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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Gary Superman, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Milli Martin, Assembly member

**DATE:** August 13, 2005

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SUBJECT: Resolution 2005-3%, approving board bylaws for the South Kenai Peninsula

Hospital Service Area Board

On August 11, 2005 I attended the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board meeting to discuss the proposed amendment to the bylaws that would create an executive committee. The board agreed that the primary intent behind creating this committee is to provide a mechanism for the administration to lease off-site premises on an emergency, short-term basis as needed for housing temporary staff.

At this time the Sublease and Operating Agreement with South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. ("SPHI") requires SPHI to obtain advance approval from the service area board to lease any off-site premises. On occasion SPHI has to hire temporary staff from outside of the Homer area for short time periods. As the service area board may not delegate the authority to approve short-term leases to an executive committee, the service area board supported the concept of withdrawing this resolution and instead seeking approval to amend the Sublease and Operating Agreement to allow SPHI to lease off-site housing for short time periods when needed on an emergency basis. Amending that agreement would require assembly approval by ordinance. Per KPB 22.40.055, this resolution cannot be withdrawn as it has already been opened for public hearing.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the assembly defeat resolution 2005-38. It is my intent to introduce an ordinance on September 6, 2005, with a shortened hearing in Homer on September 20, 2005, that would authorize an amendment to the agreement with SPHI allowing it to enter into certain short-term leases as needed to meet staffing emergencies. SPHI would be required to advise the service area board of all such leases.

Thank you for your consideration.