

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 71**

February 19, 2014

12:39 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Mike Hawker, Chair  
Representative Kurt Olson

Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair  
Senator Cathy Giessel  
Senator Bill Wielechowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Andrew Josephson

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 71

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED FCCS HB 71 OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 71

SHORT TITLE: AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) HUGHES

01/16/13	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/16/13	(H)	L&C, FIN
02/18/13	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
02/18/13	(H)	Heard & Held
02/18/13	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
03/04/13	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM CAPITOL 106
03/04/13	(H)	Scheduled But Not Heard
03/05/13	(H)	L&C AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/05/13	(H)	-- Meeting Continued from 3/4/13 --
03/07/13	(H)	L&C RPT CS(L&C) 1DP 5NR
03/07/13	(H)	DP: JOSEPHSON
03/07/13	(H)	NR: MILLETT, REINBOLD, HERRON, CHENAULT, OLSON
03/18/13	(H)	FIN AT 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519

03/18/13 (H) Moved CSHB 71(FIN) Out of Committee  
 03/18/13 (H) MINUTE(FIN)  
 03/20/13 (H) FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 10DP 1AM  
 03/20/13 (H) DP: T.WILSON, EDGMON, THOMPSON, NEUMAN,  
 MUNOZ, HOLMES, COSTELLO, GARA, STOLTZE,  
 03/20/13 (H) AUSTERMAN  
 03/20/13 (H) AM: KAWASAKI  
 03/27/13 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)  
 03/27/13 (H) VERSION: CSHB 71(FIN)  
 03/28/13 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 03/28/13 (S) L&C, FIN  
 04/04/13 (S) L&C AT 5:00 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/04/13 (S) Heard & Held  
 04/04/13 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/06/13 (S) L&C RPT 2DP 1NR  
 04/06/13 (S) DP: DUNLEAVY, MICCICHE  
 04/06/13 (S) NR: STEDMAN  
 04/06/13 (S) L&C AT 9:00 AM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/06/13 (S) Moved CSHB 71(FIN) Out of Committee  
 04/06/13 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/11/13 (S) FIN RPT SCS 4DP 3NR NEW TITLE  
 04/11/13 (S) DP: OLSON, HOFFMAN, FAIRCLOUGH, BISHOP  
 04/11/13 (S) NR: KELLY, MEYER, DUNLEAVY  
 04/11/13 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532  
 04/11/13 (S) Scheduled But Not Heard  
 04/11/13 (S) FIN AT 1:30 PM SENATE FINANCE 532  
 04/11/13 (S) Moved SCS CSHB 71(FIN) Out of Committee  
 04/11/13 (S) MINUTE(FIN)  
 04/12/13 (S) VERSION: SCS CSHB 71(FIN)  
 04/13/13 (H) CONCUR MESSAGE  
 04/13/13 (H) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
 04/13/13 (H) HUGHES (CHAIR), JOHNSON, TARR  
 04/13/13 (H) HB71 AT 8:30 PM BARNES 124  
 04/13/13 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 04/14/13 (S) RECEDE MESSAGE READ  
 04/14/13 (S) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
 04/14/13 (S) STEDMAN (CHAIR), EGAN, FRENCH  
 04/14/13 (H) CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCHARGED  
 04/14/13 (H) HB71 AT 10:00 AM BARNES 124  
 04/14/13 (H) Failed To Move Out Of Committee  
 04/14/13 (H) MINUTE(HB71)  
 01/24/14 (H) 2D CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
 01/24/14 (H) PRUITT (CHAIR), LEDOUX, KAWASAKI  
 01/29/14 (S) 2D CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
 01/29/14 (S) COGHILL (CHAIR), GARDNER, MICCICHE  
 02/03/14 (H) HB71 AT 9:45 AM BARNES 124  
 02/03/14 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --

02/12/14	(S)	LIMITED POWERS FREE CONFERENCE GRANTED
02/12/14	(H)	LIMITED POWERS FREE CONFERENCE GRANTED
02/12/14	(H)	HB71 AT 9:00 AM CAPITOL 17
02/12/14	(H)	Failed To Move Out Of Committee
02/12/14	(H)	MINUTE(HB71)
02/14/14	(S)	2D CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCHARGED
02/14/14	(H)	2D CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCHARGED
02/14/14	(H)	FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
02/14/14	(H)	HAWKER (CHAIR), OLSON, JOSEPHSON
02/18/14	(S)	FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED
02/18/14	(S)	DUNLEAVY (CHAIR), GIESSEL, WIELECHOWSKI
02/19/14	(H)	HB71 AT 12:30 AM CAPITOL 106

**WITNESS REGISTER**

JULI LUCKY, Staff  
 Representative Mike Hawker  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented the changes contained in the proposed Committee Substitute (CS) for HB 71.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR MIKE HAWKER** called the Free Conference Committee meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. Present at the call to order were Representatives Hawker and Olson, and Senators Dunleavy, Giessel, and Wielechowski.

**HB 71-AK REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

CHAIR HAWKER announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 71, "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date." He noted that the committee would be operating under Uniform Rule 42, Conference and Free Conference Committees, to consider the proposed committee substitute (CS).

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CHAIR DUNLEAVY moved to adopt the proposed Free Conference Committee Substitute (FCCS) for HB 71, labeled 28-LS0288\T, Martin, 2/18/14, as the working draft.

CHAIR HAWKER objected for discussion.

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JULI LUCKY, Staff, Representative Mike Hawker, Alaska State Legislature, noted the previously appointed and discharged conference committees, acting with limited powers, which have preceded the appointment of today's Free Conference Committee (FCC). She explained the language that has subsequently been proposed, with accord, for the committee to consider in the FCCS. The Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) programs will be retroactively reinstated, as of 7/1/13, with a new sunset date of 7/1/16. Further, the governing department, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development (DCCED), will be required to implement additional reporting about the activities and projects of the ARDORs. Transitional language is included to allow the existing ARDOR regulations to remain in place pending the department's adoption of new regulations. The CS also reenacts the vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the Bering Sea hair crab fishery, effective immediately upon passage of the bill, with a sunset date of 12/30/18. A biennial report on the harvest and earnings of the Bering Sea hair crab fishery is a stipulated requirement, commencing in 2015. Finally, she pointed out that the previously considered extension of the vessel limited Weathervane scallop fishery is not included in the proposed legislation.

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CHAIR HAWKER [removed his objection], and without further objection, Version T was before the committee.

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CHAIR DUNLEAVY moved to report FCCS HB 71, 28-LS0288\T, Martin, 2/18/14, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. Without objection FCCS HB 71, was moved from the Free Conference Committee on HB 71.

CHAIR HAWKER thanked the members and the gallery.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the Free Conference Committee on HB 71 meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.