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**To:** [Senate Finance Committee](#)  
**Cc:** [Ken Alper](#); [Luma Diaz](#)  
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To the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Mel Izard and I live in Juneau. I would like to express my support for Senate Bill 131, which would require education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This bill is so important for Alaska and would make education more robust, benefitting all students. All students deserve to learn about the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders — this knowledge can only benefit students in their overall education.

I urge you to move SB 131 out of committee for a quick vote on the Senate floor.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Mel Izard