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Labor and Commerce Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Legal Services
Attn: Terri Lauterbach

FROM: Representative Norman Rokeberg 

DATE: February 3, 1998

SUBJECT: SB 110 – Licensing of Landscape Architects

Yesterday the House Labor and Commerce Committee took up CSSB110(L&C) am, Version 0-LS0634\P.a committee members raised a number of concerns that need to be analyzed and resolved.

Based on your conversation with Shirley Armstrong on 2/2/98, you indicated that the Halford Senate floor amendment changed more than just changing Section 26 on page 12, from a negative to a positive statement and that a substantive change had been made with regard to the total exemption from registration except in cases of public health or safety to a board decision.

The committee members have requested a legal opinion on what Section 26 actually does now that it has been amended and what it did before the amendment. A discussion of who is not required to register would be helpful. Additionally, Representative Hudson has requested that the opinion also include a discussion of how users of landscape services will be impacted and under what circumstances will they be required to use registered landscape architects.

In addition the committee wants to make absolutely sure that individuals or small businesses who have landscaping businesses do not have to register for a license and are not prevented from continuing their businesses. For example many nurseries provide a number of services contained in the definition of landscape architect i.e. advice, consultation, design, etc. to members of the public on landscaping problems and design, the sponsor of the legislation has indicated it is not his intention to prevent homeowners gardening or small businesses from continuing the status quo.

Please prepare an amendment for the Labor and Commerce Committee, the bill will be up again 2/4/98:

1. Clarification language stating who is exempted by Section 26.
2. A definition of the term "affects public health or safety" used by the State of Alaska.
3. Addition of an exemption (11) revegetation, restoration, reclamation, rehabilitation or erosion control for disturbed land.
4. Addition of an exemption (12) for maintaining and directing the placement plant material.
5. Addition of an exemption (13) for property owners who design, prepare plans and specifications for their own use.

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FROM: Representative Norman Rokeberg Shirley
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for HB51. We will try this
version.
Shirley

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faxing down to ask legal dept.
If I have changed any meetings
just leave me a message at
465-4954 and I will get the memo
changed.

Thanks for the help let's
keep our fingers crossed
Shirley

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SENATOR JERRY MACKIE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

March 6, 1998

Mr. Richard C. Button, President
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Dear Rick:

I appreciate this opportunity to respond to the concerns raised by yourself and Mr. Fred Brown regarding SB 110, relating to the licensure of landscape architects.

I will begin by responding to your concerns regarding the ability of civil engineers and architects to continue to provide planting design services ancillary to civil and architectural design. The landscape architects agree that where there is no health and safety concern, engineers and architects should be able to continue providing planting design services. SB 110 contains specific language that states that others may provide planting design unless specific health and safety issues are present. Also included in this legislation is specific language that states that the act shall not... "be construed to prevent the practice of any other legally recognized profession as governed by applicable law." To date, these exceptions have satisfied every architect or engineer that has raised a concern and is the reason that the Alaska Professional Design Council (representing approximately 1500 licensed engineers, architects, and engineers throughout the state) endorses this bill.

The issue, with respect to the restriction of professions to do work currently, much more greatly affects landscape architects than it does engineers or architects. Often, landscape architects must hire civil engineers or architects to stamp drawings prepared by the landscape architect. This is costly to clients and in many cases has eliminated landscape architects from consideration for work in the state. You have indicated that you want to do all aspects of landscape architecture without demonstrating competence, but you also support requirements for civil engineers for work that landscape architects are fully competent to perform. I suggest that as long as public health and safety can be demonstrated, clients should have an option to choose either a landscape architect or an engineer, dependent on the work requirements.

In response to your suggestion for the inclusion of a grandfathering clause that would allow engineers and architects to practice all aspects of landscape architecture; this raises the question of the protection of health and safety. I have no questions in respect to your

ability to provide planting design within certain parameters, however, there are other aspects of the landscape architecture profession such as playground design where the safety of children must be guaranteed. The national Landscape Architect Registration Exam that will be required of all landscape architects is available for you to take. The national testing process is a fair and reasonable way of demonstrating competence in public health and safety concerns.

Regarding your concerns relating to the possibility of municipal, state and federal agencies requiring landscape architects as part of their work requirements. Although licensing of landscape architects does not currently exist, all three governmental levels have already specifically requested landscape architects on requests for proposals. The body of work of landscape architects has demonstrated that there is a difference in buildings that architects design versus those designed by engineers, there is a difference in work that is designed by landscape architects versus that designed by engineers.

Your suggestion that landscape architects could get licensed in another state would not stem the leakage of work in the private sector by Outside interests that have no knowledge of northern climates. If architects, engineers and land surveyors were also required to test out-of-state, this would be an acceptable proposal.

Mr. Button, I assure you that you will be able to continue doing the work that you have done in the past. There is nothing within SB 110 that prevents you from continuing the work that you currently provide. This bill provides specific exceptions for not only yourself, but also others in the nursery, science and landscape industries.

I appreciate this opportunity to discuss these issues with you and to convey to you that the interests of the Alaskans currently doing this work are adequately protected.

Sincerely,



Senator Jerry Mackie
Alaska State Legislature

cc: Mr. Fred R. Brown, 5430 Fairbanks Street, Suite 3, Anch., AK. 909518
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Senator Loren Leman, Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
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House Finance Committee Members

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February 17, 1998

Subject: Senate Bill 110
 Titled: "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architects" (PE)

Prof Engineer
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 Anch 99509

Dear Senator Mackie:

I wrote this letter last year and am resending the same again to you this year as a licensed civil engineer (CE5031) in the State of Alaska. This letter is written to express my displeasure and opposition to Senate Bill 110 titled "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architects." This Senate Bill will come up before you soon and I urge you to vote "NO". You should know that the professional community is deeply divided on this issue, and there are many of us that feel that this licensing is unnecessary, unwarranted, and an intrusion into our own personal practices. Many civil engineers are not aware this bill is before you for consideration.

My understanding of the purpose of professional licensing is to set standards of competency for occupations or trades that directly impact the life, health, and/or safety of the general public. The civil engineering profession in which I am licensed needs to be competent because it provides engineering for the design of highways, bridges, building structures, water and sewer systems among others. If any of these systems are not designed properly, there could be loss of life (building collapse) or a serious threat to health (public water service).

This is not true in the case of landscape architecture. There is no compelling life safety threat involved in this discipline. There are architecture and/or engineering professionals including myself who do landscape design as part of their practice. For several years prior to my license I owned a store that sold indoor and outdoor plant material. This gave me plenty of practical experience and knowledge about the plant materials used for landscaping in Alaska. I have provided this service on private and commercial projects since I have been a licensed engineer, and this bill as written will no longer allow me to perform this service on any type of public job.

When the issue of licensing landscape architects first came up, the primary reason that was given was that federal jobs required a licensed landscape architect to do their landscaping, so the work was going to out of state licensed landscape architects. That fact is probably true. However, there are many architects and engineers registered in Alaska who carry professional licenses in other states. There is nothing that would prevent a landscape architect from taking the licensing exam in a neighboring state, Washington for example, thereby satisfying the federal requirement.

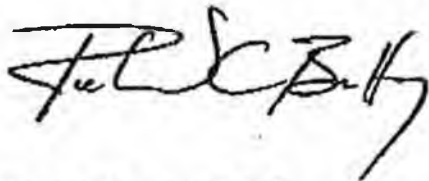
It was also stated, when the idea was first presented, that this license would not preclude other professionals from practicing landscaping design on city and state projects. Naturally, I knew that this was not true, and that as soon as a license was established for "landscape architects" all city and state work would be tied up, and the use of these architects would be required. This is exactly what has happened.

