

SB 33 – Disposition of Remains of a Member of the Military

BACKGROUND:

- The Department of Defense requires active duty service members, reservists and guard to complete a Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93), a form that identifies the person authorized to direct disposition of a service member's remains in the event that service member is killed in the line of duty.
- Twenty-one states have laws which comport with DOD rules on disposition. Three are pursuing laws which comport with DOD rules.
- Alaska State law does not currently recognize the DD Form 93.

PROBLEM:

- When there is no one specifically authorized to dispose of remains, the final wishes of the service member may not be followed. Additionally, disputes over the rightful controlling agent may lengthen an already painful process of burial.

STATUTORY SOLUTION:

- SB 33 would place the state in alignment with the Dept. of Defense Emergency Data Form (DD Form 93), so that the person designated to handle disposition of active duty service and guard member's remains is clearly identified.
- Supported by the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.