

BMW of Anchorage



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Representative Jesse Sumner, Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chairman Sumner and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of HB 233 – relating to rates and time allowances for required motor vehicle warranty repair work. I am Joshua Swan Parts Department Manager of BMW of Anchorage. I have 4 employees in my department in a dealership of over 40. I've lived in Alaska for 20yrs. I've been with Lithia for 7yrs, working with our Kia location for 4 of those, and our BMW location for the most recent 3, serving thousands of Alaskans.

HB 233 will help Alaska's economy, by keeping money in our state, rather than sending outside. It helps with some of the hardships seen by the manufacturers under paying our staff, combined with the raging inflation we've seen recently. The cost of recruiting, training, and retaining technicians is at an all-time high. Finding technicians or those wanting to become technicians, who're relied on to keep families on the road, is increasingly difficult because manufacturers choose to underpay, making the prospect of the trade unappealing.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 233, I strongly urge/request your support in passing this important protection for Alaskan workers, and in turn drivers.

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