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Alaska Council of School Administrators

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The Honorable Sarah Vance
Alaska House of Representatives

The Honorable Shelley Hughes
Alaska Senate

Support for HB 21 / SB 110

Dear Representative Vance and Senator Hughes,

On behalf of the Alaska Council of School Administrators, we write in support of House Bill 21/Senate Bill 110, an act relating to an option for group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district and other public employees.

To keep student learning at the forefront of our priorities and to control escalating costs, the Alaska Council of School Administrators appreciates and supports the concept of an option for a statewide insurance plan.

This bill supports one of our member priorities as stated in our Joint Position Statements: Providing health insurance to our employees is essential for retaining and recruiting high-quality staff who can maximize student achievement. We encourage solutions to the long-term escalating costs of healthcare and health insurance in the state. We support exploration of various mechanisms to decrease health care costs. Controlling the cost of health care for our essential workers is critical and promises long-term benefits in recruiting and retaining effective educators and other school staff.

House Bill 21/Senate Bill 110 provides a path forward for our state to have options. On behalf of the Alaska Council of School Administrators, we thank you for sponsoring HB 21/SB 110 and for your overall commitment to education. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bridget Weiss'.

Dr. Bridget Weiss
ACSA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Quiles Parady'.

Dr. Lisa S. Parady
ACSA Executive Director