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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.

HB 96 at best kicks the can down the road at worse puts the Pioneer Home in worse financial 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 oppose HB96 and support the findings of Mr Lasley and the Governors budget.

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