

**From:** [D Hill](#)  
**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
**Subject:** In support of SB 52  
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Co-Chair and members of the senate finance committee,

My name is Damian Hill, and I am a parent of students at Bristol Bay school district in Naknek, Alaska. I am writing in support of SB 52. Stable, predictable funding is necessary to ensure districts can attract and retain high quality educators. The base student allocation (BSA) has only been increased by \$30 since 2016, and the impact of inflation during that time has created a significant loss of purchasing power for school districts. In the Bristol Bay school district, we have seen the impact of insufficient funding and inflation. Examples include a decrease in student programs, decrease in student count, and an increase in teacher turnover. Reliable funding is key to improving student outcomes by stabilizing schools and reducing educator turnover. Please consider increasing, as well as inflation proofing the BSA to ensure Alaska schools can continue to serve students with the quality education they deserve.

Thank you.