

I am writing to express my reservations about Senate Bill 236, which aims to enhance disaster relief for Alaskans.

While the intent is commendable, several critical concerns need addressing:

The bill lacks clarity on funding sources and allocation. Without a robust financial plan, we risk inadequately meeting disaster victims' needs.

Ensuring fair distribution across regions and communities is challenging. Vulnerable areas may be left underserved.

Establishing efficient processes for grant distribution and oversight is essential. Delays could hinder timely assistance.

The bill's reliance on federal decisions leaves us vulnerable. Without a state-imposed deadline, victims may face prolonged uncertainty.

The governor's decisions may be moved by a condo instead of a village sinking away.

Remember that the timeline for State-provided disaster relief may be affected by federal decisions, as there is currently no deadline for federal presidential disaster declarations.

We urge a thorough review and amendments to address these concerns. Disaster victims deserve effective, timely relief.

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