Please don't misunderstand me, I have nothing against anyone who practices landscape architecture. There are plenty of design offices that use landscape architects, and that is their choice. What I am against is creating another license which is not necessary and that prevents those of us that already practice landscape design from continuing to do it on city and state projects. At a minimum, there should be a grandfather clause in the bill for licensing anyone that is currently doing landscape design. Senate Bill 110 requires a degree in landscape architecture, which would effectively preclude all architects and engineers from taking the test. It also has no provisions for "grandfathering."

It should also be pointed out that there are many non-degreed professional landscapers who do landscape and design who are very talented and do a wonderful job. In fact many of the most outstanding examples of landscape architecture have been done by people other than landscape architects.

I strongly urge you to oppose any effort to license landscape architecture in the State of Alaska. Please do not add another layer of regulation in an area where it is not needed in the first place, and where the present system is working fine. This is legislation that the State of Alaska does not need.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Button, P.E.
President
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February 18, 1998

Subject: Senate Bill 110
Licensing of Landscape Architects"

02-18-98A11-42 RC1

Dear Representative Rokeberg:

I am writing this letter as a licensed civil engineer in the State of Alaska and office manager of Shannon & Wilson, a consulting engineering firm with offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks. While my firm does not provide landscape architectural services, we provide support to architectural and civil engineers who do, several with landscape architects on staff. As a result I have been exposed to both sides of the issue and felt that over the last two years many of the issues and languages had been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. I have therefore supported this proposed licensing legislation.

Yesterday, I received a call from Rick Button, a civil client that I work for. He was concerned that this bill would limit his practice by not allowing civil engineers and architects who have been providing landscape architecture for years to continue to do this work nor would it, as written, allow other engineers to take the exam to become registered because they do not possess degrees in landscape architecture. If this is the case, I would urge you to not support this bill or make sure that the bill has a grandfather clause to protect those architects and engineers who currently provide these design services.

The bill should also add provisions as necessary to allow a registered civil engineer or architect to take the exam or an abbreviated exam to demonstrate proficiency in landscape architecture and become a registered landscape architect. Once the bill develops a new registered profession, it is important that you protect those who currently do this type of work by providing pathways or methods to allow them to continue to do this work particularly on state and municipal projects where there may be a tendency to require that certain work be performed by a registered landscape architect.

In summary, before you vote for the above bill, please check to see that the interests of the people currently doing this work are adequately protected.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Senate Bill 110
Titled: "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architects"

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SENATOR JERRY MACKIE

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 1998

To: Representative Mark Hanley, Co-Chair
Representative Gene Therriault, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee

From: Senator Jerry Mackie, Chair
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Subject: SB 110 - proposed amendment

Attached is a letter dated February 17, 1998, from D. Lance Mearig, P.E. Chair, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors, explaining the reasoning behind the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment would delete AS 08.48.331 (13) which was added to SB 110 in the House Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute:

Proposed amendment to CS CS SB 110 (L&C):
Section 13, located on Page 12, Lines 11 - 12
[delete section in its entirety]

The remaining exemptions provide adequate scope for exemptions related to architectural landscaping. We have discussed this change with the original sponsor of Section 13, Representative Norm Rokeberg, Chair, House Labor and Commerce Committee and he has indicated that he is satisfied with this deletion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment (1)

cc: Representative Norm Rokeberg, Chair, House Labor and Commerce Committee
D. Lance Mearig, P.E., Chair, Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors
Catherine Reardon, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing

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February 17, 1998

The Honorable Jerry Mackie
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
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Dear Senator Mackie:

Re: "Landscape Architect Licensure Amendment"
House CS for CS for Senate Bill 110 (L&C)

At its February 13, 1998 board meeting, the AELS Board recommended deletion of AS 08.48.331(13) contained in the above-referenced proposed legislation. This provision exempts the following activities from the licensing laws:

"(13) a person designing or preparing plans and specifications for the person's own use with respect to property owned by the person."

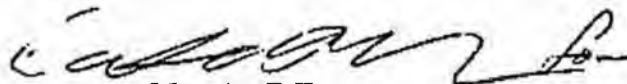
This exemption is too broad in that it would exempt a business' preparation of structural engineering and architectural plans and specifications for that business' retail or commercial building provided it was located on the business' real property. The exemption, thus, is not restricted to landscaping plans. Such an exemption would expose the public to serious health and safety risks. We do not believe this was the intended purpose of this exemption.

It is important to note that the exemption set forth in AS 08.48.331(10) covers "business owned" property and activities and it expressly prohibits exemption where "buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy" are involved. The proposed exemption (13) is not similarly limited.

We propose that exemption (13) be deleted in its entirety. We believe that the other exemptions provide adequate scope for exemptions related to architectural landscaping.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,



D. Lance Mearig, P.E.
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Board of Registration for Architects,
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From: Linda Cyra-Korsgaard, ASLA

phone: 343-0235

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Fax: 276-7679

Subject: SB 110

Dwayne Adams thought you might want to know of his telephone conversation with Stone, Wright at the plant materials center regarding restoration. See attached fax. Please call if you have any questions.

cc: Sharon Macklin

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Memorandum

Date: February 5, 1998
To: Linda Cyra Korsgaard
From: Dwayne Adams
Subject: SB110

Sorry to be so short-I was in the middle of writing down what was going on with the teleconference and was distracted.

Apparently ARCO mobilized the -ologist types to look at our bill. Stoney Wright called to see what was going on -- he didn't know the bill was alive again and was concerned.

I explained that we eliminated the part about "revegetation and reclamation of disturbed lands five years ago". I also read him the part that you reviewed in the exclusions section about the biological and earth sciences. He thought that sounded great and he wished us good luck with our bill.

Hopefully, case closed. I think you should read the above paragraph to the committee on Monday or whenever the hearing is (or mention it perhaps).

Thanks for your help. Good Luck. Sharon should be a great help on Monday and in Juneau, getting you to where we can do the most good.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 1998

To: Representative Norman Rokeberg, Chair *Norm*
House Labor and Commerce Committee

From: Senator Jerry Mackie, Chair *Jerry*
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Subject: Request to schedule SB 110.

I would appreciate your consideration in scheduling SB 110, relating to the licensure of landscape architects, before the House Labor and Commerce Committee. I have attached a packet of information which includes a brief sponsor statement, fiscal note and many letters of support.

In order for Alaskan landscape architects to secure federal projects the state must provide landscape architect licensing capabilities. Alaskan landscape architects are currently excluded from participating in securing these federal jobs and these moneys are going to companies located outside of this state. For example, two recent lucrative projects not available to Alaskans were the redesign of the Starrigavan Campground outside Sitka and the redesign of the Mendenhall Lake Campground out of Juneau. This legislation will provide the state with another tool to support the hire of Alaskan workers and companies.

Licensed landscape architects require minimum standards for protection in the design of playgrounds for our children, design of pedestrian paths and bridges and in all types of site development. By combining development projects with health, safety and environmental design, landscape architecture is instrumental in eliminating the negative aspects of potential development projects.

The fiscal note indicates that in accordance with AS 08.01.065, all licensees are required to pay the costs of regulating their profession; Section 3 (included in Page 2) of the L&C CS provides that the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors will pay fees to cover the costs identified in the fiscal note. This program will be paid entirely by General Fund - Designated Program Receipts.

Your consideration of this request for scheduling SB 110 would be greatly appreciated.

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SPONSOR STATEMENT- SENATOR MACKIE
SB 110 - "AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS."

SB 110 proposes to amend AS 08.48.011(a) by adding landscape architects to the current State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; landscape architects work professionally side by side with these other state registered design disciplines on a daily basis.

Although 45 states currently require such licensing, there are no licensure requirements in the State of Alaska. Similar to architects and engineers, landscape architects must attend accredited universities which are accredited by their national organization (American Society of Landscape Architects) which has rigid accreditation criteria.

Landscape architects provide for the design for improvements of major public facilities, in all types of site development, commercial development and housing. Licensed landscape architects require minimum standards for the protection of public health and safety in the design of playgrounds where safety of children must be guaranteed, the design of bike trails that recognize frozen soil considerations that meet codes for accessibility and safety, the design of landscapes along roadways where roadside safety of motorists must be assured in the advent of an accident and also the design of wetland treatments of storm water runoff.

