

REPRESENTATIVE KEN McCARTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 13 — CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER/JBER



MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Chris Tuck
Chair, Military and Veterans Affairs

FROM: Representative Ken McCarty

DATE: March 2, 2021

RE: House Bill 53

I respectfully request that House Bill 53 “Military Children School Residency Waiver” be scheduled for a hearing in the House Military and Veteran Affairs Committee at its earliest convenience.

HB 53 will enhance access to the Military Children of Active-Duty Parents/Guardians to enroll their child(ren) in a new school district during the regular enrollment process. Oftentimes military personnel receive transfer papers toward the end of a school year. It is often difficult or impossible for the military parents/guardians to register their child(ren) in a new school district during the regular enrollment process. This bill would allow a parent or guardian to enroll their child(ren) during the regular enrollment process, if the parent or guardian has received transfer papers, even if the family does not yet reside in the school district. This is important to high school students because courses required for graduation or college entrance oftentimes fill up quickly. This bill is also important to families who wish to send their children to charter schools as these school often have an admission through a lottery process and there are deadlines for entering such lotteries.

Attached please find: HB 53 Version A; Letter of Support from DOD

Please contact Deneen Tuck at 465-3783 to coordinate or if you need additional information.