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Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Chair of Senate Labor, and Commerce
Representative Jesse Sumner, Chair of House Labor, and Commerce

The Alaska State Home Building Association (ASHBA) would like to offer our support of bills SB87 and HB93 currently being heard in the Alaska Legislature.

ASHBA acknowledges the high costs of using lumber shipped to Alaska and seeks alternatives that are more cost effective and available locally for the residential construction industry. A local lumber grading program by locally trained Alaskans, provides opportunities for more jobs in the industry, responsible use of a renewable resource, a lower cost of building materials and more timely delivery of those building materials.

These bills are progress toward a sustainable local resource that would help reduce the high cost of housing across the state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Visser".

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