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# House State Affairs Sub-Committee

To: Subcommittee Members

From: Rep. Wes Keller, Chair

Date: October 29, 2015

Re: Draft CS Changes

## Statement of Changes

The draft CS makes the following changes (which are also shown in the attached markup version of the existing CS):

- Title: Switch the order of the first two clauses in the title, so the bill title leads with the petition to the U.S. Department of Transportation;
- Section 1: No proposed changes.
- Section 2:
  - o Page 2, line 3, strike everything after "1966 to";
  - o Continue by striking all of line 4;
  - Continue by striking line 5 through "part of the state":
  - o Line 5, prior to "within the Pacific" add the phrase "place all of the state."
  - Strike the entire last sentence.
- No other suggested changes.

**Rationale:** The switch in the title is to give the time zone change element of the bill prominence by placing it as the title lead.

In section 2, you can see some specifics are proposed to be cut—the detail about holding hearings appears to be redundant. The U.S. Dept. of Transportation has its process that, if passed, this bill will trigger and there is no need for our bill to address the level of detail in the language being proposed to be cut.

Likewise, it is not clear that the U.S. Dept. of Transportation requires communication from the Governor. Again, if the bill is passed and signed into law, the bill itself will be the trigger for the process to start and the bill/law could be transmitted by the legislature.

## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(FIN)

### IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

#### TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

#### BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/4/15 Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MACKINNON, Stoltze, Coghill, Giessel, Dunleavy, Bishop, Micciche, Wielechowski,

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#### A BILL

- "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States

  Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; and providing for an

  effective date."

  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

  \* Section 1. AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

  Article 5. Standard Time.
- Sec. 44.12.400. Exemption from daylight saving time. The state exempts itself from observation of advanced time, also known as daylight saving time, during the period set under 15 U.S.C. 260a for the advancement of time each calendar year, and the entire state shall observe the standard time that is otherwise applicable during that period.

  \* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
- \* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:
- 14 PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- 1 TO CHANGE THE TIME ZONE IN WHICH ALASKA IS LOCATED. The legislature, by
- 2 this Act, petitions the United States Department of Transportation to initiate proceedings
- 3 under the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to hold hearings in the appropriate locations in Alaska 9
- 4 on the issue of changing the boundaries of the time zones in which Alaska is located or o
- 5 placing all or part of the state within the Pacific standard time zone as provided in the United
- 6 States Department of Transportation's "Procedure for Moving an Area from One Time Zone
- 7 to Another." Within 21 days after the effective date of this section, the governor shall send a
- 8 copy of this Act along with any other necessary documentation prescribed by the United
- 9 States Department of Transportation to the appropriate official of the United States
- 10 Department of Transportation.
- \* Sec. 3. Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
- \* Sec. 4. Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

- Place all of the state