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I fully support SB106 to amend Alaska's Medicaid plan and to ask for federal approval. It would help many families to care for their loved ones who struggle with dementia, complex medical needs for minor children or a disabled adult who can't function on their own. Trained direct care workers are difficult to find due to a shortage of them. The low pay is a contributing factor to the shortage. Passage of SB106 will ease some of the burden of worker shortage and be beneficial for the recipient of needed care.

Thank you Senator Giessel for introducing this bill and thank you to those who are co-sponsors.

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