

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Senator Cathy Giessel**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 30, 2019  
**TO:** Senator David Wilson, Chair, Senate HSS Committee  
**FROM:** Senator Cathy Giessel   
**RE:** Request for Hearing, Senate Bill 37, Renewal of Vaccine Assessment Program

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I respectfully request that Senate Bill 37 "Renewal of Vaccine Assessment Program" be scheduled for the Senate Health and Social Services Committee at your earliest convenience.

Senate Bill 37 reauthorizes the statewide immunization program in the Department of Health and Social Services, which is scheduled for repeal January 1, 2021. Established in 2014, via Senate Bill 169, the program monitors, purchases and distributes all childhood vaccines and select adult vaccines to providers, making access to vaccines universal for all Alaskans. The statewide immunization program is fully funded by the state Vaccine Assessment Account through assessments (upfront fees) from health plans and insurers. There are no undesignated general funds needed for this program.

Attached you will find:

1. Senate Bill 37, version A
2. Senate Bill 37 Sponsor Statement
3. Senate Bill 37 Sectional Analysis (forthcoming)
4. Senate Bill 37 Letters of Support
5. Senate Bill 37 Supporting Documents
6. Fiscal Notes will be forthcoming

Please contact Jane Conway, 465-3623, in my office if you need any further information.