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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good morning,
3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you to today's
4 Administrative Order, or AO, 360 stakeholder input
5 session on Chapter 57, Library Services regulations.
6 Thank you for joining us.
7 The purpose of this meeting is to hear
8 directly from stakeholders and members of the public
9 regarding regulatory burdens or barriers that you
10 believe should be addressed as part of this Alaska AO
11 360 reform project.
12 Your input is critical in helping us
13 shape meaningful changes that help support students,
14 schools, and for today, libraries, archives, and
15 museums. And so to honor your time, we will end
16 promptly on the hour.
17 These stakeholder meetings are
18 opportunities for us to listen to your perspectives
19 before any regulations are drafted, amended, or
20 repealed. And this is not the formal public comment
21 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, or APA.
22 That, of course, would begin later after draft
23 regulations have undergone official legal review and
24 have been formally approved for public comment.
25 As part of our reform -- regulatory

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1 reform plan, the department must create a list of all
2 comments that we receive during the stakeholder process
3 along with whether we intend to implement each
4 recommendation that a particular stakeholder would
5 make. And if we don't adopt a recommendation, we're
6 required to explain why not. And that's why your
7 feedback for today's meeting and all the others are so
8 valuable. It will directly help us shape our analysis
9 and inform you of the next steps of this reform
10 project.
11 So to proceed today, we'll just first
12 hear a short overview of the regulations for this
13 meeting, and then we'll move into the comment period
14 where you may share your input.
15 Verbal feedback will be recorded,
16 summarized, and included in our department's reform
17 plan, and written feedback will also be accepted for 30
18 days following this session. And so please refer to
19 the chat for the links that are being dropped
20 referencing those two avenues to give comment.
21 So with that I will just now quickly kick
22 it over to Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, our director of
23 Library, Archives, and Museums, and she will walk
24 through Chapter 57 of the regulations and what they
25 are. Over to you, Amy.

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1 **AMY PHILLIPS-CHAN:** Great. Thank you,
2 Jake, and good morning. As Jake shared, I'm Amy
3 Phillips-Chan, and I serve as director of the Alaska
4 State Libraries, Archives, and Museums. Welcome.
5 With me today I have two of our team
6 leaders with Alaska State Library. We have Freya
7 Anderson who is our head of information services and
8 historical collections. Good morning, Freya. And we
9 have Valerie Kingsland who is our head of library
10 development and our public library coordinator. Good
11 morning to Valerie.
12 So this morning is dedicated to Chapter
13 57 of the regulations, which is library services. This
14 chapter covers the collections, programs, and services
15 as well as the grant programs of the Alaska State
16 Library.
17 If you've had a chance to consider the
18 regulations or you'd like to do so now via the chat, or
19 the link in the chat, we ask that you consider the
20 regulations in terms of whether they create unnecessary
21 burdens, whether the regulations meet today's needs,
22 and what changes might better serve our libraries in
23 Alaska as well as the schools, students, and families
24 in our state.
25 So for this next part I'm going to ping

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1 it back over to Jake who is going to share about how
2 you can provide input during today's meeting. To Jake.
3 Thanks.
4 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Thank you so much, Amy.
5 So as Amy mentioned, we're now in the comment section
6 of the stakeholder meeting. And as you can see in the
7 chat, there is a link for our sign-up sheet that you
8 just fill out a couple prompts and then your name will
9 pop up indicating that you want to give comment right
10 now. And so I'm keeping an eye on the sign-up sheet.
11 Additionally, if you're not able to use
12 the link and would just find it easier to click on the
13 raise hand icon, you can also do that as well. It's on
14 the bottom of your task bar of the Zoom meeting. So if
15 you raise your hand, we'll acknowledge you as well and
16 you will have two minutes. And, of course, please just
17 state your name, any affiliation you have, and you'll
18 give your comment. And we can answer specific
19 questions, but for general opinions stated in your
20 comments, we will just be here to listen.
21 So with that, it looks like we have Mr.
22 Steve Rollins. Steve, if you just want to state your
23 name and affiliation, you have two minutes, and we're
24 hear to listen.
25 **STEVE ROLLINS:** Thank you. My name is

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1 Steve Rollins, I'm currently the director of the Alaska
 2 Library Network. And just for a point of information,
 3 I've been a librarian in the state of Alaska now for
 4 about 27 years.

5 So I do have a couple of comments about
 6 the process in terms of certain regulations I would
 7 like to speak to and certainly support the retention of
 8 those regulations.

