

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement *House Bill 167 – Repeal of Performance Reviews*

In 2013 the Alaska State Legislature passed HB 30 (Chapter 19 SLA 2013) establishing performance reviews. Performance reviews evaluate the effectiveness of the departments in meeting their missions.

Since 2013, five performance reviews have been conducted: the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and the Alaska Student Loan Corporation. These reports span from approximately 100 pages to upwards of 800 pages, including hundreds of recommendations and costing an annual appropriation of \$1,030,900. While potentially valuable, these reports received little to no discussion in legislative committees and limited policy alterations were made to comply with the recommendations.

As the fiscal crisis emerged more fully, the Alaska State Legislature chose to reduce the funding for the performance reviews starting in FY 2017. In the FY 2018 House funding request, funding for the performance reviews has been completely eliminated.

House Bill 167 aims to eliminate Alaska State statutes which require reviews which receive scant attention and have significant costs.