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Sponsor Statement for House Bill 113

“An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council”

The mission of the Alaska Fire Standards Council is “to establish professional standards for fire service personnel, and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs.”

Currently there are 11 members of this council. They are:

- two chief administrative officers or fire chiefs from local government;
- four representatives of fire fighters (including one from the Alaska Fire Fighters Association);
- two volunteer fire fighters (one from a community of 2,500 or less and one from a community with a population greater than 2,500);
- two members of the public (one from a community of 2,500 or less and one from a community with a population greater than 2,500);
- the State Fire Marshall or his/her designee.

HB 113 will specify that one of the four fire fighters will be a representative of the Alaska Professional Firefighters Association (APFA). The APFA represents approximately 500 career fire fighters and is the Alaska affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

HB 113 will also add an additional member to the council which will represent the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA). The AFCA is a membership organization representing fire chiefs throughout Alaska.

The intent of HB 113 is to ensure that the three statewide organizations that represent those in the fire service are represented on the council and can speak with the full confidence of their respective organizations.

HB 113 is supported by the Alaska Fire Standards Council, Alaska Professional Firefighters Association, Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, and the Alaska Firefighters Association.