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House Bill 322

Sponsor Statement

House Bill 322 limits the monthly salaries of certain employees in the exempt service to no more than the monthly salary of the Governor of the State of Alaska.

The governor leads the State of Alaska and receives a salary of \$145,000 plus benefits. The bill includes a provision for the Governor to exercise his authority and to pay higher salaries to select exempt employees. The legislation makes exemptions for certain positions such as judges and permanent fund investment advisors from the salary limitation.

Alaska faces unprecedented challenges in paying for state government. The savings garnered from this bill would go directly to the State of Alaska's general fund, to be used to fund a more streamlined government.

There are well over 200 positions of exempt employees that are paid a salary greater than the Governor's salary.

In tight budgetary times it is important to look at all expenditures to get the most for our money. This is an important step in streamlining the government while reducing the draw on our savings.

Please join me in support of HB 322.

