



March 20, 2026

Senator Matt Claman, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: House Bill 20, Prohibit Fees for Paper Documents (version 34-LS0237\I)

Dear Chair Claman, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes to express concerns with House Bill 20, an Act relating to fees for paper documents; relating to unfair trade practices; and providing for an effective date.

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

While we support the goal of consumer protections and equitable access, we are concerned that the bill could impose broad new mandates on businesses, particularly in industries that are already highly regulated. House Bill 20 would increase compliance costs for businesses by introducing new administrative requirements, including provisions related to paper document fees and expanded unfair trade practice claims. These added obligations would be particularly burdensome for small and mid-sized businesses that operate with limited staff and tight margins. Additionally, the bill creates regulatory uncertainty around how these provisions would be defined, implemented, and enforced, making long-term planning more difficult for employers considering investment or expansion in Alaska.

We are also concerned that expanding categories under unfair trade practices could unintentionally increase litigation risk for businesses already navigating a complex regulatory environment. Even the possibility of additional liability can discourage economic activity and have negative ripple effects on hiring, wages, and service availability across local economies.

For these reasons, the Alaska Chamber respectfully urges you to reconsider House Bill 20 and instead work with Alaska's business community to identify balanced approaches that protect consumers without creating unnecessary barriers to economic stability and growth.

Thank you for your consideration of the Chamber's comments on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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