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MEMORANDUM

February 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of SSHB 241 (Work Order No. 26-LS0680\R)

TO: Representative Carl Gatto
Attn: Thomas Reiker

FROM: Brian J. Kane 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of SSHB 241, a bill relating to divestment in certain companies doing business with Iran.

Please note that a sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of a bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill enacts a new section, AS 37.10.072. It states that the commissioner of revenue or a fiduciary of a fund listed in AS 37 may not invest in and shall cause the fund to divest in publicly traded securities of a company that the commissioner places on a list of scrutinized companies that conduct or have direct investments in business operations in Iran and must divest, if needed, within 90 days after the company is placed on the list. The commissioner is required to make reasonable efforts to investigate all publicly traded companies to determine whether the company is a scrutinized company that should be placed on the list. The commissioner must make certain reports based on the investigations into companies that may or may not be on the list.

Section 2 of the bill requires the Alaska Retirement Management Board to comply with the provisions of AS 37.10.072.

Section 3 of the bill requires the board of trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to comply with the provisions of AS 37.10.072.

Section 4 of the bill provides that the statutes enacted in the bill are repealed the day after Iran is removed from the United States Department of State's list of countries that have been determined to repeatedly provide for acts of international terrorism or, the United States Congress or the President of the United States, through legislation or executive order, declares that the Iran divestment authorized in the Act interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy.

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Section 5 of the bill requires the commissioner of revenue to diligently work on compiling the list of scrutinized countries within 90 days after the effective date of the Act.

Section 6 of the bill directs the Department of Law to submit written notice to the Attorney General of the United States describing this Act no more than 30 days after the effective date of the Act.

Section 7 of the bill provides for an immediate effective date.

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