

From: Carolyn & Don Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 4:53 PM
To: Rep. Steve Thompson
Cc: Lynette Bergh
Subject: HB 154 is a Good Bill--The UA Museum of the North should be an official repository of collections

Dear Representative Thompson (*Steve!*)

The University of Alaska Museum of the North has been a *de facto* State Repository for research collections for scores of years. HB 154 finally recognizes this officially. I support your efforts to pass this bill.

Realizing that less than two weeks remain in the session, I hope you are able advance this action in a timely manner.

It is a long time coming.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Best wishes,

Don

Don Gray
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From: Mat-Su Birders [mailto:msbirder@mtaonline.net]

Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 9:51 PM

To: Rep. Steve Thompson

Cc: Lynette Bergh

Subject: Committee Substitute HB 154

Dear Representative Thompson,

The Mat-Su Birders wild bird club strongly supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154 that designates the University of Alaska Museum of the North as a repository for natural and cultural history collections.. The University of Alaska Museum of the North's wild bird collection is an extremely important resource for biologists, naturalists, ornithologists, and birders from all of North America.

Our organization has donated several bird specimens to the Museum's collection and we rely on the Museum's collection records to substantiate which bird species have occurred in Alaska and to validate reports of where in Alaska bird species are currently occurring. It is vital that the Museum's collections remain in Alaska for use by Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Winckler, President

Mat-Su Birders <www.matsubirders.org>

From: DavidSonne@aol.com [mailto:DavidSonne@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 4:46 AM

To: Rep. Steve Thompson

Subject: (no subject)

Dear Representative Thompson:

My wife and I have been supporters of the Museum of the north for several years. I applaud your recognition of the museum's statewide role and the significance of its collections and research.

I would like to strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. I believe 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.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

David Sonneborn

Anchorage

From: Bruce Wade [mailto:alaskaflamingo@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2013 8:56 PM

To: Rep. Steve Thompson

Cc: Lynette Bergh

Subject: Museum of the North

On behalf of the Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center (AWBRC) in Houston, I would like to express my support of HB 154. Birds rescued at the AWBRC do not always survive their injuries. These birds are donated to the museum collection for further research and inclusion in their collection. We are proud to be able to contribute to this valuable project. Alaska should be honored to have such an internationally well-regarded research facility in our state.

Thank you,
Nancy Wade
President, Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center

From: Daniel D Gibson [mailto:avesalaska@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2013 11:27 AM
To: Rep. Steve Thompson; Lynette Bergh
Subject: UA Museum designation

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.

Daniel D. Gibson, Ornithology Collection Manager (retired); research associate (ornithology)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Chapin [mailto:terry.chapin@alaska.edu]

Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2013 8:33 AM

To: Rep. Steve Thompson

Cc: Lynette Bergh

Subject: Support for Committee Substitute for House Bill 154

Representative Steve Thompson--

As a University of Alaska faculty member who has worked extensively with Alaskan ecology and its connection to culture, I strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154, which would designate the University of Alaska Museum of the North (UAMN) as the repository for natural and cultural history collections. These research collections are fundamental for our citizens, students, faculty, and international researchers to understand the state's human and natural history. These collections also contribute to making the museum a prime tourist location that contributes to the state economy.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

F Stuart (Terry) Chapin

From: Kevin McCracken [mailto:kevin.g.mccracken@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2013 12:20 PM
To: Rep. Steve Thompson; Lynette Bergh
Subject: Support Letter for University of Alaska Museum State repository designation

Dear Representative Steve Thompson

I strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. 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.

As a UAF faculty member since 2001, 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.

Kevin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Aldona Jonaitis [mailto:ajonaitis@alaska.edu]

Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 2:29 PM

To: Lynette Bergh

Subject: Museum as official repository

I am fully supportive of the bill to be named an official repository for natural and cultural history collections. Many university museums around the country are so named by their states, and it is a best museum practice for an institution like ours to have that designation.

Aldona

Aldona Jonaitis

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-----Original Message-----

From: DR Lee [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 4:35 PM

To: Rep. Steve Thompson

Subject: State Repository Designation

Hi Steve,

I strongly support the committee substitute for House Bill 154. I believe the designation as State Repository will recognize the Alaska Museum of the North and the important work it has been doing since its inception.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our museum.

Sincerely, Dr. Lee (Aloia) O'Hare

Sent from my iPhone



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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Representative Thompson:

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (AMNWR) strongly supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. We believe 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.

The AMNWR has contributed many specimens to the museum over the years and assisted many others in making collections from refuge lands and would like to insure a permanent home for these specimens within Alaska.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Heather Renner
Supervisory Wildlife Biologist

----- Original Message -----

From:

"RONALD K INOUE" 

To:

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Representative Steve Thompson--

The "Friends of the University of Alaska Museum of the North" strongly supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. We believe 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.

As a volunteer board which formed in 1979 to build a campus museum facility and provide UAMN support, we applaud your bringing recognition to UAMN's statewide role and the significance of its collections.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Ronald K. Inouye, President, Friends of the University of Alaska Museum of the North