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Sponsor Statement HB 255 Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle

House Bill 255 creates a new, voluntary way for Alaskans to support senior services across the state by establishing the Senior Citizen Grants Endowment Fund and the Senior Citizen Grants Dividend Raffle Fund.

HB 255 allows Alaskans to donate a portion of their Permanent Fund Dividend, on a voluntary basis, to support grants for nonprofit organizations that serve Alaska's senior citizens. To encourage participation, the bill also establishes a dividend raffle, providing contributors with an opportunity to win prizes while supporting a meaningful public purpose.

The bill is designed to be self-funding and voluntary. It does not require new general fund appropriations and instead relies on individual choice and private contributions. Funds collected would be administered by the Department of Revenue and used to support organizations that provide critical services to seniors, including assistance that helps older Alaskans remain independent, healthy, and connected to their communities.

As Alaska's population continues to age, many senior service providers are facing increased demand and rising costs. HB 255 offers a creative, Alaska-specific solution that builds on an existing system Alaskans are familiar with – the Permanent Fund Dividend – to strengthen long-term support for seniors without increasing taxes or mandatory fees.

This legislation gives Alaskans a new opportunity to invest directly in the well-being of our seniors and the organizations that serve them, while ensuring transparency, accountability, and voluntary participation.

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