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Senator David Wilson, Chairman Health & Social Services Committee Alaska State Senate State Capitol Building Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Comment on HB 265/SB 175

Senator Wilson:

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Alliance generally supports HB 265/SB 175; however, one phrase concerns us and we urge you to remove it.

In version LS-1421\G of SB 175, at Page 4, Line 10 the phrase "in the medical practice" should be stricken.

Many Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Alaska work in independently owned practices. The aforementioned language appears to limit those APRNs who are working as solo practitioners if they do not have another health care provider specifically within their medical practice to provide follow up care.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendation and are available to answer any questions you may have.

With respect and kind regards,

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