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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional Summary for House Bill 270 (Airport Passenger Warning) (Work Order No. 27-LS1151\M)

TO: Representative Sharon Cissna

FROM: Doug Gardner
Director

You requested a sectional analysis for House Bill 270. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional analysis should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill, and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. HB 270 is a single-section bill that amends AS 02.15.050 by adding a new subsection (h).

Section 1 Section 1 of the bill that adds new subsection (h) to AS 02.15.050, requires the Department of Transportation, as part of the department's miscellaneous duties and powers related to administration of airports, to require each airport, where screening of passengers is being conducted by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration pursuant to TSA's authority in 49 U.S.C. 44901, to post a sign that measures 11 x 14 inches in size, and is posted within 30 feet of the entrance to a passenger screening area with a passenger warning that reads as follows:

PASSENGER WARNING

Each passenger entering this security screening area is subject to a physical search of the passenger's body by another person who may touch the passenger in a way that some passengers may find offensive and is also subject to a search by an electronic device that emits radiation used to produce an electronic image of the passenger that exposes or reveals physical characteristics of a person that are normally hidden by clothing and not normally visible to the public view.

So, in summary, Section 1 of HB 270:

- Directs DOT&PF to require airports where TSA is conducting screening of passengers under 49 U.S.C. 44901 to post the above warning;
- Provides the dimensions for the passenger warning statement (11 x 14 inches); and
- Requires posting of the above warning sign within 30 feet of the entrance to the passenger screening area.

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