In order for Alaskan landscape architects to secure federal projects, the state must provide landscape architect licensing capabilities. Alaskan landscape architects are currently excluded from participating in securing these federal jobs and these moneys are going to companies located outside of the state. SB 110 would level the playing field for Alaskans competing for federal work performed in this state, thus helping to ensure that moneys spent for design of Alaskan facilities will be utilized by businesses and professionals who reside in our state.

Licensing requirements would ensure that individuals providing these professional services are licensed by the State of Alaska and would give landscape architects their due recognition as qualified professionals for the design and development of the outdoor environment. By combining development projects with health, safety, and environmental design, landscape architecture is instrumental in eliminating the negative aspects of potential development projects.

The new 1998 fiscal note reflects that all licensees are required to pay the costs of regulating their profession; Section 3 provides that the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors will pay fees to cover costs in this fiscal note. This legislation does not add a permanent, voting landscape architect to the board and will meet our intent to have a landscape architect as a resource person during the initial regulations process, but not on a permanent basis.

Municipality
of
Anchorage



PARKS AND RECREATION

April 7, 1997

Senator Jerry Mackie, Vice Chair
Alaska State Legislature
Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capital, Room 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: Letter of Support for SB 110 (Landscape Architects Licensing Bill)

Dear Senator Mackie:

I am writing you to express my support for the Landscape Architects Licensing Bill, SB 110. Landscape architects at the Municipality are hired both as staff and as consultants. They work in key positions of responsibility that involve the safety and welfare of the public. These areas of practice typically involve the design and construction inspection of outdoor facilities including children's playgrounds.

Note that most other states do already license landscape architects. This unfortunately gives out of state professionals some advantage when competing for work here locally. Licensing landscape architects in Alaska would place them on an even footing with out of state consultants and provide the same uniform guarantee of competency that outside professionals now enjoy.

The regulation of this profession is needed now to ensure that minimum standards are set and maintained for landscape architects practicing in Alaska. To protect the safety of our citizens and to help our state's economy, I urge you at this time to support this bill (SB 110), which would provide for the licensing of landscape architects in Alaska.

Sincerely,

David H. Gardner, Supervisor
Parks & Recreation Division
Design & Development Section

DG/vg

cc: Constance R. Jones, Director, Cultural & Recreational Services
Bill Lindsey, Manager, Parks & Recreation Division
Tim Rogers, Executive Assistant, Municipal Manager's Office



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Date: JAN 20 1998

Honorable Jerry Mackie
AK State Legislature
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Mackie:

The USDA Forest Service, until recently, was the largest employer of landscape architects in the country. Such is no longer the case due to recent budget and personnel cutbacks.

Landscape architects in the Forest Service have primary responsibility for overseeing the planning, design, and construction of recreation sites and facilities in the National Forests in Alaska, as elsewhere. They also have primary responsibility for assessing the potential visual impacts of proposed projects and, when needed, developing visual simulations to display these impacts for managers and the public.

It has been common for the last few years to contract out design and construction document preparation for the rehabilitation of existing facilities and the development of new facilities. Contracting regulations, as well as the inherent need to ensure designs are functional, safe, and meet codes, and simulations are pictorially and spatially accurate, lead selection teams to contractors with licensed professionals. The lack of professional licensing of landscape architects in Alaska has contributed to our contracting with landscape architect firms outside the State for such lucrative projects as the recent redesign of Starrigavan Campground outside Sitka and the redesign of Mendenhall Lake Campground outside Juneau. For information, Alaska is one of only five states in the country which does not license landscape architect professionals.



Honorable Jerry Mackie

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I would like to go on record as supporting the hiring of Alaskan individuals and companies whenever possible. Providing Alaska State licensing for landscape architect professionals will help us toward that goal.

Sincerely,



PHIL JANIK
Regional Forester

cc:

Alaska Delegation

Honorable Tony Knowles

Chief, Forest Service

Nora Laughlin, Public Services, Regional Office

Regional Office, Communication Services

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Alaska Professional Design Council
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January 20, 1998

State of Alaska Legislature
Senate Finance Committee
ATTN: Burt Sharp and Druz Pearce, Co-chairs

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF SB 110, LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Dear Senators Pearce and Sharp;

The Alaska Professional Design Council (APDC) would like to inform you of our endorsement of SB 110, Licensure of Landscape Architects.

For the last two years, the Landscape Architects have been presenting their case. Throughout that time, we have supported them on their pursuit of licensure and continue to strongly endorse their endeavor today.

We encourage you to continue forward with this bill.

Thank you for your concern and immediate attention.

ALASKA PROFESSIONAL DESIGN COUNCIL

Kathleen Gardner, P.E.
APDC President

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January 19, 1998

Sent by FAX

Senator Jerry Mackie
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SB 110 Licensure of Landscape Architects

Dear Senator Mackie:

I urge you and the Finance Committee to approve SB 110 and move it on for final adoption. It is likely that most citizens are unaware of the expectations and capabilities of landscape architects. I suspect most folks just think of them as glorified gardeners. However, I have worked with several landscape architects and this is far from the case. Landscape architects take training that is every bit as complex and challenging as that of architects and engineers and their work is every bit as crucial for successful development and safe facilities as the work of the other disciplines.

The practice of landscape architecture must address human and vehicular safety as well as the proper functioning of the site and its improvements. An LA produces plans upon which contractors must bid and upon which contracts are signed. Such plans, just as those of a building, must be clear and reliable so that materials may be purchased, work scheduled, machines made available at the right time, and so that work in the field can proceed. A poorly drawn plan will waste money and create confusion. The LA's clients, including public clients, depend on good plans in order to achieve their objectives. Most important of all, the LA puts his or her name on plans for which human and vehicular safety is a vital concern.

There is a risk of charlatany in any discipline which is not well-understood by the public. SB 110 will thwart those who would take advantage of public unawareness of landscape

Senator Jerry Mackie
January 19, 1998

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architecture and will, by its implementation, help make the public more aware of the capabilities and services of this profession.

SB 110 is structured to avoid increasing costs to the public and to clients for landscape architecture services and will also help to keep more design fees within the State of Alaska. Just as important, a licensed LA in Alaska will be better able to compete for work outside the state than is the case presently. A net benefit to Alaska's economy is sure to result.

I regret that I will not be able to attend your hearing on SB 110 on January 20th. However, I would be happy to assist your deliberations in any other way so please contact me if I can be of any help. I have 22 years of professional planning experience in Alaska and I have worked with all of the other professional disciplines typically involved in development. I can assure you that landscape architecture is a vital part of today's development environment and a crucial part of the future. The profession deserves the recognition that SB 110 will provide and the public needs the protection that will also stem from SB 110. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Murray R. Walsh, AICP

April 14, 1997

Senator Jerry Mackie
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

I understand there is currently under consideration a bill that will require those who practice landscape architecture to obtain a professional license from the State of Alaska and that the State of Alaska administer the issuing of such licenses.

It is my understanding that this bill will allow local professionals recognition of their talents. These locals, when licensed as professional landscape architects, will be able to satisfy requirements written into Federal contracts requiring the services of registered professional architects. Currently, work on federal contracts is being assigned to those in other states where landscape architecture is regulated as a professional occupation.

This bill will also bring credibility to an occupation that is often misunderstood. Many times have I have approached intersections where landscaping was improperly designed and visibility was restricted or that signs were obscured due to plant growth not considered in landscape design. Such conditions are unsafe. Properly trained landscape architects will assist in the development and maintenance of safer streets.

Generally I do not promote the addition of regulations that restrict business and business opportunities. I have been told, however, that this bill does not require the services of registered professional landscape architects in one specific situation or another. This bill, I was told, stipulates that those who call themselves landscape architects meet certain standard criteria. Then when a person hires a landscape architect, he is, in fact, hiring a professional.

