

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Summary of Changes CS SB 245 (STA)

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Alaska Arts and Culture Day to the first Friday of October better aligns this day with its goals of educating Alaska's younger generations and raising widespread awareness for Arts and Culture. October is already a special month for culture and the arts nationally. In 1993, our federal government established October as Arts and Humanities Month. Since then, Alaska has only irregularly acknowledged Alaska's creative culture, and only through a governor's proclamation. By setting a date at the beginning of October, we would more regularly remind Alaskans of our role in this national celebration.

Additionally, this ensures that Arts and Culture Day will always be celebrated on a weekday, when classes are in session. By doing this, we ensure that our schools can participate in Alaska Arts and Culture Day and educate young Alaskans about our creative traditions.

An Alaska Arts and Culture Day would magnify October's first Friday events, which in turn would give people an avenue to celebrate Alaska Arts and Culture Day.