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SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Bert Stedman Chair, Senate Health and Social Services Committee

From: Senator Johnny Ellis

Date: March 12, 2015

Re: Hearing request for Senate Bill 23 – Immunity for Providing Opioid OD Drug

I respectfully request a hearing on Senate Bill 23 be held in the Senate Health and Social Services Committee at your earliest convenience.

Senate Bill 23 gives providers, acting in good faith, the ability to prescribe naloxone to persons over the age of 18 who may be able to use it to reverse opioid overdose, and eliminates the possibility of negative legal action against health care professionals, loved ones or bystanders who administer overdose antidotes in emergency, life-threatening situations.

Included in this packet:

- Sponsor statement
- Sectional Analysis
- Fiscal Note
- Letters of support
- Summary of changes in sponsor substitute
- Background research and supporting studies
- Related news articles
- List of invited testimony

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my legislative aide Amory Lelake at 465-3704 or <u>amory.lelake@akleg.gov</u> with questions or for any additional information.