I believe the bill to require those who practice landscape architecture to obtain a professional license from the State of Alaska and to require the State of Alaska to administer the issuing of such licenses is a positive step and should be passed.

Sincerely,



Chris Gianotti, P.E.
Registered Professional Civil Engineer



April 14, 1997

Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to strongly voice my support for SB110, "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture." I work with professional landscape architects routinely in my work and feel that licensure of their profession would ensure that minimum standards of practice are maintained. Also, because of their involvement in the design of pedestrian spaces, licensure of landscape architects assures that the health and safety of the pedestrians is provided for in design projects. This is particularly true given the effects of winter conditions of walks, trails, and other pedestrian areas.

Sincerely,

LIVINGSTON SLONE, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Livingston".

Tom Livingston, FAIA
Principal

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James R. Kinney, P.E.
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April 15, 1997

Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Fax (907) 465-3517
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie

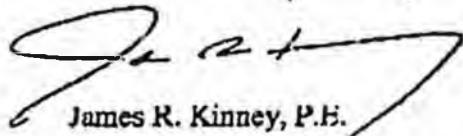
I am writing this letter to support the registration and licensure of landscape architects for practice in Alaska. I understand that SB110 An Act Relating to the Licensure of Landscape Architecture will achieve this.

I am a professional civil engineer. Civil engineering and landscape architecture practice overlap, most notably in site and pathway design. I have not reviewed SB110, but I have heard that this does not reduce the scope of practice for civil engineers. In particular, I do not want the role of the civil engineer to be diminished in pedestrian facilities planning and design by this bill. Civil engineers have a long history of pedestrian projects, and in fact both the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (a civil engineering speciality) dedicate substantial resources to pedestrian safety and capacity. I would support SB110 if the bill is crafted so that the practice of the civil engineering is not changed by the licensure of landscape architects.

Having expressed my concern, let me say that I work with landscape architects and find them to be professional and competent. Their work is necessary for public safety and welfare, especially in playground standards. Moreover, they often provide the artistic and beautification elements of a project which improve our quality of life. Their inability to legally seal their drawings puts an undue burden on other design professionals in that we must review and provide our seals for their work.

Thank you for consideration of this letter. My daytime telephone is (907) 343-5234 if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



James R. Kinney, P.E.

Subject: SENATE BILL 110 LANDSCAPE ARCH. LICENSURE BILL

Date: Tue, 15 Apr 1997 08:23:13 -X(X)

From: From the Hooker Family <hookhaus@alaska.net>

To: SENATOR, JERRY, MACKIE

CC: MACKIE@leis.state.ak.us

DEAR SENATOR MACKIE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AND URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF SR 110 CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE.

THIS BILL WOULD HELP KEEP DESIGN DOLLARS IN THE STATE OF ALASKA, OUTSIDE FIRMS WOULD NEED TO BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL PROJECTS. IT WOULD HELP TO ENSURE THAT OUR LOCAL PROFESSIONALS WHO LIVE HERE RECEIVE THE WORK.

THIS BILL WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT TRAINED, GRADUATE PROFESSIONALS ARE CONDUCTING DESIGN WORK AS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ETC:

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS PRACTICE DAILY WITH THE OTHER DESIGN PROFESSIONS AND THIS LICENSURE BILL WOULD PUT THEM ON PAR WITH THESE DISCIPLINES AS RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,
BUD HOOKER.



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April 14, 1997

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Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to thank you for introducing SB110, "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture." I work with professional landscape architects and believe that they should be licensed in the same manner, and for the same reasons, as architects and engineers. Licensure of their profession would ensure that minimum standards of competence are maintained. There are too many cases of landscape architects unfamiliar with Alaskan conditions producing poor designs which are either dangerous or expensive for their clients to fix.

Most people are familiar with the all too common case of plants along roadways which don't last through the first winter. While this is an expensive, and unsightly, problem for the owners and users of the roadways, it alone might not necessitate licensure for landscape architects. However, their involvement in the design of pedestrian and play spaces warrants licensure to assure that the health and safety of the users of these spaces is provided for in design projects. This is particularly true given the effects of winter conditions on walks, trails, and other pedestrian areas. On one local project, an Outside consultant specified a smooth trowel finish on a sidewalk, rather than a rough finish. This resulted in a slipping hazard when the sidewalk was covered in snow and ice and caused one lady to fall and break her hip. Licensure will ensure that landscape architects would have a knowledge of arctic conditions before practicing in the state.

A couple of fringe benefits of licensure may be that more work on projects in Alaska, especially Federal projects, would be done by landscape architects who reside here and that those designs still done by Outside landscape architects will be more responsive to local conditions. A majority of Federal projects are designed Outside, partly because Federal agencies require licensure for designers on their projects. This is not available to Alaskan landscape architects, unless they get one from one of the 45 states that do license landscape architects, so they are put at a competitive disadvantage. This will be lessened by an Alaskan licensure law but not eliminated, since some Outside landscape architects will get licensed in Alaska so they can continue to practice here. While their selection to work on a project may still come down to the fact that they live in the same town as the bureaucracy in charge of the facility, Alaskans will be assured that these designers have met some minimum competency requirements.

Again, thank you for your work with this legislation and if I can be of any assistance in moving this bill along, please do not hesitate to call me at (907) 274-2236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Colin Maynard", is written over a printed name.

Colin Maynard, PE

cc: Senator Loren Leman, Representative Ethan Berkowitz

Dennis L. Berry, PE

Forrest T. Braun, PE

Troy J. Feller, PE

Colin Maynard, PE



Senator Mackie
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
via fax: (907) 465-3517

April 14, 1997

Dear Senator Mackie:

I am in support of Senate Bill 110, the Landscape Architecture Licensure bill. I am a small business owner who provides landscape architectural services. The proposed licensing bill would assist my business in two ways. It would assure trained professionals are accomplishing work and it would keep work (jobs and dollars) in Alaska.

I understand the basis of the bill is health and safety. This issue can not be understated. Our work involves site planning, trail design, grading and drainage, playground design, and the design of landscape amenities that affect the public's health and safety. The training and education we receive, similar to that an engineer or architect receives, allows us to understand access requirements for the disabled, reducing potential health and safety concerns (as well as lawsuits). Our training enables us to assist on roadway projects by placing landscaping so it is not a hazard to motorists and later an expense to the public. Our training provides the skills so when we must locate a playground adjacent to a road or a pedestrian crossing across a busy intersection, we are able to provide safe and efficient solutions.

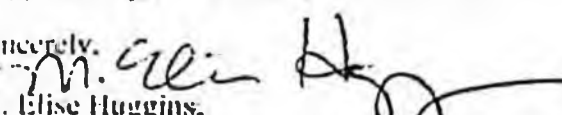
Licensing will not limit the practice of engineers or architects, rather it will enhance their efforts. We have recently completed two projects where our work identified additional engineering services necessary for a project. As a result, our client has increased his budget to increase the efforts of the engineer.

Although the Alaska Native Hospital is a fine design, the landscaping services were contracted out of-state. These services represent \$30,000 to \$50,000 that left the state. Licensing would give the federal government in Alaska the ability to hire an Alaskan-licensed landscape architect. Currently it is easier for a licensed landscape architect from the lower 48 to get work on federal contracts.

Landscape architecture is a young industry in Alaska (although we have practiced here over 30 years). Licensing will help to keep the industry Alaskan and keep jobs and money for local economies. Certainly Alaskan landscape architects understand the climate and soils here and related safety issues better than outside landscape architects, or worse, of untrained practitioners.

I appreciate your assistance with this bill.

Sincerely,


M. Elise Huggins
Alaska Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects

April 14, 1997
Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I am writing you today in support of SB110, "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture."

I am a Landscape Architect currently employed in Anchorage. I received my Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota and worked under a registered Landscape Architect for over 3 years. Although I didn't have the opportunity to become registered in Minnesota, I fully understand the importance of having licensure for such a profession and I look forward to becoming a registered professional.

