

HB 13: PROHIBITING THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE
OR MUNICIPAL ASSETS TO CREATE A REGISTRY
BASED ON RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY, OR
NATIONAL ORIGIN.

A Brief Review

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CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS CS

- I. “P.L. 109-13, Division B (REAL ID act of 2005)” was removed

This is a reference to statute which was repealed by the legislature last year. The repeal of this section does not effect change to the bill.

WHAT HB 13 DOES:

- Prevents municipal and state governments from using or authorizing use of their assets to implement or help implement a presidential order, a federal regulation or law that “*creates a registry based on race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.*”
- Proactively prevents federal overreach and protects the privacy of Alaskans
- Potentially saves the state money

WHAT HB 13 DOESN'T DO:

- Affect state registries
- Affect institutions which collect aggregated data in regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin
 - “**Based on**” are key interpretive words
- Impair the Department of State’s capability to track terrorist organizations

WHY INTRODUCE THIS BILL?

- Federal administration has not retracted statements communicating intent to revive such a registry
- Our state has proactively protected individual rights before in the same statutory section, specifically with regard to the right to bear firearms
- Makes a statement that Alaska will not participate in any forms of federal overreach, especially as it concerns our liberties

QUESTIONS?