



Alaska State Legislature

Senator Matt Claman

Session: State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801 Phone: 465-4919

Interim: 1500 W. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503 Phone: 269-0130

To: Senator Donald Olson, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

From: Senator Matt Claman
Senate Bill 44 Prime Sponsor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Claman".

Subject: Senate Bill 44 Hearing Request

Date: February 17, 2025

I respectfully request a hearing at your earlier convenience for Senate Bill 44 Version N: "An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

Attached is a bill packet that contains the following:

- CS for SB 44 (HSS) Version N 2.7.25
- SB 44 Sponsor Statement Version N 2.17.25
- SB 44 Sectional Analysis Version N 2.17.25
- SB 44 Version A 1.22.25
- SB 44 Explanation of Changes Version A to Version N 2.5.25
- SB 44 Research - DOJ Investigation of the State of Alaska's Behavioral Health System for Children 12.15.22
- SB 44 Research - Alaska Disability Law Center Findings 10.06.04
- SB 44 Research - DOH follow-up to SHSS questions 1.28.25
- SB 44 Testimony - Support received as of 2.17.25
- SB 44 Testimony - Amend from Citizens Commission on Human Rights 1.30.25

A complete list of invited testifiers can be provided when the bill is scheduled.

The staff contact for this bill will be Breanna Kakaruk, who can be contacted at (907) 465-4904.

Sincerely,

Senator Matt Claman