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Sectional Analysis

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- Section 1 – Adds a new section to Alaska State Statutes at A.S. 18.09.300
- Department of Health (DH) will Submit a report to the legislature on program accomplishments, barriers, and recommendations for priorities related to dementia care in Alaska. The report will be submitted bi-annually starting in January 2024.
- This new section of statute will sunset (be repealed) on July 1, 2030, unless reauthorized by the Alaska State Legislature.
- This new section of statute would create a new Dementia Public Awareness Program within the DH.
- The program would use the best science available to assess the systems of care serving those with dementia.
- DH will focus efforts on early diagnosis and screening to assess the level of care and workforce needed to serve the dementia population.
- DH will build a statewide dementia public awareness campaign to improve services and educate people on risk reductions, early diagnosis, and risk management.
- DH will collect and monitor data to set priorities, to develop public health actions, and to address social impacts of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

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- DH will focus on changing systems, environments, and policies to promote risk reduction, to improve early diagnosis, to prevent and manage comorbidities, and to avoid hospitalizations.
- DH will work with systems of care to identify ways to improve early detection, primary care, care coordination, and development of the workforce for delivery of services to those impacted by dementia.
- DH will engage community members and stakeholders in decision making; and
- DH will develop a statewide strategic plan to improve systems of care infrastructure and awareness of dementia.
- HB 308 has an immediate effective date.

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