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MEMORANDUM February 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary -- SB 11 (Work Order No. 27-LS0087\A)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
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Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1. This new crime can only be committed when a person commits some underlying crime and the person directed the conduct constituting the crime at the victim due to one of the listed characteristics of the victim. The new crime increases the classification of the underlying crime one level.

Section 2. Amends AS 55.155(c)(22), an aggravating factor at sentencing for felonies, by adding "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the list of protected characteristics.

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