
From: Thor Stacey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:14 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Zack Fields; Tristan Walsh; Joseph Byrnes
Subject: HB128- Amendments

Honorable House Finance Committee Members:

I write on behalf of my clients the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation and the Alaska Professional Hunters Association who are working with a coalition of non-profit fish and wildlife conservation groups in support of HB 128.

First we thank you for your time and consideration of this important reform that will benefit Alaska non-profit charitable gaming permittees broadly. Our goal is to work towards passage of HB 128 this session, therefore we want a version that generates broad consensus within the legislature.

My clients worked with the fish and wildlife non-profit coalition to develop consensus points that are incorporated in Representative Rasmussen's amendment. We support incorporation of her amendment today in Hfin.

My clients do not fully understand the policy implications of Representative LeBon's amendment dropped yesterday, Sunday @ 1PM. Expedited requests for legal analysis have resulted in a cursory opinion that the LeBon amendment will provide an avenue for a significant expansion of gaming. The extent and real world implications of this expansion are not clear. Given our priority of securing passage of this bill inline with the response to the discussion initiated by the expiration of the disaster declaration we are unable to support that amendment at this time. We simply have not had enough time to understand the effects or implications of these changes and we do not want to see HB128 stalled.

As always, we defer and trust your process. We have done our best to understand Representative LeBon's amendment in the few business hours we have had leading up to today's hearing but more questions than answers remain.

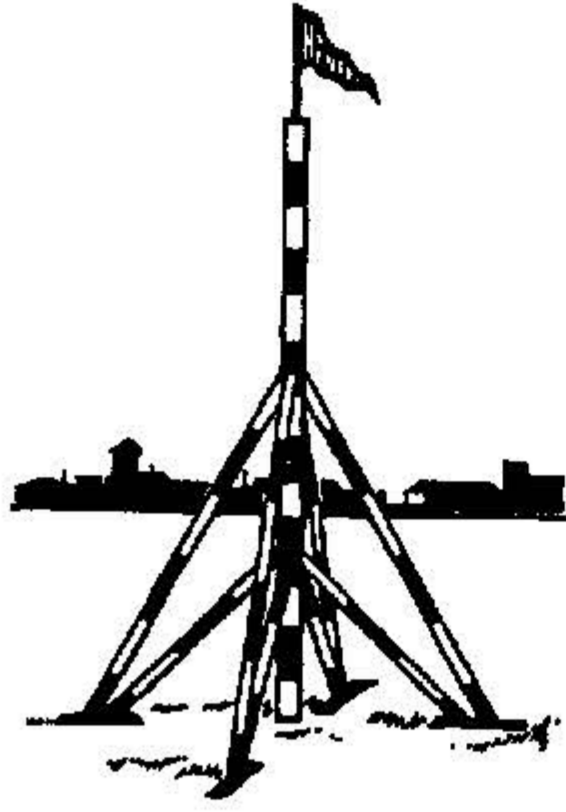
Respectfully,

Thor Stacey

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March 26th, 2021

Alaska Legislature
Representative Zack Fields

RE: HB 128, Version A

To whom it may Concern:

The Nenana Ice Classic supports this bill because many people around the state have contacted us wanting to be able to purchase our tickets on-line, due to the fact that they don't live in an area where tickets are available. Even though people mail us their guesses, it would just make things a lot easier for them to be able purchase the tickets on-line, also for people that can't leave their homes for various reasons. The Covid 19 virus hit our business pretty hard, as it did many around the state, some having to close permanently! We lost almost \$250,000.00 in sales due to people having to stay home! And you can't blame them!

I believe this would reduce some of our costs, therefore we will be able to increase the amount of the prize money and the amount of contributions that we would be able to give. It would make many Alaskans very happy to be able to purchase their guesses on-line for whatever reason.

Thank you for your time and hard work!! Making things better for all Alaskans!!

Respectfully,

Cherrie Forness, Manager

3/26/2021

To the Alaska State House of Representatives:

This letter is written in support of **HB 128: Use of Internet for Charitable Gaming**. Since the temporary guidance was enacted, Monroe Foundation, Inc. has held two raffles which may not have been possible otherwise. Both raffles were very successful. In fact, our St. Patrick's Day Raffle sold out well in advance of the drawing.

In large part, we owe the success of these events to our government representatives who worked to give nonprofits the ability to sell raffle tickets online. Online sales enable participants to purchase raffle tickets outside of our normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Charitable donations are frequently made online outside of our normal business hours, when people are not working.

The State has proven online raffle ticket sales can be beneficial through the PFD Education Raffle, and we believe this opportunity should continue to be afforded to Alaska nonprofits in perpetuity.

Thank you for your work to help Alaska nonprofits.

Sincerely,



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