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Explanation of Changes House Bill 44 Version O to Version R

1. **Page 2, Line 18 following “voting”:** Deletes “May not vote”.

Amends the language to no longer require a legislator to abstain from voting in a committee hearing.

2. **Page 2, Line 18 following “legislator”:** Inserts “shall declare a conflict of interest before voting”.

Amends language that a legislator must declare the conflict for the record and is still able to participate in debate and a vote.

3. **Page 2, Lines 24 Following “on”:** Deletes “A substantial class of person to which the legislator belongs as a member of a profession, occupation, industry, or region.”

Deletes language to conform with change to definition of “substantial benefit or harm”.

4. **Page 2, Line 24 following “on”:** Inserts “the general public of Alaska.”

Inserts language to conform with change to definition of “substantially benefit or harm”.

5. **Page 3, Line 5:** Amends the definition of “substantially benefit or harm”.

Amends the definition of “substantially benefit or harm” to mean the effect on the person’s financial interest is greater than the effect on the financial interest of the general public of the state. The general public broadens the conflict of interest standard to include when a legislator’s employer, immediate family members, immediate family member’s employer and the legislator themselves is benefited or harmed by taking action on a vote that effects a profession, occupation, industry, or region.

6. **Page 3:** Deletes section 5 and section 6.

Section 5 was conditional language to House Concurrent Resolution 1. This language was initially put into the bill because earlier versions of the bill directly referred to HCR 1 and HB 44 needed to be contingent upon the passage of HCR 1. The bill has since removed that language and is a freely standing bill. Section 6, stated that HB 44 would take effect until after HCR 1 took effect, which is no longer needed.