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From: Margaret Stern [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 12:29 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: SB 123 & HB 170

I want to thank Gov. Dunleavy for bringing forth this proposed legislation, as well as the Legislature, who has since incorporated public input to strengthen this bill, for positioning Alaska to be a leader in the clean and reliable energy transition. The proposed Energy Independence Program & Fund can be a powerful economic engine to diversify Alaska's struggling economy and make the state a leader in clean and reliable energy innovation, however AIDEA's long standing track record of misallocated and often secretive investments mean the Green Bank likely will inherit AIDEA's toxicity and structural defects unless the new legislation addresses the following concerns:

-Amend the bill to make it clear that AIDEA's large expenditures are subject to legislative oversight -Amend the bill to ensure the primary purpose of any project funded is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or increase energy efficiency -Amend the bill to ensure accountable and transparent public process for public business

This is a remarkable opportunity for Alaska to pave the way forward in clean and reliable energy, and it is vital to the success of this project that amendments are made that allow Alaskans to participate in these processes as we move forward.

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From: Rebecca Siegel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 5:11 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: SB 123 & HB 170 re "The Energy Independence Program & Fund: AIDEA" (the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority)

To the House Labor and Commerce Committee:

I am writing to express my hopes and concerns about SB 123 & HB 170 re "The Energy Independence Program & Fund: AIDEA" (the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority).

While I enthusiastically support forming a Green Bank for Alaska, I do not think that HB 170 as it stands is the best way forward. An Energy Independence Program & Fund can be a powerful economic engine to diversify Alaska's economy. This is AIDEA's mission. However, AIDEA's long-standing track record of misallocated and often secretive investments mean the Green Bank likely will be burdened by public distrust unless the new legislation addresses the following concerns:

- 1) Amend the bill to make it clear that **AIDEA's large expenditures** (for example over \$5M) **are subject to legislative oversight**
- 2) Amend the bill to ensure the **primary purpose of any project funded is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or increase energy efficiency**
- 3) Amend the bill to **ensure transparent public process** (i.e., 30 days notice for public comment on resolutions and a publicly available document showing AIDEA's record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive public comments).

We support broadening the advisory board so more **state and tribal experts inform decision-making** and allocating **35% of lending to rural Alaskans and providing technical assistance** to support community access respectively. We also support **diversifying the AIDEA board composition**.

Sincerely,
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From: Suzanne Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:55 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: SB 123 & HB 170

Hello,

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This is a remarkable opportunity for Alaska to pave the way toward clean and reliable energy. These proposed amendments are vital to the success of this project and to allow Alaskans to participate in these processes as we move forward.

Thank you very much for taking the time, Suzanne Bishop

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From: Rio Zavala [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:41 AM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: SB 123 & HB 170

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From: Mackenzie Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 1:31 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: Testify HB 170

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to testify the HB 170 bill and raise awareness of how Alaska needs to change how we create energy within the state.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Parker