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## HB 336\Ver. A (34-LS1475\N) SPONSOR STATEMENT

*“An Act relating to the use of campaign funds; and providing for an effective date.”*

House Bill 336 clarifies how campaign contributions may be used for security-related expenses.

Under current law (AS 15.13.112), campaign funds may not be used for personal purposes. However, statute does not specifically address whether security expenses qualify as permissible campaign expenditures. As a result, candidates must rely on advisory opinions and case-by-case interpretations to determine compliance.

HB 336 provides statutory clarity by specifying that campaign contributions may be used for reasonable and necessary security-related expenses that are directly connected to a person’s candidacy or campaign activities.

The bill defines security-related expenses to include protective personnel, threat monitoring, cybersecurity services, identity protection, and other measures taken in response to risks arising from campaign activity. It also permits security measures at a candidate’s personal residence when those measures are necessary due to campaign-related threats and directly connected to the candidacy.

The bill does not remove existing safeguards. Expenses must continue to meet the “reasonable and necessary” standard in law, must be directly tied to campaign activity, and may not be costs that would have been incurred regardless of candidacy. The Alaska Public Offices Commission retains oversight and enforcement authority.

By codifying permissible categories of security-related expenditures, HB 336 provides clear statutory guidance, promotes consistent application of the law, and ensures transparency in campaign finance compliance.