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### **Sectional Analysis CS HB 254(STA) Alaska Native Language & Advisory Council**

#### Section 1:

Legislative finding language explaining the importance and criticality of protecting Alaska Native Languages from further extinction.

#### Section 2:

Establishes the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Section 2 further defines the role of the Council to:

- (1) advise the governor and legislature on programs, policies, and projects to provide for the cost-effective preservation, restoration, and revitalization of Alaska Native languages in the state;
- (2) meet at least twice a year to carry out the purposes of the council; and
- (3) prepare reports of its findings and recommendations for the governor's and the legislature's consideration in January of even-numbered years. However, the first report is due on or before July 1, 2014 (section 3).

Governor appoints five voting members. Two members will be fluent in an Alaska Native Language and three members will be Alaska Native Language experts and all represent diverse regions of the state. In addition, one member of the senate and one member of the house of representatives who are Bush Caucus members shall serve on the council as nonvoting members.

#### Section 3:

Appointments by the Governor are to be made on or before December 1, 2012.