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CS for House Bill 142 Sponsor Statement

"An Act Relating to Eligibility for the Permanent Fund Dividend."

Committee Substitute for House Bill 142 (CSHB 142) limits the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) eligibility of active-duty military members to those who are physically stationed in Alaska only.

This bill eliminates the allowable absence in AS 43.23.008(3)(A) of a member serving on active duty in the Military in the United State Armed Forces, and their dependents, stationed in another state or country.

CSHB 142 specifies an allowable absence of a member serving on active duty in the U.S Military, who is stationed in the State of Alaska, but is, or has been, out of the state on deployment orders or a temporary duty assignment (TDY.)

Future intent is a difficult thing to presume and define. Because of this, CSHB 142 also eliminates the allowable absence eligibility criteria listed in As. 43.23.008(e) that requires the Department of Revenue, Permanent Fund Division to consider factors that show an absent applicant's intention of returning to the state indefinitely in the future after a permanent change of station (PCS). Those considerations would no longer be included in determining eligibility of military service members, or their family members, who have moved out of state.

It is the sponsor's intent that every eligible Alaskan who currently and physically resides in the state of Alaska receive a PFD. Alaskans serving in the Military, and their dependents, who have physically moved out of the state will no longer be eligible to receive a PFD until they return to, and reside in, Alaska once again.

In 2018 the state dispersed 3,096 dividends to service members who were out of the state more than 180 days, who may or may not return someday, distributing over \$4,900,00 out of state. CSHB 142 will ensure that Alaska PFD monies are reserved for Alaskans who currently and physically reside within the state of Alaska.