AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 148

Page 9, following line 3:
Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Sec. 13. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: REDUCING PRE-TERM BIRTHS. The Department of Health and Social Services shall design and implement a demonstration project for the purpose of reducing pre-term birth rates in the state from the current rate of 10.3 percent. The demonstration project shall provide for the voluntary enrollment of approximately 500 recipients who are eligible for medical assistance under AS 47.07.020(b)(14). The Department of Health and Social Services shall offer pregnancy counselling, nutritional counselling, and, as necessary, vitamin D supplementation to maintain levels of 40 ng/ml vitamin D during pregnancy for participants in the demonstration project. The demonstration project may be modeled after the Protect Our Children NOW! project implemented as a cooperative project of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and private health organizations. The goal of the demonstration project is to achieve a 50 percent reduction in pre-term births in the state, consistent with the results of the following published studies: Wagner, C. L., et al., "A Randomized Trial of Vitamin D Supplementation in Two Community Health Center Networks in South Carolina," American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology 208 (February 2013); Bodnar, L. M., et al., "Maternal 25-Hydroxyvitamin D and Preterm Birth in Twin Gestations," Obstetrics and Gynecology 122 (July 2013)."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
Page 9, line 23:
Delete "Sections 13 and 14"
Insert "Sections 14 and 15"

Page 9, line 24:
Delete "by sec. 16"
Insert "in sec. 17"