Landscape Architects are uniquely trained to integrate several sciences and arts in their design work. These include civil engineering, hydrology, horticulture, sociology, philosophy, economics, climate, construction, and pedestrian safety. Their design work is successful due to this extensive and intensive education and training.

Licensure of Landscape Architecture is essential to Alaska to ensure a proper level of quality and safety in our built environment.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

Sincerely,

N. Casey

Monday, April 14, 1997

Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau,
Alaska 99801-1182

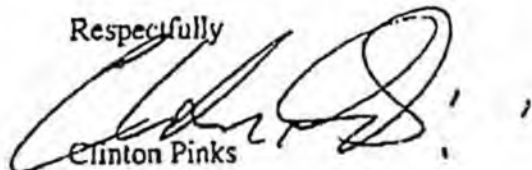
Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to give my support for the proposed act relating to the licensure of Landscape Architecture (SB110). I have spent a lot of time and energy furthering my education in the field of landscape architecture and work routinely with professional designers in the fields of architecture, engineering and landscape architecture.

At the project level, landscape architects specialize in the design of pedestrian spaces, typically addressing the areas of health and safety as they relate to the environment. However, the role which the profession of landscape architecture can provide to society at the regional, State, and global levels is just beginning to be recognized, particularly in areas of resource management, such as with water quality.

I feel that licensure of this profession in Alaska would, not only ensure that minimum standards of practice are maintained, but help give recognition to the one profession that truly speaks for the land itself.

Respectfully



Clinton Pinks
ASLA

(E-Mail: ldn@corecom.net)

Tomas Deak
915 W 15th Avenue, Apt. A
Anchorage, AK, 99501

April 14, 1997
Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I write in support of the bill "SB 110 An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture." As a practicing landscape architect, I see on a daily basis, that licensure of landscape architecture would ensure and improve the standards of the profession. Similarly to other design professions landscape architecture needs licensing to maintain the minimum standards of the profession.

I design walkways, trails, public outdoor spaces for the projects I work on, and licensure of landscape architecture would assure that the health and safety of the pedestrians is provided for on all projects by maintaining the standards I live up to when I do my design work. Thank you for supporting licensure of landscape architecture.

Sincerely

Tomas Deak

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To	Senator Mackie	From	Susan Willhoft		
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April 14, 1997
 Senator Jerry Mackie
 State Capitol
 Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I need to take a moment to thank you for helping Alaskan landscape architects get licensure! I am very happy to hear we have SB110.

I support SB110. I am a practicing landscape architect with two and one-half years experience. I have a professional goal of becoming licensed.

This is partially because my "equals" in the lower 48 must strive to be licensed - so I feel I should too.

I take my professional responsibilities seriously. To design Alaskan landscapes, I must know design standards to make projects acceptable for public health and safety concerns. I have worked with A.D.O.T. to write Road Design St. . . . which demonstrates my familiarity with D.O.T road design safety standards. I must also be familiar with the Uniform Building Code to design my projects. To design safe playgrounds, I became a certified playground inspector.

Susan Wilhoyt, ASLA - Land Design North

My professional work is solicited
by RFP. My office enters into work
just as do engineers and architects. I
work from "to responsibility, create
plans, specifications, and estimates
so that projects can be built
correctly and without cost overruns.
I want to share with you, the
pride I take in my work as a
landscape architect. I hear a lot
of talk about "landscape development"
in Alaska! Landscape architects
are trained to take all the design
issues in a development project and
identify solutions that are responsible.
I appreciate your consideration
of business of Alaska Landscapes
Architects. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Susan Wilhoyt



3/26/97

Senator Loren Leman,
State Senate, State Capitol,
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182.

Dear Senator Leman:

I am writing in regard to the landscape architecture licensing legislation sponsored by Senator Mackie and soon to be considered by your committee. As the national organization representing landscape architects, we work closely with the other design professions and from that perspective we believe there are national trends that have bearing on the issues before you.

First is the impact of design technology on public safety. The digitization of design information in the form of CAD, GIS, and GPS puts us into a situation where the work of the engineer, architect, landscape architect, and land surveyor is fluid in the sense that each profession adds value in a far more integrated fashion. That the devil is in the details now means our old nemesis is a cyber-lord. The public safety implications of this fluid exchange of information requires greater integration in our licensing perspectives. The legislation before you advances that very notion.

Second is the human side of the equation. We are very aware of the few remaining states where relations among the four design professions still have – how shall we say it – misunderstandings. It is clear that in states where the licensing boards are as integrated as the technology is becoming, with all parties at the table, harmony becomes a design feature. (If I might add a personal note, I spent eighteen years of my career as a licensing advocate for professional engineers before joining the staff of ASLA and can say with conviction that harmony among the design professions is an attribute of public safety.)

We believe Alaska is moving in precisely the right direction. In addition to improved systems safety and professional relations, the per-unit cost of regulation is made more efficient by the changes you are considering. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

James G. Dalton,
Executive Director

✓ cc: Senator Mackie :

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
J. Dalton



March 21, 1997

State of Alaska
State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB110
Landscape Architects Licensing.

Dear Legislator,

I urge your support of SB 110 regarding professional licensing of Landscape Architects in Alaska.

Landscape Architects have completed formal education at the university level in designing environmental related facilities, are involved in planning projects and work side by side with other professional design disciplines on a daily basis.

Landscape Architects are recognized as qualified professionals in other states for designing and developing the outdoor environment.

Licensing requirements would ensure that individuals providing these professional services are approved by the State of Alaska and state registration would help to ensure that moncyz spent for design of Alaska facilities would be utilized in Alaska for those professionals which reside here.

I thank you for your support and would like to see a bill passed this session which requires the State licensing of Landscape Architects.

Sincerely,

Bud Hooker
Owner, Northwest Landscape

PO Box 20171
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March 20, 1997

RE: SB 110- Licensing of Landscape Architects

Senator Mackie, Vice Chair
Labor and Commerce Committee
State of Alaska Capitol Office
Fax 465-3517

Dear Senator Mackie.

As an individual who holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and currently practices in the State of Alaska, I support SB 110. Having worked in Canada, England and now Alaska, I find it difficult to believe that our great State of Alaska does not yet have professional licensing for landscape architects. Currently Colorado and Alaska are the only two states in the United States which do not have state legislation for landscape architects. There are definite benefits to the public, State and economy for licensing these professionals.

1. Landscape architects design public spaces. This can have an effect on public safety, sense of place and the functionality of a development. Landscape architects are not gardeners or tree planters. We design a variety of spaces from recreation facilities to urban parks, cityscapes and playgrounds. We are involved in the master planning of large developments and the designing of exterior spaces surrounding your local Federal and State buildings, commercial developments and your schools. Spaces people use everyday.
2. Landscape architects in Alaska are currently not licensed and cannot submit proposals on federal and state projects which require a licensed landscape architect. As a result, many projects in our State are being awarded to licensed landscape architects outside of Alaska. This means that Alaskan dollars and jobs are being lost to outside states.
3. Currently there are no State minimums or requirements for landscape architects. This means that a wide array of individuals with varied education and experience are designing spaces which the public use

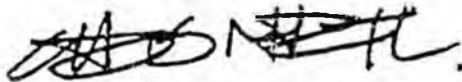
everyday. Minlmums need to be established to guarantee continuity for clients and public safety.

4. Landscape architects are land stewards and understand the natural environment. This allows us to integrate the existing natural features with the program set forth by the client to create a design which is effective and addresses the existing site features. This can overcome the clearing and leveling of potential development sites and the destruction of Alaska's unique natural ecosystems, flora and fauna. In many instances good environmental design can make a negative development a positive place.

