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**TO:** Senator David Wilson, Chairman  
Senate Health & Social Services Committee

**FROM:** Senator Kevin Meyer 

**DATE:** February 1, 2017

**RE:** Senate H&SS Committee Request for Hearing SB 20

This is a request for the Senate Health and Social Services Committee to schedule a bill hearing for SB 20, "An act classifying U-47700 as a schedule IA controlled substance; and providing for an effective date."

The following documents are attached and will be sent electronically:

- Latest version of the bill: 30-LS0319\A
- Sponsor Statement
- Supporting Documents
  - Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 219, Monday, November 14, 2016, Rules and Regulations, Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, Docket No. DEA-440, "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of U-47700 into Schedule I"
  - State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin, No. 28, November 7, 2016, "Overview of Recent Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths."
- News Articles
  - Wall Street Journal, "This Is U-47700, Once a Lab Experiment, Now a Killer Opioid," November 4, 2016.
  - NBC News, "Pink: Stronger Than Heroin, But Legal in Most States," October 15, 2016.
- Letter of Support: Department of Health & Social Services, Jay Butler Chief Medical Officer and Director, Division of Public Health
- Witness/Testimony:
  - Department of Health and Social Services
  - Department of Public Safety
- Staff member assigned to the bill:
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This bill would make it unlawful to sell, use, purchase, possess, manufacture transport or deliver a U-47700, a synthetic opioid.