



# City and Borough of Sitka

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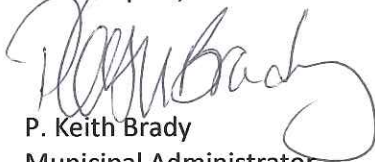
Department of Administration  
Commissioners Office  
550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1970  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Commissioner Ridle,

The City and Borough of Sitka respectfully makes comment on SB 74, directing the State of Alaska to study whether a state Health Care Authority is feasible and/or cost effective. After reviewing the Health Care Authority Feasibility Study, it is the City and Borough of Sitka's recommendation that this plan be optional for municipal governments to join.

As local governments continue to feel constrained by annual healthcare increases and struggle with the balance of personnel costs versus services, we appreciate the State of Alaska looking to reduce the hardship on local municipalities. However, it is essential that any Health Care Authority should be an optional program and not mandated.

With respect,

  
P. Keith Brady  
Municipal Administrator