Similar to architects and engineers, landscape architects attend universities which are accredited by their national organization which has rigid accreditation criteria. In the case of landscape architects it is the American Society of Landscape Architects. Upon completion of a five year program, landscape architect graduates must intern/work for two to three years depending on state requirements and then write a series of national exams monitored by CLARB. This system has been in place for many years and is a successful national program for setting landscape architecture requirements in many states.

I thank you for the introduction of this bill and look forward to your continued support. Should you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Christopher Merti, ASLA
President-Elect ASLA-Alaska Chapter

Barth Hamberg
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March 26, 1997

RE: Landscape Architects Licensing Bill (SB 110)

The Honorable Jerry Mackie
The State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie:

I am writing to ask your support for the Landscape Architects Licensing Bill (SB110). Perhaps by giving you a bit of background on myself as a landscape architect, you will see the value of passing this bill.

Landscape architects are the design discipline (along with architects and engineers) responsible for the professional design of our outdoor spaces. We are especially trained to design recreational facilities, parks, commercial developments, housing, trails, (all types of site developments) in a manner that is both attractive and functional. We work closely with engineers and architects.

I have practiced professional landscape architecture in Southeast Alaska for nearly 15 years; as an employee of the US Forest Service I have designed more than thirty projects from Prince of Wales Island to Cordova. Perhaps you are familiar with the trails and shelters at Starrigavan, near Sitka, or the Eagle's Nest Campground, near Thorne Bay. They represent how a landscape architect designs, by integrating people with the environment. Our designs create a positive image for Alaska.

To become a landscape architect, I studied seven years of college, including a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Harvard University. Forty-five of the 50 states have licensure for landscape architects, yet in Alaska, where the designs for our parks and open spaces are so important to our growing tourist industry, we have no licensure.

I have recently begun a small private practice firm to serve Southeast Alaska from Sitka. I would like to expand this practice to a full time business, to do this I need licensure. Without licensure, it is very difficult to compete for work, because landscape architects are not considered a professional discipline, as they are in most of the rest of the country. I only wish to have equal

footing to practice my profession, similar to a lawyer, engineer, architect or any other professional.

Please support this bill if it passes by your desk. If you have any questions regarding landscape architects and what we do, don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,

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Barth Hamberg

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Supports

Message: OUT-OF-STATE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FIRMS WITH REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS WERE INVOLVED IN THREE RECENT, LARGE, USFS DESIGN CONTRACTS - STARRIGAUAN AND MENDENHALL LAKE CAMPGROUNDS AS PRIME CONTRACTOR AND MENDENHALL GLACIER VISITOR CENTER AS SUBCONTRACTOR. PLEASE HELP ALASKA'S LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS COMPETE EQUITABLY FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS BY SUPPORTING SB110.

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Anchorage, AK 99516

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: I SUPPORT THE BILL TO REQUIRE THE PROFESSION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TO BE LICENSED.

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Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCMAK

From: Randy F Weddel
3600 Spinnaker Dr

Telephone: 278-8376

Anchorage, AK 99516

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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From: Larry M Williams Telephone: None
 16041 St James St

Anchorage , AK 99516 NON Constituent Registered Voter: U

Bill# SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: LICENSE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS NOW!

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08:25:55

Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCKMAK

From: Dawn M Pendleton
8631 Vigor Cir

Telephone: 278-8376

Anchorage, AK 99504

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110

Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: I SUPPORT THE BILL TO REQUIRE THE PROFESSION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE TO BE LICENSED. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE WHICH AFFECTS PUBLIC SAFETY AS WELL AS IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH WELL DESIGNED PARKS AND SITE PLANNING.

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08:26:00

Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCMAK

From: Kenneth E Pendleton
8631 Uigor Cir

Telephone: 257-2463

Anchorage, AK 99504

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110

Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: THIS BILL DESERVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS PROVIDE VALUABLE DESIGN SERVICES, PREPARE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROJECTS WHICH POTENTIALLY AFFECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC. THEY SHOULD BE LICENSED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM UNTRAINED PRACTITIONERS.

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08:22:27

Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCKMAK

From: Cleveland T Miles II
3612 Checkmate Dr

Telephone: 338-5108

Anchorage, AK 99508

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: SB 110 DESERVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC BY PREPARING CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND OVERSEEING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROJECTS. THESE PROJECTS POTENTIALLY EFFECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AS WELL AS THE WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS NEED TO BE LICENSED.

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Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCMAK

From: William B Hoffman
4020 Wispen Cir

Telephone: 243-4470

Anchorage, AK 99517

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill# SB 110

Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN ALASKA.

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Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCKMAK

From: Gretchen A. Harteis
PO Box 35454

Telephone: 790-4880

Juneau, AK 99803

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110

Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL MYSELF, I FULLY SUPPORT AND SEE THE NEED TO ALLOW LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR QUALITY WORK WHICH IMPACTS PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELL BEING FOR OUR NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT.

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08:24:10

Member Office MAK Mackie

LSNCMAK

From: Timothy J. Lagerquist

Telephone: 364-3166

PO Box 20044

633 5th St

Juneau, AK 99802

NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y

Bill# SB 110

Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Supports

Message: HAVING LIVED IN THE LOWER 48 WHERE LICENSED LANDSCAPED ARCHITECTURE IS THE NORM, THE QUALITY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES HAS BEEN A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. THESE PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY COMBINE THE NEEDS OF MAN WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO CREATE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE LIVING EXPERIENCE.

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April 14, 1997

Environmental Solutions For Northern Places

Senator Jerry Mackie
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring SB 110, "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture". As an owner of the largest landscape architecture firm in Alaska, I feel that this bill will go far in protecting the public health and safety while providing jobs for Alaskans.

Landscape architecture provides for public safety in a number of arenas. Good landscape architecture provides for safety of children by ensuring that play equipment is sited with proper separation between potentially dangerous surfaces and obstructions. Good landscape architecture provides for appropriate plant materials along roadways where inappropriate material could inflict harm to drivers of errant vehicles. And good landscape architecture ensures that appropriate plant materials are chosen for storm water treatment systems where plants are performing increasing roles in the purification of water runoff. Your bill, SB 110, will help ensure that those charged with performing these tasks in Alaska meet minimum standards of knowledge for doing "good" work.

Your bill will also provide job security for Alaskan landscape architects with the potential for job creation. Currently, virtually all work that has been contracted to landscape architects by the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service has gone to Outside landscape architects. As the owner of the largest firm in Alaska, it has been frustrating to see job after job go to Outside firms because of the perception that landscape architects in Alaska are not qualified to perform work in the state. Licensure, as provided for in SB 110, will send a message to the federal government that Alaskan landscape architects are regarded as professionals, and those practicing in the state had best be aware of the nature of frozen soils and extremes in climate, conditions characteristic of almost all work performed in Alaska.

Again, thank you for your support of the licensure of landscape architects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. Dwayne Adams, Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Wm. Dwayne Adams, Jr., FASLA

April 14, 1997
Senator Jerry
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska Mackie

Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to voice my support for SB 110 "An Act Relating to licensure of landscape architects. The bill provides employment in the state of Alaska. The following is a list of reasons why I would like the bill passed:

- To encourage hiring Alaskans for contracts in Alaska.
- Most other states require the licensure of landscape architects; putting us at a disadvantage.
- Employ local knowledge & know-how to design projects in Alaska.
- Discourage "landscapers" from doing work that should be done by a professional landscape architect.

Thank you,

Jessie Smith
Ph) (907)-276-5885
Fx) (907)-276-5887

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14 Apr 97

Senator Jerry Mackie,
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Mackie,

I would like to voice my support for SB118, "An Act Relating to Licensure of Landscape Architecture." I frequently work with professional landscape architects and feel that licensure of their profession would ensure that minimum standards of practice are maintained. Their unique background of engineering, biology, and design enables the profession to add value to important projects that otherwise may not occur if a landscape architect is not working the project. This is particularly true in northern climates like Minnesota, Maine and Alaska.

Licensure is not a new concept to the profession. Alaska would be the 46th state to have such a law on the books. In fact, the American Society of Landscape Architects is pushing for Licensure throughout; their Alaska chapter is active in this movement.

