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### Sponsor Statement

#### House Bill 70: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

##### "An Act relating to property exempt from municipal taxation"

House Bill 70 adds new language exempting non-profits from municipal taxation on certain properties. This includes parking lots owned by non-profits and used for parking or other uses free of charge. This also includes property of a store operated by a non-profit that distributes food, shelter, clothes, or health care for below market value or free. Additionally, this maintains a non-profit's tax exemption if they rent out their property to another non-profit.

The Fairbanks Community Food Bank was founded in 1982 in the midst of a recession. People were struggling to put food on their table, but stores had an excess and food was going to waste. While in the first year they collected and distributed a few thousand pounds of food to a couple hundred people, they now collect and distribute approximately five million pounds of food.

Food banks and other charitable non-profits are a pillar of our communities. They help our communities' least fortunate when they need basic goods and services. Of course, many non-profits turn to fundraising and facility rentals to keep their lights on and doors open so they can continue to provide their essential services.

This bill aims to support our non-profits in a time of economic uncertainty in our state. With revenues being down and permanent fund dividends being cut creating a regressive tax on our least fortunate, we must help those who help those in need.

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