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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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REPRESENTING:	<u>self</u>	
BILL # or SUBJECT:	<u>HB 77</u>	
COMMITTEE:	<u>SFIN</u>	DATE: <u>4-3-13</u>

I, Eric Sandberg, would like to be heard regarding HB77

I am concerned with the language giving the state the ability to disregard the needs of fish and wild life, without public involvement if they deem it in the state's best interest.

I understand we in Alaska have the unique right to be heard on these matters at this point, and this bill can change that. We are also stewards of some of the last viable wild salmon runs in the world.

I don't feel the level of trust necessary to agree to allow a handful of bureaucrats to decide what is in "The States Best Interest", when that might be the short term gains of mining coal that we as a society can no longer afford to utilize.

If a resource cannot be utilized without compromising the integrity of an ecosystem what gives the state the right to say it is in our best interest to proceed?

The ability of the people to be heard should not be removed.

Thank you for hearing my views on this matter.

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HB 77

COMMITTEE:

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I am opposed to HB 77, because it would take away the rights of individuals and tribal organizations regarding water reservation in Alaska.

Tribal rights to preserve salmon and their rights to a unique way of life should not be limited in any way shape or form. It is important that tribes can apply directly to DNR for water reservations.

Although Fish and Game often helps the tribes when they apply for a water reservation, it should not be a law that the tribes have to apply thru DNR.

Individuals or non-government entities should also be able to apply directly to the DNR for water reservations.

Salmon and fish are important to Alaskans and it even says in the Alaska Constitution that water is reserved for fish. With that in mind,

it is unnecessary to endorse any measure which would make it more difficult for Alaskans to protect our fish and our waters.

It is also important to ensure that the water reservation requests which are already in place be honored and grandfathered in. There are currently 35 non-agency applications of which tribal members and individuals have put hours of water testing and data documentation into.

As Alaskans, we need less government intervention not more. Please do not allow passing this bill to become a model for limiting the rights of Alaskans. Please allow Alaskans the rights to due public process regarding our waters and our fish.

Thank you for your time on this issue.

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Section 42: The reapplication for a TWUP should not be eliminated which this bill would do. This process of reapplication seems to be a proper and useful avenue to ensure the applicant is adhering to the original permit and a timely review of the conditions of the salmon habitat would be addressed.

A TWUP should be honored for the five year period not to be superseded by a new granting of a permanent or temporary water right.

Constitution: The States best interest should never trump the constitution. What would a Constitution lawyer have to say in regards to this?

Serious consideration should be given to local Native Rights to water. The rights to water should always be prioritized for the public, who are the actual owners of the water, the local residents (which ~~may~~ include Native Rights).

The public opinion process should never be eliminated and is against the very basic rights of being an american and the democratic process.

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SB 77

COMMITTEE:

Senate Finance Committee

DATE:

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The energy corporations (corporations)
are proposing this disabling Bill

Yet reason, logic, and civil cohesion
of evolving relationships cry out for
a more free way of living life here
on Planet Earth

I know what it is the economic
empires do not want the public to have
Access to and that is free energy
and the energy that will be put forth
through the collective consciousness in need
at this hour will bring about a more
universal (one song) way of living with
each other

These corporation must stop feeding
off the public through their ^(corps) lack of
innovation ASAP!!!