



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Tobin  
Senate Education

**FROM:** Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

**RE:** Hearing Request for SB 192

Please accept this request to schedule SB 192, an act to update the Alaska Reads Act statutes by updating the requirements for the Alaska statewide literacy screener to allow for progress monitoring that will inform additional instruction to increase reading skills beyond the proficiency benchmark and adjust the date of the end of year meeting between the parents, the teacher, and other pertinent district staff from 45 days to 15 days prior to the end of the school year to discuss whether a third-grade student is ready for grade four.

Attached to this memo are the following supporting documents:

1. SB 192 Legislation
2. SB 192 Sectional Analysis
3. SB 192 Fiscal Note

As of right now, the presenters will be:

- Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development  
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If you have any questions regarding this hearing request, please feel free to contact me directly or the Department of Education and Early Development's Legislative Liaison, Laurel Shoop, at (907) 465-8703.