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CS SB 62 (L&C)

Explanation of Changes (Version A to D)

SB 62 version A would have repealed the certificate of need program for healthcare facilities. After three committee hearings in Senate Labor and Commerce changes were made to the legislation based on conversations with stakeholders and public testimony.

SB 62 version D allows for an exemption from the certificate of need program if the new construction of a healthcare facility, alteration of bed capacity, or addition of a category of health services is in a location that is over 100 miles from another healthcare facility. This removes a barrier for remote communities that are currently struggling to attract and retain healthcare services in an effort to provide equal access to care for all Alaskans.