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SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

MEMORANDUM

2 February 2015

**TO: Senator Mia Costello
Chair, Labor & Commerce**

FROM: Senator Bill Wielechowski 

SUBJ: Hearing Request for SB 2 – Employment Preference: Veteran & Spouses

I am writing to request a hearing for Senate Bill 2: Employment Preference – Veteran and Spouses.

This legislation extends the public sector allowance on veterans hiring preference to private sector employers. The jobless rate among those who have honorably served is well above the general population, becoming ever more significant as our nation emerges from a decade of overseas conflict and reduces the total number of combat forces. For employers who want to support veterans and their families, this bill allows them to do so without fear of violating federal discrimination laws.

Included in the bill packet:

- SB 2 – Sponsor Statement
- SB 2 – Version H
- SB 2 – Supporting Documents
 - Updated Quick Facts
 - NCSL Brief
 - Letter of Support from Assistant Secretary of Defense Langdon
 - Affected Alaska Human Rights Statute

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or my staff Kalyssa Maile at 465-6252. Thank you for your consideration.