9 But before I get into that, I wanted to
 10 point out that in Chapter 57.010, which is the Alaska
 11 plan regulation, it actually references a plan from
 12 1981 and 1969, and I would strongly recommend modifying
 13 that. If we still have to reference a plan, it might
 14 be wise to reference the more recent LSTA five-year
 15 plan.

16 Overall, I would argue to keep Article 2
 17 in its entirety, but I really want to emphasize the
 18 importance and critical nature of three different
 19 regulations, and that in particular is 57.063, which is
 20 the public library funding. \$7,000 is actually
 21 mentioned in that regulation, and I strongly recommend
 22 we keep that regulation in place, and perhaps even
 23 consider raising the amount. It hasn't been raised for
 24 years and certainly deserves an inflationary increase
 25 at this point.

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1 I also would like to recommend keeping
 2 57.065, which is the ILC grants. They are a very good
 3 instrument for supporting cooperative programs in an
 4 effective and efficient way.

5 And finally, 57.069, which is the
 6 regional grants.

7 Just one other regulation I would like to
 8 speak to today, and that's 57.910, which is fees for
 9 services. It's a long list of services that the state
 10 library would charge. I'm not sure when they were set,
 11 but they are probably -- it's probably worth the time
 12 to look at those and consider increasing some of them.

13 So that's the regulations I wanted to
 14 speak to this morning.

15 I just want to end with a question. I
 16 plan to fill out the survey, but I found it interesting
 17 the list of stakeholders do not include librarians. So
 18 when I fill this out as a librarian, should I actually
 19 use "other"?

20 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** That's a great question,
 21 Steve. Yes, I would say you could check on the "other"
 22 box, and then you could specify that, you know, in one
 23 of the bottom boxes that you're submitting this as a
 24 librarian. And thank you for that. We'll make that
 25 note in the surveys after this and put that on there.

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1 **STEVE ROLLINS:** Yeah, I mean, if you
 2 could put another category on there at this point, I
 3 would strongly recommend it since it's a library
 4 survey.

5 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Great. That's a great
 6 catch.

7 **STEVE ROLLINS:** Okay. Well, I appreciate
 8 your time, and thanks for arranging for these public
 9 meetings.

10 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Thank you, Steve, really
 11 appreciate it. That was great. Appreciate your
 12 comments on that.

13 So now we will just continue to wait.
 14 Again, looking at the sign-up sheet for anyone that
 15 clicks on the link to sign up that way, or if you just
 16 want to raise your hand as Steve did, we can recognize
 17 you that way.

18 So seeing as there is no one on the
 19 sign-up sheet or raising their hands, we will just be
 20 on standby until someone does. Thank you so much.

21 **STEVE ROLLINS:** I think I'm going to
 22 leave and have another cup of coffee.
 23 (Pause)

24 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we will now conclude
 25 this public stakeholder meeting for Chapter 57, Library

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1 Services.

2 If you're watching this recording and
 3 would still like to submit feedback regarding these
 4 regulations, you can go to our website at
 5 education.alaska.gov/ao360 and your comments will be
 6 submitted for the record that way.

7 And for those still on there, you can
 8 also look at the link in the chat one more time, and we
 9 have a link to submit your comments in writing that
 10 way, too.

11 So thank you so much -- go ahead, Amy,
 12 you had something?

13 **AMY PHILLIPS-CHAN:** Thank you, and
 14 apologies for interrupting our normal script here. I
 15 just see, and not to put her on the spot, but Teresa
 16 Coyner (ph) has joined the meeting. And if you want to
 17 just run through again about how to provide input, that
 18 would be great in case she would like to give public
 19 comment, thank you.

20 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Thank you for that, Amy,
 21 great catch.

22 Yes, for those who just joined us, if you
 23 want to look at the chat box, there were just -- there
 24 was just a link put in to provide comments, but I'll
 25 give one more opportunity as well.

1 If anyone wants to give comment right now
2 on the regulations for Chapter 57, Library Services,
3 for two minutes, you can click on the link or you can
4 raise your hand at the bottom of the task bar, and we
5 could acknowledge you to speak for two minutes as well.
6 So I just want to give one last opportunity to see if
7 anyone wants to give comment here.

8 Okay, and a reminder for those on there
9 as well, we're going to be hosting the same -- well, I
10 apologize, actually. For Chapter 57 this will be the
11 last meeting for a public stakeholder meeting. But,
12 again, the link is in the chat to provide your comments
13 in writing, and we look forward to seeing your comments
14 on there as well.

15 And again, thank you for everyone
16 participating, and we will look out for your comments
17 and the surveys from there. Thank you so much,
18 everyone. We will now conclude this meeting.

19 (Meeting concluded)

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