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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 318 – Charity Protection Act

“An Act relating to disclosure of information by nonprofit corporations.”

The Charity Protection Act aims to establish safeguards for charitable organizations and their donors. Its primary objective is to protect donor information from unwarranted disclosure and government intrusion, ensuring the privacy and security of individuals who contribute to nonprofit causes.

Key Provisions:

1. **Definition of Protected Information:** The bill defines "protected information" as any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster, or other compilation of data that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a donor or provider of financial or nonfinancial support to a nonprofit organization.
2. **Exemption from Disclosure Requirements:** The legislation specifies that "protected information" does not need to be included in articles of incorporation, articles of merger, or consolidation. Additionally, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is prohibited from compelling corporations to disclose protected information.
3. **Enhanced Privacy for Donors and Nonprofit Corporations:** By adding an extra layer of protection, the bill aims to safeguard donor information from potential government overreach, ensuring that individuals can support charitable causes without fear of undue scrutiny or intrusion.

Overall, the Charity Protection Act seeks to uphold the integrity of charitable giving by reinforcing privacy measures for both donors and nonprofit organizations, thereby fostering a supportive environment for philanthropy and community engagement.