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Governor Mike Dunleavy  
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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15, of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

SCS CSHB 70(HSS)

“An Act relating to emergency medical services for operational canines; relating to the powers, duties, and liability of emergency medical technicians and mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; relating to civil liability of veterinarians; and providing for an effective date.”

HB 70 would authorize emergency medical personnel to provide veterinary treatment and administer controlled substances to operational canines without veterinary licensure. Alaska’s veterinary community warns this approach blurs scopes of practices, increases liability exposure, and duplicates services already available. Given the rarity of canine field emergencies, expanding State authority in this area is neither necessary nor prudent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

Enclosure