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Sectional

House Bill 45

HB 45 allows Alaskans to electronically donate their permanent fund dividend (PFD) to the general revenue fund through the Pick.Click.Give program in \$25.00 increments.

The bill amends AS 43.23 regarding the electronic application:

The addition of section AS 43.23.135 (a) requires the electronic application to have a button to allow residents to donate their PFD in \$25.00 increments to the general revenue fund. This enables Alaskans to donate \$25.00, or greater amounts, of their PFD to the general revenue fund if they so choose.

The next section (b) precludes a state agency "that can file on the behalf of a person" from donating to that same agency.

The next section (c) dictates that buttons that allow donations to the state be separated from the charitable group list posted in the Pick.Click.Give program so the state is not competing with charities.

The passage of this bill will greatly facilitate Alaskans ability to donate their PFD to the state general revenue fund. Currently, Alaskans must apply for the dividend, receive the dividend, and then return it through the US mail. By putting a button on the electronic application process, Alaskans can easily donate \$25.00 and additional increments of their PFD to the general revenue fund.

HB 45 was originally introduced in the 32nd legislature as HB 158. It was amended in House Finance in that legislature. It enjoyed 22 co-sponsors and was in House Rules when the 32nd legislature ended sine die. It has been reintroduced in the 33rd legislature in the version that came out of House Finance.