

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 23, 2007

3:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Kurt Olson, Chair
Representative Mark Neuman, Vice Chair
Representative Carl Gatto
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Representative Robert L. "Bob" Buch
Representative Berta Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Jay Ramras

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to breaches of security involving personal information, credit report and credit score security freezes, consumer credit monitoring, credit accuracy, protection of social security numbers, care of records, disposal of records, identity theft, furnishing consumer credit header information, credit cards, and debit cards, and to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; amending Rule 60, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 65(L&C) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 65

SHORT TITLE: PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) COGHILL, GARA

01/16/07	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/5/07
01/16/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/16/07	(H)	L&C, JUD, FIN
01/31/07	(H)	L&C AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17
01/31/07	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
03/28/07	(H)	L&C AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17
03/28/07	(H)	Heard & Held
03/28/07	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/04/07	(H)	L&C AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17

04/04/07 (H) <Bill Hearing Canceled>
04/16/07 (H) L&C AT 10:00 AM CAPITOL 17
04/16/07 (H) Scheduled But Not Heard
04/20/07 (H) L&C AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17
04/20/07 (H) Heard & Held
04/20/07 (H) MINUTE(L&C)
04/23/07 (H) L&C AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 17

WITNESS REGISTER

Karen Lidster, Staff
to Representative John Coghill
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Explained changes to HB 65 on behalf of
Representative Coghill, joint prime sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR KURT OLSON called the House Labor and Commerce Standing
Committee meeting to order at [3:10:31 PM](#). Present at the call
to order were Representatives Olson, LeDoux, Buch, Neuman,
Gatto, and Gardner.

HB 65-PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT

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CHAIR OLSON announced that only order of business would be HOUSE
BILL NO. 65, "An Act relating to breaches of security involving
personal information, credit report and credit score security
freezes, consumer credit monitoring, credit accuracy, protection
of social security numbers, care of records, disposal of
records, identity theft, furnishing consumer credit header
information, credit cards, and debit cards, and to the
jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; amending
Rule 60, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an
effective date." [Before the committee was the proposed
committee substitute (CS) for HB 65, Version 25-LS0311\C,
Bannister, 4/9/07, which had been adopted on 4/20/07.]

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KAREN LIDSTER, Staff to Representative John Coghill, Alaska
State Legislature, explained that since the last committee
meeting, efforts have been made to provide further clarity and
to address members' concerns. She requested that HB 65 be moved

from committee and assured members that issues would continue to be addressed in the House Judiciary Standing Committee.

CHAIR OLSON shared his understanding that there are judicial issues that need to be addressed; therefore he expressed a desire to move the bill on to the next committee of referral.

REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER expressed concern regarding the extent of the state's liability for penalty costs of \$5,000 or actual damages per disclosure.

MS. LIDSTER replied that although this issue is being addressed due to concerns, Representative Coghill believes that both the state and private industry have responsibility in this area. She indicated that the [joint prime sponsors] have been working with the Department of Administration (DOA) and the Department of Law (DOL) on this issue.

REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER requested that the joint prime sponsors be notified that she is concerned about "this one provision," noting that the state collects information such as social security numbers when required by law. She expressed discomfort with the possibility of the state being exposed to penalties to the extent stated in the bill.

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REPRESENTATIVE LEDOUX moved to report the proposed CS for HB 65, Version 25-LS0311\C, Bannister, 4/09/07, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 65(L&C) was reported from the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.