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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2019
TO: Representative Spohnholz, Co-Chair, House HSS Committee
Representative Zulkosky, Co-Chair, House HSS Committee
FROM: Senator Cathy Giessel
RE: Request for Hearing, CS for Senate Bill 37(FIN),
Renewal of Vaccine Assessment Program

I respectfully request that CS for Senate Bill 37(FIN) "Renewal of Vaccine Assessment Program" be scheduled for the House HSS Committee at your earliest convenience.

CSSB 37(FIN) 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 childhood vaccines and select adult vaccines to providers, making access to vaccines universal for all Alaskans. The vaccine 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. CS for Senate Bill 37(FIN), version S
2. CS for Senate Bill 37(FIN), Sponsor Statement
3. CS for Senate Bill 37(FIN), Sectional Analysis
4. Senate Bill 37 Letters of Support
5. Senate Bill 37 Supporting Documents
6. Senate Bill 37 Fiscal Notes

Senator Giessel will introduce the bill. Jane Conway will go over Sectional Analysis.
Invited Testimony from Alaska State Medical Officer, Lily Lou
Power Point Presentation from Jill Lewis, Division Operations Officer, DPH
Public Testimony from various providers and payers – details forthcoming

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

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