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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

February 2, 2023

The Honorable Cathy Tilton
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to allow individuals to be licensed to operate an adult care home and receive payment under Medicaid for the provision of assisted living services for elderly adults and adult foster children in a home-like environment.

Under this bill, an adult care home would be limited to a non-business site where the head of household lives and provides 24-hour care for no more than two individuals. The Department of Health (DOH) would be able to adopt regulations that allow for care of up to three individuals based on certain circumstances.

The bill would authorize DOH to pay for services under the state's Medicaid program associated with a licensed adult care home. DOH would also be authorized to license and develop rules for the operation of an adult care home.

This bill will allow Alaskans to continue to care for family members in their homes while providing access to financial support to offset the cost of the care. This bill will encourage foster families to remain together when special needs recipients age out of foster care and desire to remain with their foster family.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure