

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 3, 2008

8:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative John Coghill, Chair
Representative John Harris
Representative Anna Fairclough
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Ralph Samuels
Representative Beth Kerttula

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative David Guttenberg

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to matching funds in state tourism marketing contracts with trade associations."

- MOVED CSHB 147(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 147

SHORT TITLE: TOURISM CONTRACT MATCHING FUNDS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) HARRIS BY REQUEST

02/21/07	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/21/07	(H)	EDT, FIN
03/13/07	(H)	EDT AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/13/07	(H)	Heard & Held
03/13/07	(H)	MINUTE(EDT)
03/20/07	(H)	EDT AT 11:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/20/07	(H)	Moved Out of Committee
03/20/07	(H)	MINUTE(EDT)
03/21/07	(H)	EDT RPT 2DP 1DNP 3NR
03/21/07	(H)	DP: JOHANSEN, NEUMAN
03/21/07	(H)	DNP: GATTO
03/21/07	(H)	NR: DOOGAN, DOLL, LYNN
04/17/07	(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/17/07	(H)	Heard & Held
04/17/07	(H)	MINUTE(FIN)

04/18/07 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/18/07 (H) Heard & Held
04/18/07 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
02/14/08 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
02/14/08 (H) Moved CSHB 147(FIN) Out of Committee
02/14/08 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
02/15/08 (H) FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 4DP 2NR 1AM
02/15/08 (H) DP: CRAWFORD, KELLY, JOULE, NELSON
02/15/08 (H) NR: THOMAS, MEYER
02/15/08 (H) AM: GARA
03/03/08 (H) RLS AT 8:00 AM BELTZ 211

WITNESS REGISTER

SUZANNE ARMSTRONG, Staff
Representative Kevin Meyer
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: During hearing of HB 147, discussed the fiscal note.

ACTION NARRATIVE

CHAIR JOHN COGHILL called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at [8:02:57 AM](#). Representatives Coghill, Harris, Fairclough, Johnson, Samuels, and Kerttula were present at the call to order.

HB 147-TOURISM CONTRACT MATCHING FUNDS

[8:03:17 AM](#)

CHAIR COGHILL announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 147, "An Act relating to matching funds in state tourism marketing contracts with trade associations."

[8:03:32 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUELS moved to adopt CSHB 147, Version 25-LS0560\K, Bannister, 2/28/08, as the working document.

CHAIR COGHILL objected.

[8:03:54 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS, speaking as the sponsor of HB 147, explained that Version K increases the total match amount to \$9 million with the split remaining 70:30. The industry will still be required to match with 30 percent. This merely means that \$9 million is the total appropriation amount up to which the industry can match. Representative Harris opined that it will likely be difficult for the tourism industry to match that level of funding.

[8:05:45 AM](#)

CHAIR COGHILL removed his objection. There being no further objection, Version K was before the committee. He then noted that there is a new fiscal note.

[8:06:33 AM](#)

SUZANNE ARMSTRONG, Staff, Representative Kevin Meyer, Alaska State Legislature, explained that the appropriation required by this fiscal note is \$4.794 million, which is approximately the difference between the House operating budget and what's necessary to reach the \$9 million for the Qualified Trade Association (QTA) project.

CHAIR COGHILL noted that the provision sunsets in 2011.

MS. ARMSTRONG noted her agreement and added that in 2011 it will return to a 50:50 match.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS explained that the industry would have to receive the \$9 million from the state and the industry would have to raise \$2.7 million to receive the full \$9 million from the state.

The committee took a brief at-ease.

[8:08:22 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS moved to report CSHB 147, Version 25-LS0560\K, Bannister, 2/28/08, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 147(RLS) was reported from the House Rules Standing Committee.

[8:08:40 AM](#)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at [8:08:43 AM](#).