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My name is Mike Coons and speaking for myself.

I support Governor Dunleavy when it comes to the Pioneer Home methods and chargers as stated by Clinton Lasley, Director of the Pioneer Homes. I listened to Clinton and Rep Fields closely. I have read the bill closely as well. I am not speaking as a public member on the Alaska Commission on Aging, that said, we have been briefed by Mr Lasley prior to the budget being presented, as to cost and the concept as to increasing payments to closer that of actual cost. We were also briefed by staff of Rep Fields on HB 96.

I can't see the CS but listening to the discussion I'm not sure any better to a point I can support HB96 over where I was prior to this hearing. Even Rep Wool points out we are at a negative situation.

Thus, based on testimony and briefings by Mr Lasley and the testimony and briefing by Rep Fields and staff, I have come to the conclusion that I will stay with my opposition to HB96 and support the model of Mr Lasley and the Governors budget.

In closing as hard as I've worked, my wife and I having our Air Force retirement and our retirement portfolio, I hope I die quickly so I can leave my wealth to whom I want, not all going to the State.