

3/24/2020

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 241 // HB 311 – Extending COVID 19 Disaster Declaration Emergency

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

The Alaska REALTORS® represents over 1,700 of the nearly 3000 licensees across Alaska. Thank you for introducing legislation to extend the emergency declaration and propose expanded authorities to protect the public health. As well as flexibility to Alaskans to continue to conduct business safely as not to exacerbate or risk further spread, putting more Alaskan's health and safety at risk.

We are writing today to request language added to section 12 of your legislation to broaden the flexibility proposed to be provided to for-profit corporations also to be provided to non-profits such as the Alaska REALTORS®. This language would ensure groups such as ours to be able to provide our members with a safe way to engage and participate in governance. It would allow the organization to meet without having to travel from communities across the state to assemble in a shared location to hold our annual or other meetings in the coming months.

As it is not certain how long this environment will continue to last necessitating social distancing at the least, to limit the size of congregations to 10 or less at the most. We believe allowing the flexibility to both for-profit as well as non-profit organizations to continue to conduct its business electronically as provided under bylaws.

Again, thank you for introducing this legislation considering the COVID 19 pandemic. We believe the current proposed section 12 applies to for-profit corporations and leaves out Alaska's non-profit organizations, such as the Alaska REALTORS®, who also need similar relief during this trying time. Doing so allows maximum participation while also avoids the need for statewide travel and congregation of large numbers of members to fulfill annual meeting requirements.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Evelyn Arnott
2020 Alaska REALTORS® President

cc: Senator John Coghill, Chair Senate Rules Committee
Representative Chuck Kopp, Chair House Rules Committee