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CS HOUSE BILL 133

"An Act establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; relating to the calculation of interest owed to a prime contractor; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; and providing for an effective date."

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES Version G to CS Version T

(Updated 5.1.25)

In the CS relating to prompt payments for HB 133, several selections of the measure have been modified to fix discrepancies in current statute, align deadlines for all types of contracts, grants, and reimbursements, and clarify the definitions provided in the bill. Otherwise, HB 133 remains unchanged.

HB 133 version T includes five revisions:

- Removes all instances of a twenty-one-day payment deadline and replaces them with a thirty-day deadline. The standard of prompt payment is now expected to be fulfilled within thirty days, regardless of fund source.
- Amends AS 36.90.200 (b) to streamline payment deadline with interest accrual for private contractors. The current language of the statute allows for a liminal period between payment deadline and the start of interest accrual. This change removes that discrepancy and aligns private contractors with the provisions for nonprofits, municipalities, and tribes in the original version of the bill.
- Replaces "transfer anything of value" with "provide funds" as the principal purpose in the definition of "grant" on page 4, line 23. This change creates a more accurate definition. Version T also removes "to carry out a public purpose as authorized by law" from the definition for a more inclusive meaning of "grant".
- Removes the requirement that an agency pay at least twenty percent of a grant to a recipient within ten days after the grant's effective date. There is an existing provision in statute that requires a payment of at least twenty percent of the grant to municipalities within ten days.
- Delays the effective date to July 1, 2026.