

Jasmin Martin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 12:37 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Mallory Donalson

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Paige Eddy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 1:32 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: In Support of SB192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Paige Eddy

Jasmin Martin

From: Alaskaprotrader <a [REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Senate bill 192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Kennon Belisle, Anchorage

Kennon Belisle

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL; DO NOT FORWARD WITHOUT SENDER'S EXPRESS PERMISSION This message and attachments are intended for the use of the named recipient and may contain confidential information. Any unauthorized disclosure or distribution of this communication is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender via reply email, and destroy all copies of the original message. Thank you.

Jasmin Martin

From: Yanna Divine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 11:08 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Kiyanna G. from Eagle River, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Jen Syzdek [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2022 6:48 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 - yes

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jen Syzdek, Eagle River AK

Sent from my iPad

Jasmin Martin

From: Michael Kruse [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2022 9:41 AM
To: kendalpike@gmail.com
Cc: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Re: Sb192 midwifery

Good morning -

I am writing to support SB 192 and echo my wife's statements below.

The past two years have only spotlighted and proven that our medical care system is broken. Hospital administrations not acting in the best interests of the patient if there is a more lucrative billing code they can access. Their entire argument around SB192 is Hospital Administration sees dollar signs go out the window for anyone who isn't forced to use their services. The Government intervention via CMS and the recent CMS expansion discussion serves to fuel this fire. The Government is incentivizing hospitals to target anything that doesn't happen in their building and utilizing false information to scare you into believing they are the only solution.

Of my three children, only one birth went as planned.

My first child was delivered at providence attempting to utilize a midwife to deliver and only the hospital building. However, midway through doctors decided it had been too long of labor, overrode the midwife and my request and grabbed what can only be described as a baby head grabbing suction tube, proceeded to grab my daughter's head ,and pull her out. She was then moved to the NICU where they proceeded to poke and prod my daughter and not let me anywhere near here. She was perfectly fine. They admitted they didn't need to intervene, but i didn't know any better

Second child, same drill but they convinced us to induce. After several hours of not seeing a single medical staff at Providence, we were suddenly rushed by the entire staff and our doctor who told us they had been calling the wrong number for an hour because some sensor was going off at a nurse station. They announced she needed an emergency c section, strapped her to the bed, and left me alone in a room wondering what just happened. My son was born and they didn't want to let me hold home, to which i stopped asking and picked him up.

My third baby, who is now one started wanting to come out at 7am. We never left the house. Our midwife came to the house, set up our bed, got everything ready, and stayed with my wife and me through the process. She was calm, attentive and engaged. Their second midwife in training looked after my other two kids (6 and 4) who were just nervous and excited to meet the baby. The relaxed approach allowed my wife to deliver with zero complications, and we were checked up every day for the next 3 days.

The midwife process is a much better system than the money-making conveyor belt birthing approach that hospitals take. This is not a one sized fits all type of healthcare. If people want to go to a hospital no problem, but do not pretend this is about HealthCare.

The government has demonstrated with other "healthcare" measures that they do not care about your health. This is about funneling money to organizations and healthcare corporations.

I urge you to pass SB 192 and protect Alaskans' Right to choose how their healthcare is provided. Make the Hospitals compete with these small midwives. The data is on the midwife's side. So let the free market make the hospitals do better.

THanks

Mike Kruse

On Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 10:48 AM Kendal Pike <[k](#)> wrote:
Senators,

I am writing emphatically in support of SB 192 for midwifery in Alaska. I am a healthcare provider, mother and (obviously) a woman who supports women's right to determine their care during pregnancy.

During 2020 due to extreme hospital and obgyn policies my husband and I left our care at Providence to find a midwife. We delivered our baby at home and avoided being subject to the covid policies that wouldn't have allowed me to have my husband and or my mother at the birth of my child as my support and help in making life altering decisions about my care when I was most vulnerable.

We had a wonderful and life changing experience and will most definitely hire a midwife for our next baby to be delivered at home.

The scientific literature has demonstrated for decades that midwifery care is an enormous benefit to women, birth and delivery outcomes, and infant mortality. The vast amount of literature also demonstrates that unmedicated births with minimal intervention are FAR SUPERIOR to heavy medication and common interventions that are instituted by hospitals. If women choose to have a medicated birth, c section, the myriad of interventions that should be their informed choice but for those of us who choose natural births we need midwives in Alaska that are knowledgeable and supportive of natural births.

Lastly, as a point of reference financially one of my children delivered at Providence billed our insurance for \$26,000 and my second son born at home was billed for a total cost of \$4000. Forcing women to give birth at hospitals exponentially raises the costs and places massive burdens on families that are completely unnecessary when there are more cost effective alternatives.

I look forward to watching this bill move through committees with great interest.

