



February 23, 2017

Representative Louise Stutes
House Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm 406
Juneau, AK 99801

Representative Adam Wool
House Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Rm 412
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support of SB 3 – Small Vessel Wastewater Exemption; 1% Art

Dear Co-Chairs Stutes & Wool:

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce (Alaska Chamber) supports the current version of Senate Bill 3, an act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in state waters; relating to art requirements for certain public facilities.

The mission of the Alaska Chamber is to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. We represent hundreds of businesses, manufacturers and local chambers from across the state. The Alaska Chamber believes that laws and regulations should not be onerous on businesses, and be realistic in its application allowing businesses to thrive while providing the protections that are the intent of those laws and regulations.

The requirements that these small commercial vessels must adhere to without this exemption could have severe ramifications if forced to not only cover the cost of an advanced wastewater treatment system akin to what is on large cruise ships, but to also find the additional space to house this system on their vessel. These small commercial vessels are not without any requirements. Their wastewater discharge is still required to be treated under the Department of Environmental Conservation's approved best management practice plans.

The Alaska Chamber encourages your support for SB 3 and to schedule the bill for a hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Curtis W. Thayer', written over a horizontal line.

Curtis W. Thayer
President & CEO