

To: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

RE: In SUPPORT of Senate Bill No. 2368

We are in support of Senate Bill 2368. All entities of an agency should be accountable to the public for the environmental, economic, political, and social impacts of their actions and operations.

Elected and appointed officials should be accountable to the public for honesty, integrity, competence, ethics, service, and the quality of decisions.

Holding positions accountable is an important part of fostering and supporting actions, decisions and regulations that work toward the betterment of the community and state. Making sure agencies are open to scrutiny, and that laws, regulations and policies, as well as public opinion, are strong enough to assure that they always consider the public interest, is an enormous part of maintaining effective advocacy.

This Bill is proposing a study which is a path that can shine light on the positive actions of an agency as well as deficiencies. Accountability starts with research and this Bill makes sense.

Respectfully,

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