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CS for House Bill 110 (L&C)

Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to the practice of massage therapy; relating to the Board of Massage Therapists; and providing for an effective date."

The Board of Massage Therapists has requested several changes to their statutes to allow for the better protection of Alaskans and to help ease the licensure process for licensees.

The Division of Legislative Audit conducted their first sunset review of this board and determined that while the board is operating in the best public interest of the state, there are some issues regarding licensure that should be addressed.

House Bill 110 seeks to address these issues by easing the restrictions for those who wish to be public members of the board; adds language for the board to adopt regulations governing massage therapy establishments; increases the number of hours of in-class supervised instruction and clinical work from an approved massage school from 500 hours to 625 hours; changes the annual fingerprint requirement to every six (6) years; and reduces the number of hours of safety education covering blood-borne pathogens from four hours to two hours.

I urge your support of House Bill 110 to strengthen our laws to protect Alaskans.