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The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Department of Revenue (DOR) respectfully requests that SB 135, "An Act requiring the electronic submission of a tax return or report with the Department of Revenue; relating to fisheries business tax and fishery resource landing tax; relating to refunds to local governments; and providing for an effective date," be scheduled in the Senate Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the tax rates of the fisheries business tax (AS 43.75.015) and the fishery resource landing tax (AS43.77.010). This increase would result in additional revenue of approximately \$18,000,000 annually.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Revenue at 907-465-3669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Hoffbeck".

Randall J. Hoffbeck, Commissioner

Cc: Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor
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