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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary of HB 366 (Work Order No. 27-LS1450\A)

TO: Representative Cathy Muñoz
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FROM: Alpheus Bullard
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Requires the Alaska division of homeland security and emergency management ("division") to play an integral part in developing and implementing the Alaska Intrastate Mutual Aid System ("mutual aid system") established by sec. 5 of the bill.

Section 2. Requires the division to coordinate the operation of the mutual aid system and assist in the development of certain guidelines and procedures for the mutual aid system.

Section 3. Provides that the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission ("commission") will facilitate the preparation and implementation of the mutual aid system.

Section 4. Requires the commission to review and make recommendations about the mutual aid system.

Section 5. Establishes the mutual aid system between participating political subdivisions of the state. Provides that every political subdivision is a participating member of the mutual aid system unless the subdivision withdraws. Provides what assistance a political subdivision may request assistance for. Addresses qualifications and employment of, and workers' compensation for, emergency responders. Establishes reimbursement procedures for, and tort liability of, participating political subdivisions. Provides definitions for the provisions establishing the mutual aid system.

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