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## **Sponsor Statement**

### **SB 126**

SB 126 directs the Department of Corrections to look at two cost cutting measures. First is consolidation and any savings that could create. The second would add a section to the powers given to the Commissioner, to give them the ability to look at out of state options for housing inmates who have 7 or more years remaining on their sentence, should the cost of doing this be cheaper than keeping them in state.

Either or both cost cutting measures could add up to a large amount of potential savings to help fund education in Alaska.