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Representative Steve Thompson--

As a result of my long (now almost-50-year) association with the University of Alaska Museum - during which time I have observed at close range its development from a museum with its collections scattered in different places about the Fairbanks campus (wherever there was space to house them, in 1965) to a stand-alone building on West Ridge housing it all (1979) and more-recently to the impressive physical expansion of the building and the concomitant flowering of its community, statewide, and international roles -- I strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. I think this designation will officially recognize what the University of Alaska Museum of the North (UAMN) has been doing since its inception. These research collections are fundamental for our citizens, students, faculty, and international researchers to understand the state's human and natural history.

I applaud your bringing recognition to UAMN's statewide role and the significance of its collections.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

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