



ALASKA STATE HOSPITAL &
NURSING HOME ASSOCIATION

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House Health and Social Services Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

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RE: ASHNHA Supports HB 308 – Dementia Awareness

Members of the House Health & Social Services Committee,

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) represents more than 65 hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and other health care partners distributed across Alaska's vast expanse of over half a million square miles, from PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center in Southeast Alaska to Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Utqiagvik, north of the Arctic Circle. For over 60 years, ASHNHA members have worked together to improve health care in Alaska.

ASHNHA supports HB 308 – Dementia Awareness. Our members care for Alaskans who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. We support efforts to increase the public's awareness of this disease. Working together we can impact this public health issue by increasing early detection and diagnosis, reducing risk and preventing avoidable hospitalizations.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our state.

Sincerely,

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