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HB362

Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care."

HB362 proposes to cap the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care costs in Alaska at the rate established under federal law, 42 U.S.C 1396-1396w-7 (Title XIX, Social Act), thus presenting a strategic approach to address the ever-growing costs of healthcare in our prisons.

Capping the reimbursement rates with those established under Title XIX of the Social Act, we can expect cost savings. This alignment ensures cost-effectiveness and brings predictability to the budgeting processes. In addition, the provision allowing the commissioner to negotiate contracts for higher rates allows flexibility when needed.

HB362 presents a balanced and strategic approach to managing healthcare costs in prisons while ensuring the provision of necessary care. It is a step towards a more sustainable and effective healthcare system within our prisons.