

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senator Cathy Giessel

Senate District N

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Dear Finance Committee Members:

I was asked by Representative Tammy Wilson's aide how many Alaskans would be affected if SB 169 fails and received the below information from the Division of Public Health. The impact would be huge:

Without SB169 and once HB310 funds run out, providers will have to purchase vaccine for 50% of the children and 100% of the adults. That is estimated to be about **310,000** individuals of which 80,000 are children and 230,000 are adults. This is based on current population and immunization rates. Only the 50% of children covered by federal Vaccines for Children and a small number of high-risk children and adults covered with other state and federal funds will continue to receive state-supplied vaccine.

In terms of dollars, without SB169, the providers' share of vaccine spending will increase from about 50% currently to about 75%, or an extra \$12 million, increasing from \$23 million to \$35 million. This assumes immunization rates stay steady and that providers continue to purchase vaccine for the insured and uninsured.

Senator Cathy Giessel

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