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Representative Kurt Olson, Chairman Labor and Commerce Committee Alaska House of Representatives State Capitol Building, Room 24 Juneau. Alaska 99801

Representative Olson,

Thank you for sponsoring HB 22, An Act to Extend the Board of Marine Pilots. The men and women of the Southeast Alaska Pilots Association (SEAPA) believe the board should be extended and offer our support for HB 22.

The Board of Marine Pilots (BMP) performs many important functions, including testing, qualifying and regulating pilots. The board process also serves as a forum where Alaskans can focus on marine safety and protection of the marine environment, part of our statutory charge. We appreciate the review of the board by the Division of Legislative Audit and note that the auditor recommends extending the board as well.

Thank you again for sponsoring HB 22.

Captain Larry Pullin, President

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