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REPRESENTATIVE GERAN TARR

Request for a Special Audit

To: Senator Anna Fairclough, Chair
Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

From: Representative Geran Tarr

Date: March 26, 2014

Subject: Audit Request of Compliance with 36.15.050(a) and (b)

Request

I respectfully request that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to authorize the division of Legislative Audit to conduct an audit of state departments' food purchasing program to determine compliance with Alaska Statute 36.15.050(a) and (b). These sections require that when the State purchases agricultural or fisheries products, it applies a seven percent preference to the price of products harvested in the state.

Objectives and Scope

It is my intent to determine if this statutory program to promote Alaska grown purchasing is accomplishing the objective of ensuring that state money is being used to support state products. In looking at the purchasing records and speaking with the departments, the audit should consider:

- 1) Whether the purchasing records specify sales by in-state producers;
- 2) Whether the records specify the amount & sale price;
- 3) Whether the records compare prices;
- 4) To the extent possible:
 - a) Whether the purchaser considered purchasing Alaska Grown agricultural & fisheries products;
 - b) Whether price was a major factor in making purchasing decisions;
 - c) Whether there is a typical price differential between Alaska Grown products and out-of-state products;

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- d) Whether the available amount of product was an issue when trying to purchase Alaska Grown agricultural or fisheries products.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geran Tarr".

Representative Geran Tarr