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## **Governor Welcomes Passage of Bill Protecting Vulnerable Adults**

March 26, 2012, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell today welcomed the passage of Senate Bill 86, his legislation that will help vulnerable adults who are unable to protect their own interests. SB 86 strengthens laws against financial exploitation and allows expedited emergency protection orders for seniors.

“We must guard our elders and vulnerable adults from those who would target and prey upon them financially,” Governor Parnell said. “SB 86 will aid those investigating these crimes against our fellow Alaskans, and may prevent additional harm from occurring.”

Governor Parnell’s bill will protect victims who are targeted because of their age or the benefits they’re entitled to receive. This legislation will improve the ability of those investigating reports of harm, so they may obtain vital information in a timely manner. This will result in better services and safety for Alaska’s vulnerable adults, and shield them from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Governor Parnell expressed his appreciation for those who testified in support of the bill.

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