

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

February 10, 2016

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair
Senator Cathy Giessel, Vice Chair
Senator Bill Stoltze

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Pete Kelly
Senator Johnny Ellis

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 151

"An Act relating to criminal and civil history requirements for individuals and entities licensed or certified by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to the centralized registry for certain individuals or entities that are licensed or certified by the Department of Health and Social Services or are eligible to receive payment from certain programs of the department; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SB 151 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 151

SHORT TITLE: DHSS CENT. REGISTRY; LICNSE; BCKGROUND CHK

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

01/21/16	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/21/16	(S)	HSS, JUD
02/01/16	(S)	HSS AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/01/16	(S)	Heard & Held
02/01/16	(S)	MINUTE (HSS)
02/10/16	(S)	HSS AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

STACIE KRALY, Chief Assistant Attorney General
Human Services Section

Department of Law
Juneau, Alaska
POSITION STATEMENT: Reviewed SB 151.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BERT STEDMAN called the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Giessel, Stoltze, and Chair Stedman.

SB 151-DHSS CENT. REGISTRY; LICNSE; BCKGROUND CHK

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CHAIR STEDMAN announced the consideration of SB 151. He noted the bill was previously heard on February 1, 2016.

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STACIE KRALY, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Human Services Section, Department of Law, reviewed SB 151. She explained that the bill cleans up and fixes gaps, overlaps, and redundancies that currently exist in Alaska statute governing criminal background checks and centralized registry provisions found in AS 47.05.310 through AS 47.05.390. The bill also removes a number of redundancies under criminal background check provisions and clarifies and provides a better structure for the central registry provisions related to civil findings of an individual.

She said the third part of the bill contains technical changes to provisions found under AS 47.32, which relate to centralized licensing statutes for the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). Those changes allow for collaboration with Law Enforcement when there is a joint investigation of a licensed facility. The changes enable information to be shared with Law Enforcement and they provide a better pathway for sharing of information within the department.

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SENATOR STOLTZE noted concerns expressed by the Department of Law regarding HB 11 with changes to public access to records. He said there is uncertainty of the impact SB 11 might have on SB 151. He suggested those concerns can be discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee, the next committee of referral.

CHAIR STEDMAN said there have been no concerns raised by the public on SB 151.

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SENATOR GIESSEL moved to report SB 151, labeled 29-GS2013\A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Stedman adjourned the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee at 1:35 p.m.