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Re: SB51 and HB144 Public testimony

Good Day,

My family and I live in a remote part of Alaska and veterinary care is almost non-existent. The board is not friendly to rural Alaska. Low cost spay/neuter clinics and other veterinary care has been hindered by the board. It is an obvious favor to veterinarians who apparently do not care that work gets done in the villages, expecting that potential clients might not make the 550 mile round trip drive (in our case from Eagle to Delta).

For many years I was the Rabies Vaccinator Layperson until the state removed us from the program. That leaves our area hurting for rabies shots. The town of Eagle approached the state and the board asking for the program to be continued in our area and that we would shoulder the full cost but were turned down. Why???

The board does not need to be extended for 8 years. Two to three years would be fine. That way we might get a chance to have a voice and be heard.

Also, a rural person from a small community of less than 1000 needs to be on the board.

Otherwise there is no one to speak for those of us who need veterinary care and cannot get it. Please change the wording of the bills to include a rural person from a very small community and do not extend the board for 8 years. We are struggling to get help out here and the current board does not seem to understand the problems that we face. Having someone on the board and being able to replace the board at a more reasonable amount of time would help greatly.

Thank You,

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