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To: Nancy Dietrick, Senator Josephson  
From: Steven Kadish  
Date: February 14, 1984  
Re: Asbestos Health Hazard Abatement Program

I have reviewed the Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill 373 and 374 regarding the establishment of an asbestos health hazard abatement program. It looks clear, clean and good.

My comments and proposed changes are few and short. They are as follows:

(a) This draft has the responsibility for the sampling and identification of asbestos health hazards with the Department of Labor, as it should be. However, the funding responsibility for this function is with the Department of Education. I believe that it makes sense for the funding for identification and testing of asbestos be placed in the Department of Labor, who would work with the Department of Education. Grants to renovate and otherwise abate identified asbestos hazards should remain with the Department of Education.

(b) The Certification Program is written well and clearly. The intent of this section was to go beyond asbestos abatement programs in schools and public facilities to cover all such work in the state. I propose the elimination of the phrase "in a school or public facility" be removed on page 3, line 23 and line 28; and on page 4, line 4, line 11, and line 15.

(c) Is it possible to include a study of the asbestos health hazards in public facilities in this bill? The attached article explains that the federal government has appropriated about \$4.5 million for asbestos removal in Alaska. This new funding may mean that fewer dollars are needed to complete the asbestos removal work in the state's schools. A study of the asbestos in other state facilities could be funded as a result. In fact, the whole appropriation, including the facilities study, would probably be less than originally proposed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.