



March 15, 2023

Senate Resources Committee
Senator Click Bishop and Senator Cathy Giessel, Chairs
Alaska State Capitol

Comments submitted via email

Re: Support for SB68, Public Notice for Water Rights

Dear Chairs Bishop, Giessel, and members of the Committee:

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes in support of SB68

The Alaska Chamber was founded in 1953 and is Alaska'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.

Alaska businesses have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep their doors open and employees safe. The Alaska Legislature should not impede the progress that's been made as we look forward to a healthy, post-pandemic economy. Throughout this ordeal, Chamber membership has consistently and steadfastly opposed legislative efforts to impose new regulations that interfere with private business owners' ability to run their businesses. In our view, the current form of SB156, however well intentioned, does just that.

Each year, the Chamber membership reviews, discusses, and votes annually on its policy positions and priorities to serve as our advocacy agenda moving forward. For a number of years, the Chamber has had a position that supports the automation for processing of titles, liens, notary signatures, and other paper-based processes to improve access, delivery turnarounds and lower cost of operations. SB68 streamlines an antiquated process and provides for a common-sense efficiency as it relates public notice for water rights.

The Chamber urges the Senate Resources Committee to pass this bill as it is currently written.

Sincerely,

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

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