Thank you,
Kendal Kruse

Jasmin Martin

From: Amber Curry <a [REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES TO SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. This Bill satisfies the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska, by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public by increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care, lowering out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lowering healthcare costs to the State of Alaska, and extending midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Amber Curry

Palmer, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Mary Yanagawa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 Letter of Support
Attachments: Letter from MAA Executive Board .pdf

Hello, I have attached a letter of Support for the midwifery legislation SB192 from the Midwives Association of Alaska Executive Board.

I hope this reaches the committee before the next meeting on Thursday.

Thank you,

Mary Yanagawa, CDM, CPM
President of MAA

Jasmin Martin

From: Elaine Lupie [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska Midwifery

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Elaine Lupie, Sutton, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Elise Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Legislation

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Elise Johnson-Wasilla

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Jasmin Martin

From: Kylee Gilbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 & HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Kylee Hongslo, Wasilla

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: desiree [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

I know this from personal experience as I delivered at home with a midwife and it was a fabulous experience.

They also lower the out-of-pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

My cost was reasonable as a client that gave birth without health insurance.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

And we all want to be able to have more options when it comes to our healthcare needs which are very personal and intimate. For me, I did not want to be limited to only being able to give birth in a hospital. And the support I received after delivery far surpassed my expectations.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now!

Sincerely,

A former At-Home-Birth-with-a-midwife recipient,
Desiree Jensen

Jasmin Martin

From: Christy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 10:45 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Yes to SN192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Christy Reitzig
Wasilla Ak

Jasmin Martin

From: Xena Almquist [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 2:23 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192, HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

(Xena Almquist, Anchorage)

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

Jasmin Martin

From: Amber Arbelovsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 9:21 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwifery

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Amber, Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Tuu Galeai [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Tu'u Galea'i (Eagle River, AK)

Jasmin Martin

From: Olivia Jenkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards. These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska. They work by protecting Alaska Midwives and benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care. They also lower out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska. They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now!

Sincerely,
Olivia Jenkins
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Tamara Sanchez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwives

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Tamara Sanchez, Wasilla

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: greensandals19 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: In SUPPORT of SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

**Stacy Evans
Sitka, Alaska**

--

Stacy Evans

Jasmin Martin

From: Adelita Garcia [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 11:56 AM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska Midwifery Statute

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Adelita Garcia, Anchorage.

Jasmin Martin

From: Clark Cripps [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska Midwifery Bill

To whom it may concern:

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefiting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Clark Cripps

Wasilla, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Carissa Skitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaskan midwifery statutes

Hello,

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Carissa Skitt, Palmer AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Serena Lecorchick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Serena Lecorchick of Palmer, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Serena Lecorchick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Serena Lecorchick of Palmer, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Jennifer Kazmar <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Sb192 hb 334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jeni Hanks Eagle River AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Sophie dye <sopdye93@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 and HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Sophie Dye, Anchorage

Jasmin Martin

From: Keight Jury <kateman11@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334. These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska. They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care. They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska. They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,
Alaskan mother of 4,
Kate Timmons
Anchorage.

Jasmin Martin

From: Iris Deanna <irisdeannablog@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska Midwifery

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Iris Williams, Wasilla Alaska

Jasmin Martin

From: Caprial Moody <caprial.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: SB192 & HB334

I am a mother of soon to be 4 children and given the state of our current economy and living through covid, I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Caprial Williams, Anchorage

Jasmin Martin

From: Jamie Cripps <jamielcripps@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 5:42 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Alaska midwifery support

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cripps

Jasmin Martin

From: Ayla Turner <ayyturn21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 6:22 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: YES to SB192 & HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.
These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.
They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.
They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.
They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.
I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Ayla Brown

Jasmin Martin

From: Deana Mease <deanaak06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 7:57 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Midwifery Bill

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

**Sincerely,
Deana Mease, Wasilla, AK**

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Deana Mease <deanaak06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 7:59 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: HB334

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery. I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

**Sincerely,
Deana Mease, Wasilla, AK**

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Catherine Busby <busbytoc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 9:19 PM
To: House Finance; House Labor and Commerce; Senate Finance; Senate Health and Social Services; Senate Labor and Commerce; Joe Hayes
Subject: Midwife support

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefitting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

J. Catherine Herschleb, Cordova, AK

Jasmin Martin

From: Kelly Preston <hello@nourishedmotherhood.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support for SB192 and HB334

Hello!

I'm a HUGE fan of midwifery services in the state of Alaska. I've had two out of hospital births with 2 different midwives and they were phenomenal experiences. My first was born at a birth center in Anchorage attended by two wonderful midwives and my 2nd child was born at home in Anchorage this past September.

I'm a Nutritional Therapy Practitioner with an emphasis of supporting women from preconception through pregnancy, birth and postpartum recovery. I've seen time and time again with my clients that access to midwifery care is critical as well as there has never been more of a need for more support for women during this phase of life - this is especially true since the beginning of pandemic.

