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Explanation of Changes: Version O to Version Y

The changes in Committee Substitute for House Bill 90 work draft 28-LS0376\Y are intended to shift the legislation from a temporary *research* project to a temporary *health* project involving both mothers and newborns.

Changes

- ‘Research’ has been removed from the title and replaced with ‘health.’ The title change also includes mothers in the project and adds supplementation and nutritional education.
- In **subsection (a)**, the legislative findings have been expanded to include the reduction of negative pregnancy outcomes with adequate vitamin D.
- In **subsection (b)** the project length has been updated from 12 months to 24 months, ‘research’ has been removed from the project description, and the voluntary project population of 500 pregnant women and their newborns has replaced the previous testing group of all Alaskan newborns.
- **Subsection (c)** describes a collaboration between the department and an interested nonprofit entity to provide the services under the health project, and limits the cost to the department to the lesser of \$100,000 or 20% of the project cost. The services described in this subsection include items relating to blood testing, which were listed under subsection (d) of the previous draft. It also outlines the three main goals of the temporary health project: determining vitamin D levels of the participants, providing vitamin D supplementation as needed, and providing information to the participants and the public on the project and on vitamin D sufficiency.
- **Subsection (d)** directs the department to contract with a qualified research group to provide technical support as well as analysis for the samples and data collected during this health project. Subsection (d) is similar to the first paragraph of subsection (c) of the previous draft.
- **Subsection (e)** and **subsection (f)** have been updated to ensure the language conforms with other sections that have been changes, but remain substantially similar.