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## **Sponsor Statement**

### **CS SB 156 Immunization Rights and Relating to Objection to the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine**

*"An act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; and relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine."*

CS SB 156 ensures that a state agency or political subdivision of the state may not adopt or issue regulation, ordinance, or similar policy that requires an individual to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to receive public benefit that is available to the public. Essentially, CS SB 156 ensures the public is not discriminated against based on COVID-19 vaccine status. In addition, the bill seeks to ensure a state agency, an employee of the state may not require an individual to produce documentation of their COVID-19 vaccination status or immunity passport to travel to or within the state. An individual may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine based on religious, medical, or other grounds. Parents or guardians may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to the minor child based on religious, medical, or other grounds. CS SB 156 passed the senate with bipartisan support because this bill protects an individual's civil liberties citing article 1 section 22 of the Alaska Constitution, ensures that regardless of COVID-19 injection history, neither can be discriminated against with regard to health insurance.