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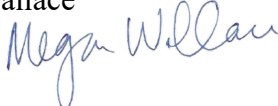
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## MEMORANDUM

March 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Alternates (CSSB 66(2d STA); Work Order No. 32-LS0410\I)

**TO:** Senator Mike Shower  
Attn: Naresh Shrestha

**FROM:** Megan A. Wallace  
Director 

Attached please find the draft bill you requested.

Please note that the use of the term "alternate" in both secs. 1 and 2 is vague.

As it relates to the Legislative Council provision, there is not currently a provision for alternate members of Legislative Council in AS 24.20, and it is unclear if the change proposed is designed to add temporary alternates in the event the minority leader is absent, or something else. If alternates are intended in circumstances where the minority leader is unable to attend a meeting, I would recommend establishing a separate section for this purpose.<sup>1</sup> In addition, if minority alternates are added to Legislative Council, do you want to add majority alternates?

With respect to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, there is already a provision for alternates in AS 24.20.165. Changes to the number of alternates or determination for when alternates may participate should be addressed in that section. Adding an alternate to AS 24.20.161 creates ambiguities.

If alternates are desired, this can certainly be accomplished, but I advise the bill be structured differently to accomplish that intent.

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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., AS 24.20.165 or 24.60.131.