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Sectional Analysis for CSHB 96 Version S

Section 1. This section amends AS 47.55.020(b), the statute regarding admission to a Pioneer Home, to raise the amount of monthly income a resident may keep for incidental expenses from \$200 to \$500. This section also makes conforming changes to reflect new language added in Section 5 of this bill.

Section 2. This section amends AS 47.55.020(d), the section of statutes relating to payment assistance, to raise the amount of monthly income a resident may keep for incidental expenses from \$200 to \$500. This section also makes conforming changes to reflect new language added in Section 5 of this bill.

Section 3. This section amends AS 47.55.030(a) the section relating to payment by a resident, with conforming language that reflects Section 5 of this bill.

Section 4. This section repeals and reenacts AS 47.55.030(b), which charges the Department to adopt regulations regarding a monthly rate for Pioneer Home residents, to reflect changes made in Section 5.

Section 5. This section amends AS 47.55.030 by adding a new section, (f). This section works to limit Pioneer Home Rate increases to no more than the rate of inflation, as measured by Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, using current monthly and daily rates (adjusted for inflation since 2004) as a starting point.

Section 6. This section amends AS 47.55.070, the statute regarding indebtedness of a home resident to the State, with conforming language to reflect the changes made in Section 5 of this bill.

Section 7. This section makes conforming changes, by repealing sections of statutes requiring public notice for proposed rate changes, which could be infrequent. Section 5 of this bill sets this as an annual process.