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Senator McGuire,

I can support background checks for new psychologist, who are being licensed for the first time as psychologists in Alaska. I do not support a requirement for further background checks on current licensed psychologists and those who will be renewing their license as psychologists. Finger printing is a quick and dirty approach to accessing a national or state criminal database, focusing primarily on only those who may have a criminal record. It would not necessarily assist in screening for past non-criminal actions. It is fairly limited in its focus and does not do justice to the Board's responsibility to still verify past employment, education, training, supervision, and past licensure board actions.

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