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Senate Finance
Committee

No hearing was held
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The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 107
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would establish state agency program performance management and audit powers in the Office of the Governor. This bill would establish powers in the office of management and budget necessary to evaluate program performance by executive branch agencies. These powers would include express authorization for the exercise of internal audit powers. It is my intent that this authority permit the centralization of the internal audit function, which had been a declining effort under previous Administrations. I intend to use internal audits as a management tool in my Administration's continuing effort to streamline and make efficient the operations of state agencies.

The bill also would make certain audit records confidential. This provision mirrors the powers given to legislative auditors and is considered necessary to make the auditors effective in the performance of their duties.

I urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

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