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HB 24: Limited Teacher Certificates

Explanation of Changes, Version A to the House Labor and Commerce CS (Version E)

The House Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute for House Bill 24 (Version E) makes several changes from the original bill.

Where earlier versions of the bill repealed and replaced existing statute AS 14.25.025, CSHB 24 (L&C) creates the authorities related to immersion language certificates in a new statute, AS 14.25.023, titled *limited language immersion teacher certificates*.

Corresponding changes to the name of the certificate are made throughout Section 1 of version E. Other than the changes to the certificate name:

- Subsections (a) through (e) are identical in substance to version A.
- A new subsection (f) creates a 5-year limit on the limited language immersion certificate for teachers certified to teach in world language immersion programs.

In addition, the CS includes new sections changing the name of the Alaska Native Language Preservation Advisory Council (ANLPAC) to the Council for Alaska Native Languages. This CS also increases the number of seats on the Council from five to seven. These changes come at the request of ANLPAC. There are no fiscal implications from these changes.

The CS also includes corresponding title changes.

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