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House Health & Social Services Committee Co-Chair

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2019

TO: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz, Co-Chair & Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky, Co-Chair,
House Health & Social Services

FROM: Representative Ivy Spohnholz,  Co-Chair of House Health & Social Services

RE: Hearing Request: House Bill 114, Medical Provider Incentives/Loan Repayment (SHARP-3)

I respectfully request that House Bill 114 "Medical Provider Incentives/Loan Repayment (SHARP-3) be scheduled for the House Health & Social Services Committee at its earliest convenience.

HB 114 addresses the shortage of health care professionals in underserved areas by establishing the *Health Care Professionals Workforce Enhancement Program* (SHARP-3). SHARP-3 is a public-private partnership that builds on the success of SHARP-2 by increasing the number of health care professionals working in underserved areas in Alaska while minimizing the use of state funds. Health care professionals participating in the program will work for a minimum of three years in exchange for repayment of their student loan or direct incentives.

With the sunset of SHARP-2 on June 30, 2019, other health care professional incentive programs are needed to reduce health care workforce shortages throughout Alaska. SHARP-3 will allow employers to hire much-need staff, employees get assistance with their loan repayments, and Alaskans living in rural or urban communities have improved access to health care.

Attached you will find:

1. HB 114 version A
2. HB 114 Sectional Analysis
3. HB 114 Sponsor Statement
4. HB 114 DHSS PowerPoint
5. HB 114 Letters of Support
6. HB 114 SHARP-2 Final Report to the Legislature 2018

Please contact Bernice Nisbett at 465-2696 if you need further information.

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