



CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE SPONSOR STATEMENT

"An Act relating to the use of campaign funds for dependent care, protection, and supervision."

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Political campaigns are incredibly demanding and time-consuming. Having support to manage family responsibilities can be central to a candidate's decision to run for office and their ability to successfully campaign. However, under current law, it's unclear whether campaign funds can be used by candidates for dependent care. This bill would explicitly permit candidates to use campaign funds to provide for the care of dependent children, as well as elderly and disabled dependents. To date, sixteen other states have enacted similar legislation. By passing this bill, we can take a meaningful step towards making Alaska a truly pro-family state, at the ballot box and beyond.