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House Bill 71 **Sponsor Statement**

“An act relating to education; and relating to a school district online checkbook”

The School Districts around Alaska spend millions of dollars each year without a clear understanding of where the money goes. We believe it goes to everything from office supplies, to teacher salaries, administrative workers and hopefully the kids in the classroom. A tool like an online checkbook will help the Governor and Legislature understand where the deficit is, and where funding is needed. Public accountability helps ensure that funds are spent wisely, and the public is entitled to understand where the funding goes also.

The intent of the online checkbook is to create a free, searchable website that provides Alaskans with easy access to detailed and comprehensive information on School District spending. This will encourage better understanding of district needs and, ultimately, help ensure that funding is directed to where it should be.

If you have additional questions, please contact Ryan McKee in my office at 907-465-4859.