



# 33<sup>RD</sup> ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE DISTRICT 10  
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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

### **HOUSE BILL 135: An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers' Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date.**

The purpose of House Bill 135 is to disapprove the State Officers' Compensation Commission's recommendations for salary increases for the Governor, Lt. Governor, department heads and the legislature. These recommendations, made on March 15, 2023, amended the original recommendations made by the commission in their report dated January 24, 2023.

The process undertaken by the state officers' compensation commission was flawed in adopting an amendment to the original report. Because of this and with the spring revenue forecasts predicting a deficit of over \$900 million for this and the next fiscal year, pay raises are not justified nor warranted at this time.