In closing, I believe SB118 is good for Alaska and that should be the final measure on all legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave C. Casey
Dave C. Casey
4312 E. 5th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99508-2221

FAX TRANSMITTAL

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To	JERRY MACKIE	From	K. PENDLETON
Organization	STATE OF ALASKA	Phone #	337-5023
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

March 18, 1997

Mr. Jerry Mackie, Vice Chairman
Labor & Commerce Committee
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Support for SB110

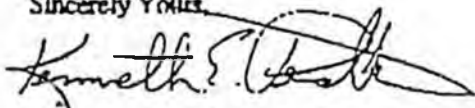
Dear Mr. Mackie:

This bill deserves serious consideration by the Labor and Commerce Committee. The profession of Landscape Architecture in Alaska contributes vitality to our state's economy, is responsive to projects of widespread public interest, and contributes in positive ways to the design of our parks, trails, public spaces and other public and private places in Alaska.

This profession deserves the same regulation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare that other design professions currently provide, i.e., architecture, engineering and land surveyors. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the nature of work performed by landscape architects has as much potential for harm to its clients as any of the design professions working in the State of Alaska, and probably significantly more than beauticians and barbers as licensed businesses require.

I would urge you to vigorously support the passage of this bill.

Sincerely Yours,



Kenneth E. Pendleton
8631 Vigor Circle
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
(907)337-5023

POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mrs. Susan P. Willhoft
12016 Wilderness Rd

Telephone: 276-5885

Anchorage, AK 99516

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I SUPPORT THIS BILL. I AM A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT IN ANCHORAGE, AK. I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME LICENSED IN THIS STATE. I STRIVE TO DESIGN WITH A MOST SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. I STUDIED MY PROFESSION IN AN ACCREDITED FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Kenneth V. Morton
PO Box 190762

Telephone: 269-8745

Anchorage, AK 99519

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I URGE YOU TO SUPPPORT SB110, LICENSING FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.
THIS BILL WILL HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND WILL
HELP KEEP JOBS IN ALASKA FROM GOING OUTSIDE THE STATE TO LICENSED
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN OTHER STATES. THANK YOU.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Sharon D. Ferguson
2301 W 36th Ave

Telephone: 343-4257

Anchorage, AK 99517

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT SB110, THE LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.
THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL NEED TO HAVE REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. David H. Gardner
2236 Alder Dr

Telephone: 343-4521

Anchorage, AK 99508

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

THE REGISTRATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IS NEEDED NOW TO ENSURE THAT MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE SET FOR PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN ALASKA. TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO HELP OUR STATE'S ECONOMY, I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 110, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN ALASKA.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Linda M Cyra-Korsgaard
1601 W 15th Ave

Telephone: 343-0235

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 110 REGISTRATION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. THIS IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALASKANS AND PUT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FROM OTHER STATES PRACTICING AND DOING DESIGN WORK IN ALASKA. 45 OUT OF 50 STATES CURRENTLY LICENSE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Thomas H. Kerns
915 W 15th Ave #A

Telephone: 343-0222

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: U

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 110 REGISTRATION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. THIS IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALASKANS AND PUT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FROM OTHER STATES PRACTICING AND DOING DESIGN WORK IN ALASKA. 45 OUT OF 50 STATES CURRENTLY LICENSE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Melise Huggins
705 W 13th Ave

Telephone: 279-2688

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. THERE IS LICENSING IN 46 OTHER STATES. ALASKA HAS UNIQUE DESIGN ISSUES THAT ONLY AN ALASKA DESIGNER CAN UNDERSTAND. SNOW, ICE, COLD TEMPERATURES. A LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT WOULD PROVE KNOWLEDGEBLE IN THESE AREAS. THIS BILL WILL NOT PREVENT OTHER PROFESSIONALS FROM PRACTICING AS THEY DO NOW.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mrs. Nancy J. Casey
4318 E 5th Ave

Telephone: 343-4228

Anchorage, AK 99508

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

PASSING THIS BILL IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD A MORE LIVABLE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT IN ALASKA. THE FUTURE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF OUR STATE IS UNDENIABLY LINKED TO THE QUALITY OF OUR CITIES. THIS QUALITY IS LARGELY RELATED TO PHYSICAL FORM; ONLY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ARE PROPERLY TRAINED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS! IT'S TRUE!

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Christopher R. Mertl
PO Box 20171

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99801

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: U

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF DESIGN FEES HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS TO OUT OF STATE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS DUE TO NO LICENSING IN ALASKA. LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IS IN EFFECT IN 45 STATES. PROTECT ALASKA JOBS AND HELP PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Nora A. Laughlin
PO Box 20921

Telephone: 586-8728

Juneau, AK 99802

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 10 Title: MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD - GUSTAVUS

Message:

PLEASE HELP KEEP DOLLARS IN ALASKA. YOUR VOTE OF SUPPORT ON THIS
BILL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO KEEPING FEDERAL CONTRACTS FOR LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECT SERVICES FROM GOING SOUTH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Joan E. Lott
522 W 10th St

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99801

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

JENSEN YORBA LOTT, INC. WOULD LIKE TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT OF SB110, THE LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. WE SEE THIS BILL AS A MEANS OF SERVING ALASKA AND OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: LICENSURE WOULD ALLOW ONLY QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS ON PROJECTS WHICH AFFECT HEALTH AND LIFE SAFETY ISSUES SUCH AS PLAY GROUND DESIGN, DESIGN OF PEDESTRIAN PATHS AND BRIDGES, AND DESIGN OF PARK STRUCTURES.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Antonio V. Yorba
9340 N Douglas Hwy

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99801

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I SUPPORT SB110. THE WORK OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS WARRANTS A LICENSE TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC WELFARE IS PROTECTED AS PARKS PROJECTS, URBAN PLANS AND OTHER WORK REQUIRING THIS DESIGN DISCIPLINE BECOMES MORE COMMON. A LICENSE WOULD ENSURE A CLIENT THAT THE PERSON IS QUALIFIED.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Kenneth E. Pendleton
8631 Vigor Cir

Telephone: 257-2463

Anchorage, AK 99504

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL. LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS WILL IMPROVE THE STATE'S ECONOMY BY USING ALASKAN
PROFESSIONALS INSTEAD OF HIRING PROFESSIONALS FROM OUTSIDE.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. C. D. Steinman
PO Box 33696

Telephone: 000-0000

Juneau, AK 99803

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: U

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN ALASKA WOULD HELP MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THE FIELD AND CONTRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND END USER SATISFACTION IN THE END. PROFESSIONALS WITH BOTH EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED IN SOME WAY THAT WILL ULTIMATELY BENEFIT [LAST FEW WORDS ILLEGIBLE].

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mrs. Lachelle L. Crotteau
2543 David

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99801

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Daniel R. Fabrello
PO Box 35186

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99803

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Amy Wingate
PO Box 020148

Telephone: 586-1070

Juneau, AK 99802

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

AS THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF THE STATE INCREASES, WE NEED DEDICATED
PROFESSIONALS TO HELP AMELIORATE THE LOSS OF THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT WITH SUITABLE LANDSCAPING.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Ms. Linda M. Cyra-Korsgaard
1601 W 15th

Telephone: 343-0235

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT SB110 REGISTRATION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. THIS IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALASKANS AND PUT ALASKAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH LICENCED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FROM OTHER STATES DOING DESIGN WORK IN ALASKA. 45 OUT OF 50 STATES CURRENTLY LICENCE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. Clinton W. Pinks
510 L St, Ste 101

Telephone: 276-5885

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: U

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE POPULATION TO HAVE A LICENSURE PROCESS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. SB 110 WILL ALSO KEEP ALASKAN JOBS IN ALASKA TO BE DONE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO UNDERSTAND ALASKA'S UNIQUE CULTURE, CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT.

