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The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 9
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Jesse Sumner
Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for HB 314 & SB 225 – Occupational Licensing Fees

Dear Chair Bjorkman and Chair Sumner,

The Alaska State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy supports HB 314 and SB 225 introduced by Governor Dunleavy.

This legislation would remove investigation, hearing, and legal costs from the regulatory costs that must currently be covered by professional license fees due to AS 08.01.065. As a result, law-abiding professional licensees would no longer have to pay fees to cover the costs of investigation professionals potentially violating Alaska laws or individuals operating without a license. This is a change that would better support Alaska's licensed professionals, including physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants.

Sincerely,

Alaska State Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy