

**AMENDMENT**

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEATON

TO: HB 148

1 Page 9, following line 3:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

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

5 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: REDUCING PRE-TERM BIRTHS. Before  
6 January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Social Services shall investigate and design a  
7 demonstration project for the purpose of reducing pre-term birth rates in the state from the  
8 current rate of 10.3 percent. The demonstration project shall provide for the voluntary  
9 enrollment of approximately 500 recipients who are eligible for medical assistance under  
10 AS 47.07.020(b)(14). The Department of Health and Social Services shall offer pregnancy  
11 counselling, nutritional counselling, and, as necessary, vitamin D supplementation to maintain  
12 levels of 40 ng/ml vitamin D during pregnancy for participants in the demonstration project.  
13 The demonstration project may be modeled after the Protect Our Children NOW! project  
14 implemented as a cooperative project of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human  
15 Services and private health organizations. The goal of the demonstration project is to achieve  
16 a reduction in pre-term births in the state, consistent with the results of the following  
17 published studies: Wagner, C. L., et al., "A Randomized Trial of Vitamin D Supplementation  
18 in Two Community Health Center Networks in South Carolina," American Journal of  
19 Obstetrics and Gynecology 208 (February 2013); Bodnar, L. M., et al., "Maternal 25-  
20 Hydroxyvitamin D and Preterm Birth in Twin Gestations," Obstetrics and Gynecology 122  
21 (July 2013)."

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23 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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2 Page 9, line 23:

3 Delete "Sections 13 and 14"

4 Insert "Sections 14 and 15"

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6 Page 9, line 24:

7 Delete "by sec. 16"

8 Insert "in sec. 17"