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Public Testimony in Support of SSCR 1

I stand in strong support of Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which disapproves Executive Order No. 136. While the intent to create a Department of Agriculture may seem beneficial in theory, the reality is that the state is currently facing significant fiscal constraints. The establishment of an entirely new department at a time when we are struggling with budget deficits is impractical and unsustainable.

Instead, we should focus on strengthening the existing Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which already oversees crucial agricultural functions. By streamlining and enhancing the agricultural programs within DNR, we can improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary costs, and ensure that Alaska's agriculture sector continues to grow without overburdening the state budget.

The proposed new department could lead to duplication of efforts and create administrative costs that are not financially viable given our current budget crisis. Keeping agricultural programs within DNR will allow us to leverage existing resources and infrastructure, ensuring continuity of services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

I urge the Legislature to reject the creation of a new department and to support the enhancement and streamlining of agricultural services within the Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration
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