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Senate Finance Committee

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Alaska Policy Forum (APF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that is a nonpartisan state-based think tank and does not receive public funds. We encourage the adoption of policies that allow for professional and occupational licensure compacting between states. This is vital to ensuring economic growth and stability and creating more opportunities for workers in various fields.

Currently, many states have unique requirements for obtaining professional licenses, which can be costly and time-consuming for workers seeking to move across state lines. This can create a significant barrier to entry¹ for highly-skilled professionals who would otherwise contribute to local economies. However, by adopting licensure compacts, states can allow for greater mobility for licensed professionals and create more job opportunities. These benefits workers and the local economy, allowing for a more competitive job market and more efficient use of resources.

¹ <https://www.goldwaterinstitute.org/policy-report/low-income-families/>



Furthermore, allowing for licensure compacts can help with the problem of Alaska's outmigration. Many highly skilled professionals leave their states searching for better job opportunities, which can hurt the state's economy. By creating more job opportunities and reducing barriers to entry, states can retain more of their talented workforce and continue to grow.

In conclusion, consider adopting policies that allow for professional and occupational licensure compacting between states. Creating more job opportunities and promoting economic growth and stability makes sense.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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