



Mrs. Alaska United States Organization  
Little Miss Alaska Pageant  
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Dear Alaska State Legislators,

I would like to state my full support of HB 289 and SB 168, the reconfiguration of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers. I am the director of the Mrs. Alaska United States Pageant and the co-director of the Little Miss Alaska Pageant, and I am very familiar with the nail technician, hairdressing, permanent color cosmetic, and barbering industries.

I believe this is a very good, very simple bill for the following reasons:

- There are nearly 1,000 nail technicians and manicurists in Alaska, and they deserve a seat at the Board. They do not currently have a board seat on the Board that governs their licenses.
- There are only 151 barbers, and they do not need 2 board seats. This is both an over-representation of a small number of licensees and offers an extremely small pool of potential board members for recruitment. Changing one of those seats to be any licensee represented by the Board provides the best recruitment opportunities.
- Adding a 7<sup>th</sup> board member provides an odd number of voting members on the Board. I believe this is best board practice for such a small board, both because it will break ties and because it better assures a quorum (current statute requires a majority to be present for a vote).
- The Board is self-sufficient, so this bill holds a ZERO GENERAL FUND FISCAL NOTE, and will not cost the state any money.

Thank you for your hard work advocating for your constituents and the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "RSC", written over a horizontal line.

Renee' Scott  
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Co-Director, Little Miss Alaska