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Sponsor Statement for HCR 8

HCR 8: Uniform Rules: Measure Sponsor/ Readings

“Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of Alaska State Legislature relating to withdrawing measures, to sponsors of measures, to prefiling measures, and to the three readings of bills.”

This resolution updates the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature. It is important to update these rules to improve the functioning of the legislative body. It is the intent of this legislation to spark a conversation about how the legislature can operate more smoothly, efficiently, and fairly. This legislation touches upon a number of issues that are important to consider when updating the rules. These issues include the prefiling and joint prime sponsorship of measures, when a measure may be withdrawn and the reading of the full titles of measures on the floor. Thank you for considering this legislation and the future operation of the legislature. Please give us your thoughts, comments, and criticisms as this legislation is merely a vehicle for us all to help improve the rules. It is important that we have the best functioning legislature in the country.