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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CSSB 166 (L&C): MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHEDELIC MED. TASK FORCE

Version S to Version P

Section 1 (a):

The task force has been moved from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to the Legislature.

Language is added to clarify that the purpose of the task force is to ensure the state is prepared if the federal government authorizes prescription of psychedelic medicines, not to advocate for or against the medicalization of psychedelics.

Section 1 (a) (4): Language is updated to clarify that the purpose of the task force is to consider legal and regulatory changes that may be necessary upon federal medical approval of psychedelics.

Section 1 (b) (5): The language “one of whom must be a recognized indigenous ethnoherbalist,” is deleted, giving the Alaska Native Health Board more latitude to choose their representatives to the task force.

Section 1 (b) (8): A new subsection adds a member representing psychiatric nurse practitioners, selected by the Alaska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Alliance. This change recognizes that nurses may be involved in the administration of psychedelic medicines.

Section 1 (b) (9): A new subsection adds a member representing licensed therapists and counselors, selected by the Alaska Addiction Professionals Association. This change recognizes that therapists or counselors would be involved in the administration of psychedelic medicines.

Subsequent sections have been renumbered.

Section 1 (e): Language providing for travel reimbursement and per diem is removed.

Section 1 (f) (2): Language is deleted which instructed the task force to make members available for legislative hearings, as the task force will terminate before the next legislative session.

Section 1 (g): The termination date of the task force is corrected to the convening of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature, rather than the Thirty-Fifth Legislature. This change aligns with the existing task force report due date of December 31, 2024.