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefiting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Kelly Preston, Anchorage, Alaska

--

Kelly Preston, NTP

[@nourished.motherhood](mailto:hello@nourishedmotherhood.com)

[The Nourished Motherhood Collective](#)

Jasmin Martin

From: Caleb Preston <caleb.preston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Senate Health and Social Services
Subject: Support SB192 and HB334

Hello!

I'm a HUGE fan of midwifery services in the state of Alaska. My wife and I've had two out of hospital births with 2 different midwives and they were phenomenal experiences. Our daughter was born at a birth center in Anchorage attended by two wonderful midwives and our 2nd child was born at home in Anchorage this past September. As a father, I deeply appreciate having access to midwifery care and along with my wife, we are in support of SB192 and HB334.

I am emailing today to say YES to SB192 and HB334.

I support bringing Alaska Midwifery statutes in line with national standards.

These bills satisfy the Legislative Audit Recommendation #1 given by the State of Alaska.

They work by benefiting the public through increasing access to high quality, out of hospital midwifery care.

They also lower the out of pocket healthcare costs to Alaskan families and lower healthcare costs to the State of Alaska.

They are beneficial to Alaskan families by increasing access to midwifery care for both mother and baby after delivery.

I firmly support the passing of SB192 and HB334 now.

Sincerely,

Caleb Preston, Anchorage, Alaska

From: Robert Pugh <widad4015@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 6:44 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB192

Categories: In 2D

I'm writing in support SB192 and HB334

The Alaska Midwifery Board Statute changes.

I'm an Alaskan father of 4 home birthed children and 4 grandchildren. I'm a strong advocate for women's rights to choose how and where they deliver their children.

We must have faith in our licensed midwives training and judgement or risk losing medical freedom of choice all together.

I have full faith and confidence in Alaska's licensed and experienced midwives to always put the health and well being of their clients above and beyond anything else. I'm not so sure I can say the same about hospitals and those that work for big corporations and profit margins.

There is a saying that "if you don't want to have a cesarean don't hire a surgeon to deliver your baby."

Out of hospital midwives are trained in more traditional methods and medications. They do not have the benefit of an operating room as a "safety net" therefore they use tried and true methods of delivering babies the way it has been done since the beginning of mankind.

Properly trained and certified midwives are trained to recognize complications and to determine if they are safely able to deal with them or if it's necessary to transfer into a hospital. There are national standards and regulations that clearly identify and provide guidelines for out of hospital midwives to follow in these situations. Rather than each state trying to write their own regulations and restrictions as Alaska has done in the past, Alaska needs to adopt statutes and regulations that are inline with these national standards of practice to ensure the health and safety of women while respecting their individual rights to choose the best options for their personal situation. When state licensure is based on national certification, the profession as a whole plays an important role in regulation through the processes of accountability maintained by the national certifying agency.

When the state determines that they know better, women have lost their childbearing rights. Making certain women's health choices illegal has never improved women's health.

While no state in the US has laws or regulations that restrict where or how a person gives birth, it turns out that some states' midwifery regulations end up limiting birth options for families. And, in the familiar "keeping women safe" rhetoric of anti-choice activists, over-regulation of home birth midwives can have a similar effect of making birth less safe, as some people are choosing to birth at home anyway—just without a skilled birth attendant by their side. I encourage you to research "free birth" or "unassisted birth" online. Over recent years a growing number of women have chose to not give birth in a hospital, birth center or even use a licensed midwife at home. There are multiple reasons why a woman may choose to take such a risk which includes fear of COVID-19, pandemic protocols and restrictions, unwanted medical procedures, cesareans, inability to have a home birth after cesarean, inability to choose provider based on insurance coverage, lack of insurance and out of pocket costs and feeling of no control over their choices and birth plans. Obviously not having trained and experienced health care providers attending a birth is a major health and safety concern. This issue has also created a demand for "rogue midwives" or women with little or no professional training to assist in childbirth. This has become a growing issue in Alaska as well as other states with very restrictive birth options for expecting mothers.

I strongly encourage you to support SB192 and HB334 to protect the future of licensed midwifery in Alaska as well as preserving women's rights and medical freedoms.

Robert Perry
Eagle River, AK
907-691-5990
sheepdogak@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmin Martin

From: Rachel Pugh <rachel@traditionalrootsmidwifery.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 7:21 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: Support of Midwifery Bill

Categories: In 2D

I fully support SB192 as written. It supports women's rights and medical freedom to choose with whom, where and how they give birth. Those rights should never be infringed upon.

--

Traditional Roots Midwifery LLC
Rachel Pugh, CPM, CDM
(907) 691-5991
traditionalrootsmidwifery.com