



**ALASKA NATIVE  
TRIBAL HEALTH  
CONSORTIUM**

April 2, 2024

Senator David Wilson  
Chair, Senate Health and Social Services Committee  
State Capitol Room 121  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: ANTHC Support of House Bill 371

Chair Wilson,

On behalf of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), I write in support of House Bill (HB) 371. This legislation will provide greater opportunities to prevent and reduce avoidable deaths, injuries, and illnesses to help improve Alaskan's health.

ANTHC is a statewide tribal health organization serving all 229 tribes and all Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people in Alaska. ANTHC provides a wide range of statewide public health, community health, environmental health, and other programs and services for Alaska Native people and their communities. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation operate programs at the Alaska Native Medical Center, the statewide tertiary care hospital for all AN/AI people in Alaska, under the terms of Public Law 105-83.

Effective medical review organizations (also known as review committees) improve the health and well-being of Alaskans by informing policies and practices that aid in the reduction of preventable deaths, injuries, and illnesses.

This bill provides clarification on the sharing and publication of reports and recommendations based on medical review organization findings, so long as federal and state confidentiality laws are met.

By removing the composition requirement of 75 percent of health care providers, this bill will enhance the ability of the Department of Health to conduct more in-depth multidisciplinary reviews with increased representation from non-clinical experts to identify recommendations for better outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [mmartin@anthc.org](mailto:mmartin@anthc.org) or 907-365-9334 with any questions or if additional information can be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique R. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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