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Sponsor Statement

CSSB 104

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Curriculum is the foundation for effective teaching and positive student achievement.

Senate Bill 104 proposes a pilot program to examine and review curriculum that meets Alaska Education Standards and produces effective outcomes for students in English/Language Arts and Math.

Curriculum review and adoption requires significant financial and resource investment of school districts and teaching staff time. This legislation proposes to extend the requirement for curriculum review from every 6 years to every 10 years; districts may review their curriculum more often, should they choose to do so.

Senate Bill 104 tasks the Department of Education and Early Development, in consultation with school districts, to search globally for the best English/Language Arts and Math curriculum. The Department will advance curriculum that they find appropriate and effective to the Alaska State Board of Education to review, approve, and adopt and make it available for all school districts in our state.

I appreciate your consideration and support of this legislation.