

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON JHB104**

April 15, 2012

7:48 p.m.

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Bill Thomas, Chair
Representative Les Gara
Representative Alan Austerman

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Chair
Senator Joe Thomas
Senator Kevin Meyer

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act renaming the Alaska performance scholarship and relating to the scholarship and tax credits applicable to contributions to the scholarship; establishing the Alaska performance scholarship investment fund and the Alaska performance scholarship award fund and relating to the funds; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CCS HB 104 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 104

SHORT TITLE: ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

SPONSOR(S): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

01/18/11	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/18/11	(H)	EDC, FIN
02/09/11	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/09/11	(H)	Heard & Held
02/09/11	(H)	MINUTE(EDC)

02/14/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/14/11 (H) Heard & Held
02/14/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
02/21/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/21/11 (H) Heard & Held
02/21/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
02/25/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/25/11 (H) <Bill Hearing Postponed to 2/28/11>
02/28/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/28/11 (H) Heard & Held
02/28/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
03/07/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/07/11 (H) Heard & Held
03/07/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
03/16/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/16/11 (H) Heard & Held
03/16/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
03/21/11 (H) EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/21/11 (H) Moved CSHB 104(EDC) Out of Committee
03/21/11 (H) MINUTE(EDC)
03/23/11 (H) EDC RPT CS(EDC) NT 2DP 4AM
03/23/11 (H) DP: SEATON, DICK
03/23/11 (H) AM: CISSNA, P.WILSON, PRUITT, FEIGE
03/30/11 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
03/30/11 (H) Scheduled But Not Heard
04/07/11 (H) FIN AT 8:30 AM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/07/11 (H) Heard & Held
04/07/11 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
04/07/11 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/07/11 (H) Heard & Held
04/07/11 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
04/12/11 (H) FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 2DP 7NR 2AM
04/12/11 (H) DP: GUTTENBERG, GARA
04/12/11 (H) NR: T.WILSON, EDGMON, JOULE, COSTELLO,
DOOGAN, STOLTZE, THOMAS
04/12/11 (H) AM: FAIRCLOUGH, NEUMAN
04/12/11 (H) FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519
04/12/11 (H) Moved CSHB 104(FIN) Out of Committee
04/12/11 (H) MINUTE(FIN)
04/14/11 (H) RLS AT 4:00 PM CAPITOL 120
04/14/11 (H) Moved CSHB 104(RLS) Out of Committee
04/14/11 (H) MINUTE(RLS)
04/15/11 (H) RLS RPT CS(RLS) NT 1DP 5NR 1AM
04/15/11 (H) DP: GATTO
04/15/11 (H) NR: CHENAULT, AUSTERMAN, TUCK, OLSON,
JOHNSON
04/15/11 (H) AM: GRUENBERG

04/15/11 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 04/15/11 (H) VERSION: CSHB 104(RLS)
 04/16/11 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 04/16/11 (S) FIN
 04/18/11 (H) SPECIAL SESSION BILL
 04/18/11 (S) SPECIAL SESSION BILL
 04/19/11 (S) FIN AT 11:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 04/19/11 (S) Scheduled But Not Heard
 01/18/12 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 01/18/12 (S) Heard & Held
 01/18/12 (S) MINUTE(FIN)
 02/15/12 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 02/15/12 (S) Heard & Held
 02/15/12 (S) MINUTE(FIN)
 03/05/12 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 03/05/12 (S) Scheduled But Not Heard
 03/30/12 (S) FIN RPT SCS 3DP 3NR NEW TITLE
 03/30/12 (S) DP: THOMAS, EGAN, ELLIS
 03/30/12 (S) NR: STEDMAN, HOFFMAN, OLSON
 03/30/12 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532
 03/30/12 (S) Moved SCS CSHB 104(FIN) Out of
 Committee
 03/30/12 (S) MINUTE(FIN)
 04/12/12 (S) VERSION: SCS CSHB 104(FIN)
 04/14/12 (H) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
 04/14/12 (H) THOMAS (CHAIR), AUSTERMAN, GARA
 04/14/12 (S) RECEDE MESSAGE READ AND TAKEN UP
 04/14/12 (S) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
 04/14/12 (S) HOFFMAN (CHAIR), MEYER, THOMAS
 04/14/12 (H) HB104 AT 6:00 PM SENATE FINANCE 532
 04/14/12 (S) -- MEETING CANCELED --
 04/15/12 (H) HB104 AT 8:45 AM FAHRENKAMP 203
 04/15/12 (H) HB104 AT 2:00 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519

WITNESS REGISTER

No witnesses to record

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BILL THOMAS called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Representatives Thomas and Gara, and Austerman; and Senators Hoffman, Meyer, and Thomas were present at the call to order.

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HB 104-ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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CHAIR THOMAS announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 104, "An Act renaming the Alaska performance scholarship and relating to the scholarship and tax credits applicable to contributions to the scholarship; establishing the Alaska performance scholarship investment fund and the Alaska performance scholarship award fund and relating to the funds; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

CHAIR THOMAS stated that the conference committee received the requested limited powers of free conference, enabling members to consider and amend the following aspects of the bill: Sections 3-7 and 30, relating to a high school diploma by examination; Sections 4 and 5, relating to the course requirement waiver; Section 11, relating to the funding "waterfall"; Sections 11 and 13, relating to the funding formula; and Section 13, relating to the payout mechanism.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to adopt CCS HB 104, Version 27-GH1893\G, Mischel, 4/15/12.

CHAIR THOMAS objected for purposes of discussion.

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The committee took an at-ease from 7:49 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN explained the changes made to the working document, Senate Version S, as incorporated in the proposed Version G, which are: adopts the 2/3 scholarship 1/3 grants concept from Version S, as a defined split of the total funding; the payout mechanism is changed from 10 to 7 percent; the course requirement waiver provision in Section 5 allows 24 versus 12 months for students to complete academic requirements; all references to a high school diploma by examination (GED)[general educational development] have been removed; and the "waterfall" provisions are removed, thus returning all excess funds from

both the scholarship and grants accounts to the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund.

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The committee took an at-ease from 7:51 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to have the following language appropriately reinserted into the proposed Version G [original punctuation provided]:

(e) If an insufficient number of applicants apply for the available amount reserved under (d) of this section, the commission shall redeposit the remaining amount in the account from which the funds originated.

Hearing no objection, the amendment was adopted.

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CHAIR THOMAS removed his objection to CCS HB 104. There being no further objection, Version G was before the committee.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to report CCS HB 104, 27-GH1893\G out of committee, as amended. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Conference Committee on HB 104 meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.