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## Sponsor Statement

HB 138 March: Sobriety Awareness Month

House Bill 138 seeks to have the State of Alaska recognize March as Sobriety Awareness Month. The purpose of Sobriety Awareness Month is to call attention to Alaska's aggregate population of citizens, who practice a positive and healthy non-consumer lifestyle of any mood/mind altering substances. Sobriety Awareness Month is an opportunity for schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the existence of all Alaska's citizenry, who by virtue of their freely chosen lifestyle, serve as Living-Examples-To-The-Truth (LETTT) that life can be lived and enjoyed without having to consume mood/mind altering substances.

Individuals that lead a sober life are an asset to Alaska in that they can help reduce the incidence of alcohol or drug related social ills such as crime, domestic violence, and child abuse & neglect.

Please join me in support of recognizing this valuable group of Alaskans and their lifestyle.