



February 13, 2019

The Honorable Bert Stedman & Natasha von Imhof
Co-Chairs of Senate Finance
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Senate Bill 37 – Statewide Immunization Program

Dear Senator Stedman & Senator von Imhof,

Aetna would like to submit comments of support for SB 37 (Statewide Immunization Program). Aetna applauds the efforts of Senator Giessel to renew the Statewide Immunization Program that has been in effect for Alaskans for over thirty years. The program allows the Department of Social Services to purchase all pediatric and most adult vaccines at cost below those of private purchase alternatives. Immunizations are an important part of public health and can help to prevent disease in adults and children.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our support for SB 37.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Butler", written over a horizontal line.

Shannon Butler
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