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POM for Senator Mackie



From: Mr. James M. Fetchu
10100 Thimbleberry Dr

Telephone: 276-5885

Anchorage, AK 99515

NON Constituant

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE POPULATION TO HAVE A LICENSURE PROCESS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS. SB110 WILL ALSO KEEP ALASKAN JOBS IN ALASKA TO BE DONE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO UNDERSTAND ALASKA'S UNIQUE CULTURE, CLIMATE, AND ECOLOGY.

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POM for Senator Mackie



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Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SB 110. THIS BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE DESIGNING PLAYGROUNDS, SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, AND PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS WHILE ENSURING DESIGN IS COMPLETED BY THOSE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ICE, SNOW, AND FROZEN SOILS.

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POM for Senator Mackie



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Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Message:

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF SB 110. THIS BILL WILL ASSIST IN CREATING EQUALITY AMONG THE DESIGN PROFESSIONALS WITHIN ALASKA. IT BENEFITS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE BY ASSURING THAT A PRACTITIONER HAS A BASIC LEVEL OF COMPETENCY. FINALLY, SB 110 WOULD PROVIDE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR HIRING IN-STATE FIRMS.

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POM for Senator Mackie



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Bill: SB 110 Title: LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN ALASKA IS CRUCIAL TO THEIR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL BY ENABLING ALASKAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO COMPETE WITH OTHER LICENSED DESIGN PROFESSIONALS ON PUBLIC DESIGN PROJECTS. LICENSURE WILL ASSURE HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY IN THE FIELD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.

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POM for Senator Mackie



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NON Constituant

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Bill: SB 110 Title. LICENSING OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Message:

I URGE THE SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF SB110 FOR THE LICENSURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN ALASKA. AS A PRACTICING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT IN OUR STATE SINCE 1975, I FEEL THAT LICENSURE IS A CRITICAL ISSUE TO INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY, QUALITY NORTHERN DESIGN, AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO ALASKANS.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 243(L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to licensure of landscape architects."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 08.01.010(2) is amended to read:

4 (2) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land
5 Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (AS 08.48.011);

6 * Sec. 2. AS 08.03.010(c)(3) is amended to read:

7 (3) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land
8 Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (AS 08.48.011) - June 30, 1997;

9 * Sec. 3. AS 08.48.011 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.48.011. BOARD CREATED. (a) There is created the State Board of
11 Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land Surveyors, and Landscape
12 Architects. The board shall administer the provisions of this chapter and comply with
13 AS 44.62 ([THE] Administrative Procedure Act [(AS 44.62)]).

14 (b) The board consists of nine voting members appointed by the governor
15 having the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031 and one nonvoting member

1 appointed by the governor from persons recommended by the Alaska Chapter of
2 the American Society of Landscape Architects and having the qualifications set
3 out in AS 08.48.031. The voting members of the board consist [CONSISTS] of two
4 civil engineers, one land surveyor, one mining engineer, two engineers from other
5 branches of the profession of engineering, two architects, and one public member.

6 * Sec. 4. AS 08.48.031 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 08.48.031. QUALIFICATIONS. Each member of the board must have
8 been a resident in the state for three consecutive years immediately preceding
9 appointment and, except for the public member and the nonvoting member, must be
10 registered and have a minimum of five years of professional practice in the member's
11 respective field.

12 * Sec. 5. AS 08.48.061(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) Each voting member of the board is entitled to receive per diem and travel
14 expenses as authorized by law for other boards and commissions. The nonvoting
15 member of the board is not entitled to receive either per diem or travel expenses.

16 * Sec. 6. AS 08.48.061(c) is amended to read:

17 (c) The board may make expenditures from appropriated funds for any purpose
18 that is reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this chapter.
19 This may include the expenses of the board delegates to meetings of councils of
20 architect examiners, engineering examiners, [OR] land surveyor examiners, or
21 landscape architect examiners, or any of their subdivisions. The total amount of
22 warrants issued in payment of the expenses incurred under this chapter may not exceed
23 the amount of money appropriated by the legislature.

24 * Sec. 7. AS 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

25 (f) The Department of Commerce and Economic Development shall assemble
26 statistics relating to the performance of its staff and the performance of the board,
27 including but not limited to,

28 (1) the number of architects, engineers, [AND] land surveyors, and
29 landscape architects registered over a five-year period;

30 (2) the rate of passage of examinations administered by the board;

31 (3) the number of persons making application for registration as a

1 professional architect, engineer, [OR] land surveyor, or landscape architect over a
2 five-year period;

3 (4) an account of registration fees collected under AS 08.01.065;

4 (5) a measure of the correspondence workload of any licensing
5 examiner employed by the department to carry out this chapter.

6 * Sec. 8. AS 08.48.091 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 08.48.091. WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS [AND EXAMINATION FEES].

8 Except as provided in (b) of this section, written [WRITTEN] examinations shall
9 be held at least twice each year at places determined by the board unless the
10 examination administered by the board is a national examination prepared only once
11 each year, in which case the examination shall be held at least once each year. A
12 candidate failing an examination may apply for reexamination.

13 * Sec. 9. AS 08.48.091 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (b) The board shall administer a written examination at least once each year
15 for applicants who are seeking to be registered as landscape architects.

16 * Sec. 10. AS 08.48.111 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 08.48.111. POWER TO REVOKE, SUSPEND, OR REISSUE
18 CERTIFICATE. The board may suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the certificate of
19 or reprimand a registrant or corporation who is found guilty of (1) fraud or deceit in
20 obtaining a certificate; (2) gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the
21 practice of architecture, engineering, [OR] land surveying, or landscape architecture;
22 or (3) a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or the code
23 of ethics or professional conduct as adopted by the board. The code of ethics or
24 professional conduct shall be distributed in writing to every registrant and applicant
25 for registration under this chapter. This publication and distribution of the code of
26 ethics or professional conduct constitutes due notice to all registrants. The board may
27 revise and amend its code and, upon doing so, shall immediately notify each registrant
28 in writing of the revisions or amendments. The board may, upon petition of the
29 registrant or corporation, reissue a certificate if a majority of the members of the board
30 vote in favor of the reissuance.

31 * Sec. 11. AS 08.48.171 is amended to read:

1 Sec. 08.48.171. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR
2 REGISTRATION. An applicant for registration as an architect, engineer, [OR] land
3 surveyor, or landscape architect must be of good character and reputation and shall
4 submit evidence satisfactory to the board of the applicant's education, training, and
5 experience. However, an applicant for registration as a land surveyor may not be
6 required to submit evidence of more than eight years of any combination of education,
7 experience, or training.

8 * Sec. 12. AS 08.48.181 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.48.181. REGISTRATION UPON EXAMINATION. Except as
10 provided in AS 08.48.191, for registration as a professional architect, professional
11 engineer, [OR] professional land surveyor, or professional landscape architect, a
12 person shall be examined in this state in accordance with the regulations of procedure
13 and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62 ([THE] Administrative Procedure
14 Act [(AS 44.62)]). The procedure and standards shall at least meet the requirements
15 adopted by recognized national examining councils for these professions.

16 * Sec. 13. AS 08.48.191 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (d) A person holding a certificate of registration authorizing the person to
18 practice landscape architecture in a state, territory, or possession of the United States,
19 the District of Columbia, or a foreign country, that in the opinion of the board meets
20 the requirements of this chapter, based on verified evidence, may upon application, be
21 registered under the regulations of the board. A person holding a certificate of
22 qualification issued by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards
23 may upon application be registered under regulations of the board.

24 * Sec. 14. AS 08.48.201(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) Application for registration as a professional architect, a professional
26 engineer, [OR] a professional land surveyor, or a professional landscape architect
27 shall

28 (1) be on a form prescribed and furnished by the board;

29 (2) contain statements made under oath, showing the applicant's
30 education and a detailed summary of the applicant's technical experience; and

31 (3) contain five references, three of whom must be architects for