

January 28, 2013

The Honorable Eric Feige
Alaska House of Representatives
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee
Capitol Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Bill 47

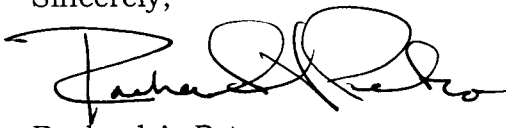
Dear Representative Feige,

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) is an organization dedicated to improving the business climate in Alaska. The Alaska Chamber represents hundreds of statewide businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal: to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. Today, I am writing in support of House Bill (HB) 47- Injunction Security.

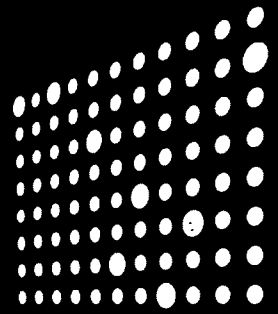
As you may have learned last week while meeting with Alaska Chamber Fly-In attendees, litigation reform as it relates to resource development in Alaska is one of Alaska Chamber's issues it would like addressed during the 28th Alaska Legislature. Currently, the cost to challenge a legally permitted project in Alaska is virtually nothing. Instead, the risk is borne by defendants. Often the discovery phase in litigation can cost the State of Alaska and project proponents hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees. Such delays put Alaskans out of work creating personal hardship and potentially increasing State service costs.

HB 47 seeks to level the legal playing field without infringing on any parties right to bring a legitimate issue to court by requesting the court consider wages and benefits of workers as well as payments to contractors. We are hopeful that HB 47 will enjoy the bipartisan support HB 168 received in 2011.

Sincerely,



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