

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

April 14, 2012

9:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Wes Keller, Chair
Representative Alan Dick, Vice Chair
Representative Bob Herron
Representative Paul Seaton
Representative Beth Kerttula
Representative Bob Miller
Representative Charisse Millett

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 74

"An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a covered treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the covered treatment for those disorders; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SB 74 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 74

SHORT TITLE: INS. COVERAGE: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) ELLIS

01/28/11	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/28/11	(S)	HSS, L&C
03/30/11	(S)	HSS AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/30/11	(S)	Moved SB 74 Out of Committee
03/30/11	(S)	MINUTE(HSS)
04/01/11	(S)	HSS RPT 4DP 1AM
04/01/11	(S)	DP: DAVIS, MEYER, ELLIS, EGAN
04/01/11	(S)	AM: DYSON
04/12/11	(S)	L&C AT 2:00 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/12/11	(S)	Scheduled But Not Heard
04/14/11	(S)	L&C AT 2:00 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

04/14/11 (S) Moved SB 74 Out of Committee
04/14/11 (S) MINUTE(L&C)
04/15/11 (S) L&C RPT 4DP 1DNP
04/15/11 (S) DP: EGAN, DAVIS, PASKVAN, MENARD
04/15/11 (S) DNP: GIESSEL
02/23/12 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
02/23/12 (S) VERSION: SB 74
02/24/12 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/24/12 (H) HSS, L&C
04/10/12 (H) HSS AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
04/10/12 (H) Heard & Held
04/10/12 (H) MINUTE(HSS)
04/14/12 (H) HSS AT 9:30 AM CAPITOL 106

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses to record

ACTION NARRATIVE

[9:31:32 AM](#)

CHAIR WES KELLER called the House Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Representatives Keller, Miller, Kerttula, Herron, Seaton, and Millett were present at the call to order. Representative Dick arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SB 74-INS. COVERAGE: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

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CHAIR KELLER announced that the only order of business would be SENATE BILL NO. 74, "An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a covered treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the covered treatment for those disorders; and providing for an effective date."

CHAIR KELLER closed public testimony.

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REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT moved to report SB 74 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes.

[9:32:02 AM](#)

CHAIR KELLER objected for comment. He stated that he had concerns for small businesses. Noting that the proposed bill was next being referred to House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee, he proposed for them to consider exempting "the smallest of the small businesses to which this has an effect." He pronounced that he would suggest revision for the unlimited calls to a provider and for the retroactive date of January 1, 2012, both of which, he opined, should be dealt with in the next committee. He withdrew his objection.

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REPRESENTATIVE HERRON commented that testimony had allowed for a focus on an autism coverage incentive fund. He suggested that this be dealt with in legislation at another time.

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There being no further objection, SB 74 was forwarded from the House Health and Social Services Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.