

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 148

1 Page 1, line 3, following "**Services**";:

2 Insert "**creating the Medicaid Task Force**;"

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4 Page 9, following line 3:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 "*** Sec. 13.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 MEDICAID TASK FORCE. (a) The Medicaid Task Force is created in the legislature
9 for the purpose of making recommendations for potential cost savings related to the medical
10 assistance program.

11 (b) The task force consists of 13 members as follows:

12 (1) four senators selected by the president of the senate based on their
13 knowledge of health, finance, and budgetary issues;

14 (2) four representatives selected by the speaker of the house of representatives,
15 based on their knowledge of health, finance, and budgetary issues;

16 (3) the commissioner of health and social services;

17 (4) four public members selected by the governor based on their knowledge of
18 the health care systems of the state, Medicaid, and the budget of the state.

19 (c) The task force shall, not later than February 1 each year, deliver a report to the
20 senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that
21 the report is available. The report must include

22 (1) policy options and recommendations to reduce costs related to Medicaid
23 use in the state;

1 (2) recommendations, including draft legislation, to achieve the policy
2 objectives proposed by the task force.

3 (d) The task force shall meet as frequently as necessary and may meet between
4 sessions of the legislature to carry out its responsibilities.

5 (e) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall
6 jointly appoint the chair of the task force from among the legislative members of the task
7 force. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair.

8 (f) A majority of the task force constitutes a quorum; a vacancy on the task force shall
9 be filled in the same manner as the original selection or appointment.

10 (g) The task force may request data and other information from the Department of
11 Health and Social Services and other state agencies.

12 (h) The staff of the legislator who chairs the task force shall provide administrative
13 and other support to the task force.

14 (i) Public members of the task force serve without compensation but are entitled to
15 per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

16 (j) The task force expires April 1, 2017."