

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Senator Cathy Giessel

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### Sponsor Statement

#### SB 142 “Insurance for Anti-Cancer Medication”

SB 142 would ensure that both intravenous and orally administered cancer treatments are treated fairly and are equally available to consumers. Patients should not be prohibited from receiving cancer treatment due to high insurance costs. Currently intravenous cancer treatment co-pays are much less expensive than the oral cancer treatments, and are not always the easiest option for patients.

This bill also prevents increasing costs for intravenous or injected chemotherapy that is covered under the policy or plan or by reclassifying benefits with respect to anti-cancer medications. This bill asks for parity, or fairness, to the consumer, as they choose the treatment option that is right for them.

I urge you to support this bill that will require equal insurance coverage for anti-cancer medications, both those administered intravenously and those administered orally.

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