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## Senate Bill 124

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date"

## Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 124 would extend the Alaska Commission on Aging for eight years, until June 30, 2024, based on the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

The recently completed audit found that the Alaska Commission on Aging is serving the public's interest by formulating and approving the comprehensive State Plan for Senior Services; advocating for older Alaskans; providing education programs; making recommendations to the legislature and the governor on legislation, appropriations, programs and services for seniors; and serving as a federally recognized advisory council to satisfy the requirement of the Older Americans Act. The Act allows Alaska to receive federal funding through the Federal DHHS Administration on Community Living.

Senate Bill 124 is supported by many organizations including:

AARP

Access Alaska

Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman

Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska

Coalition of Mat-Su Senior Centers

Community Care Coalition

Denakkanaaga, Inc.

Governor's Council on Special Education and Disabilities

North Star Council on Aging

Anchorage Senior Activity Center

Anchorage Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Mat-Su Council on Aging

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc.

Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska