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SPONSOR STATEMENT CSHB 048(FIN) am ver U.A

"An Act removing from the exempt service of the state persons who are employed in a professional capacity to make a temporary or special inquiry, study, or examination as authorized by the governor and including those persons in the partially exempt service of the state."

The purpose of CSHB48(FIN) am is to discontinue the historical practice by the Executive Branch of using AS 39.25.110(9) to unilaterally establish high level executive exempt positions that have no salary limits. The statute was enacted to employ persons in a professional compacity to make a temporary or special inquiry, study or examination by establishing "temporary exempt" positions.

CSHB 48(FIN) am would eliminate the establishment of "temporary exempt" positions and place these positions in the partially exempt service. Positions in the partially exempt service are included in the position classification plans established under AS 39.25.120 and are compensated according to the pay plan under AS 39.27.011. It would limit the amount paid to a newly hired temporary employee. It applies only to employment contracts entered into, on, or after the effective date that AS 39.23.110(9) is repealed. It does not affect the salary of existing employees or individuals hired prior to the effective date of the bill.

CSHB 48(FIN) am requires that not later than 60 days after the effective date of this Act, the Commissioner of Administration prepare and submit to the legislature a report that includes a list of all positions in exempt service of the state under AS 39.25.110 and the partially exempt service of the state under AS 39.25.120 and the salary and proposed salary schedule for each of the positions.