at 2:27:34 AM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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Please allow the people to have a voice and not financially backed beurocrats!

Sincerely

Jeremiah Ladenburg

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From: Hilda Martin

Date: March 14, 2014 at 5:46:49 AM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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From: Richard OISON

Date: March 14, 2014 at 12:37:46 AM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

This bill is obviously not a bill written by or sponsored nor originating from the people. A bill this long and full of lawyer 'legal speak' was written and is trying to be passed by forces with unknown intentions, the consequences of which are unforeseeable by common folk. It takes a lot of money and big lawyer \$\$\$ to write such a bill. These forces with the kind of bucks to do this have hidden agendas. I beg of you to not allow this bill to pass....

sincerely Reverend Richard Olson

PS. I'm a little feed-up with politicians who do the 'big money establishment's' bidding.

Richard OISON

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Homer, AK 99603

From: Mr. and Mrs. James Pazsint  
Date: March 14, 2014 at 12:39:26 AM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
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Sincerely, Jim and Holly Pazsint

Mr. and Mrs. James Pazsint  
6330 East Mountain Goat Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654

From: Sue Johnson  
Date: March 14, 2014 at 6:12:06 AM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
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Sue Johnson  
Richard E Byrd  
Unit A  
Anchorage, AK 99517



From: Suzanne Cohen

Date: March 13, 2014 at 4:27:50 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

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Suzanne Cohen

725 5th Street

Juneau, AK 99801

From: Susan Valenti

Date: March 13, 2014 at 4:36:40 PM AKDT

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Susan Valenti  
7010 E. 140th Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99516

From: David Klein

Date: March 13, 2014 at 4:37:33 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I am opposed to HB77 as currently written. Our democratic system of government at both the national and state levels has proved to be the most effective system to serve the interest of the people. I served my country in both World War II and the Korean War largely because I believed in our system of open government where an informed public plays a strong role in shaping policy at the local level. DNR's role in protecting and maintaining the productivity of fish and wildlife habitats, must be open for public comment and contribution of local knowledge and experience to assure that DNR's actions re land use policy and implementation are soundly based and remain open for public scrutiny.

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David Klein  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Gary Dailey <thedaileys@alaska.net>

Date: March 13, 2014 at 4:48:17 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

Reply-To: <thedaileys@alaska.net>

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Gary Dailey  
50306 Island Lake Road  
Kenai, AK 99611

From: Tamea Isham  
Date: March 13, 2014 at 4:59:10 PM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
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19944 Upper Greatland Dr.  
chugiak, AK 99567

From: Frank Keim

Date: March 13, 2014 at 5:23:10 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77 and will not be cut out of the process! Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

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Frank Keim  
2220 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Hautamaki

Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:37:14 PM AKDT

To: <Senator.Anna.Fairclough@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Dennis.Egan@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Hollis.French@akleg.gov>, <Senator.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Kevin.Meyer@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>, <Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB77

I continue to oppose HB77, even with the changes presented on Monday.

"As a committee, we believe public testimony is an important part of the process," said Giessel. "That's why it is critical to me, and the others, to give Alaskans an opportunity to have their voices heard."

What!!! What a charade!!! Why are Giessel and other supporting this corporate takeover style bill? A bill that limits the power of public interest and hands Alaska's watersheds over to industry!

Have supporters of HB 77 remember that healthy salmon stocks were an impetus for Statehood at a time when corporate interest were mining salmon???

Do supporters know anything about Alaska history?

Wake up and think long term.

Doug Hill

437 S Gulkana Street

Palmer, AK 99645

From: timpenny  
Date: March 13, 2014 at 6:39:14 PM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
Cc: <Senator.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Water Rights

Senator Giessel - while I applaud your efforts to stay on time for the testimony on HB77, I completely disagree on the subject of who should have control over water rights in Alaska. As water is a precious, personal and local resource I can't believe the government should be allowed to suborn local control.

Thank you for your attention,

Penny & Tim Johnson  
1804 Concord Hill Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99515



From: Brit Lively  
Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:11:23 PM AKDT  
To: <senator.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 77 comment and private property rights

Dear Senator Giesel,

Please, don't take away the rights from property owners, like ourselves, who thought we had rights to water on our properties here in Mat-Su which we could choose to apply for any time and pass them along to our children. We have been using the ground water for our wells and the waters from Bodenburg Creek (where we own the creek bed) for watering our garden, for fire protection of our woods and home, for our own horses and for those of our customers at SaddleUp Arena. Because we have several large lots, we also want to ensure that we will have the ability to develop these properties should we so choose.

We have gone to great extent to educate ourselves in order to protect Bodenburg Creek, the fish and the surrounding, having followed the Mat-Su Borough's guidelines and the Coastal Management Plan. Please, don't take away the water rights from private property owners.

Thank you,  
Brigitte (Brit) Lively  
Mail: 259 South Alaska Street, Palmer, Alaska 99645

From: Sammy Crawford  
Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:24:56 PM AKDT  
To: <Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
Cc: <Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Testimony on HB77

Dear Senator Giessel & Senator Micciche,

Please include this testimony in public record & distribute to committee members.

I am very disappointed I was not able to testify in opposition to House Bill 77. I believe this bill needs proper vetting and review by the public and two days does not do it justice. Public involvement in a democracy is critical to all decisions. Streamlining these decisions does not make democracy better or strengthen citizens rights to participate. Being able to appeal decisions by any government agency is important. Citizens need ways to be heard and make their wishes known. Overreaching determination power to any entity, even the DNR commissioner, is dangerous and negates the public process. Please consider the overwhelming number of citizens who are in vigorous opposition to this bill as currently written.

Sincerely,  
Sammy Crawford, Kenai

From: Dick Branton

Date: March 13, 2014 at 7:52:44 PM AKDT

To: "Sen. Cathy Giessel" <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please include this in the public record and distribute to Natural Resource committee members

Please include this in the public record and distribute to Natural Resource committee members:  
Senator Giessel,

I am a 60+year Alaska resident and a property owner currently living in the Mat-Su Boro. I am also a retired State of Alaska employee who is very informed regarding how the political system works and the extent to which pressure can be brought upon top level employees who have broad reaching powers and decision making authority. Too much authority vested in a single political office often results in decisions that are not fully in the public interest. For this reason we have separated powers, checks and balances. "open and transparent" processes, and public hearings as safe guards and a protection against a person holding an office of delegated authority yielding to the demands made by select interests.

It is my opinion that HB 77 contains wording that will significantly reduce the protections noted above regarding the use of real property, water rights and related issues as outlined in the proposed legislation.

I am strongly opposed to HB 77 per-se as well as the concepts it contains. Major decisions by government agents without public involvement is a dangerous road upon which to travel!

Thomas R. Branton

From: John Dodge

Date: March 13, 2014 at 8:09:14 PM AKDT

To: "senator.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov" <senator.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public comment, bill 77

Please include in public records. I am against bill 77 because it would cut public participation and give unlimited approval power to DNR for projects that might contaminate and reduce stream flow, adversely impact salmon/habitat, and other possible environmental degradations .

From John C Dodge, box 2532, Homer, AK 99603

From: Art & Tamea Isham  
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:55 PM  
To: LIO Anchorage  
Subject: HB 77

I am firmly against any attempt to loosen environmental rules in state law related to land use. I am against allowing DNR to issue broad general permits that any number of individual projects could be developed under. We are all owners of Alaska's resources and should have a say in the management of its lands.

Tamea Isham  
19944 Upper Greatland Dr.  
Chugiak, AK

From: Craig Murdoch  
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:47 AM  
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel  
Subject: Alaskans oppose HB 77: Please include this in public record and distribute to committee members.

I have serious concerns that this bill is not in the best interest of the people of Alaska. This bill appears to be another example of legislation that widles away public involvement in the vetting processes of development and utilization of OUR water resources. I'd like to see more public and stakeholder involvment not less. Does this bill strengthen the states commitment to careful, well vetted, sustainable, long term development of resources? It seems like it does the opposit. I do not support HB 77!

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