

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 18, 2014

8:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair  
Representative Wes Keller, Vice Chair  
Representative Lynn Gattis  
Representative Shelley Hughes  
Representative Doug Isaacson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Charisse Millett  
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

"An Act relating to the selection and duties of delegates to a United States constitutional convention."

- MOVED CSHB 310(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 310

SHORT TITLE: U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) T.WILSON

02/17/14	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/17/14	(H)	STA
03/13/14	(H)	STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/13/14	(H)	Heard & Held
03/13/14	(H)	MINUTE(STA)
03/18/14	(H)	STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106

**WITNESS REGISTER**

REPRESENTATIVE TAMMIE WILSON  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** As prime sponsor, presented HB 310.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR BOB LYNN** called the House State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Representatives Hughes, Isaacson, Keller, Gattis, and Lynn were present at the call to order.

**HB 310-U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

[Contains discussion of HJR 22]

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CHAIR LYNN announced the only order of business was HOUSE BILL NO. 310, "An Act relating to the selection and duties of delegates to a United States constitutional convention."

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CHAIR LYNN noted that there was a committee substitute (CS) to HB 310, labeled 28-LS0991\N, Gardner, 3/14/14, and he asked the sponsor what changes to the original bill were made in the CS, Version N.

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REPRESENTATIVE TAMMIE WILSON, Alaska State Legislature, as prime sponsor, presented HB 310. In response to Chair Lynn, she noted that three changes were proposed in Version N. The first would replace "United States constitutional convention" with "convention of the states" [where it appears in the title and body of the proposed legislation]. She explained that the change was made in order to match [HJR 22]. The second proposed change would amend language regarding delegates so that there would be two delegates and two alternates. The third change was the deletion of the language on page 2, line 15, of the original bill, which read as follows: "(e) Delegates and alternate delegates serve without compensation." She explained that she had spoken with Legislative Legal and Research Services and was told that as long as there was no language in the bill [addressing the issue of compensation], then "it would require them to speak about it at that time and make that determination on compensation."

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REPRESENTATIVE ISAACSON asked what the rationale was for proposing two delegates.

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REPRESENTATIVE T. WILSON reviewed that the committee [at the last hearing of HB 310, on 3/13/14] expressed concern about which delegate would take the punishment, which could be a [Class C] felony, for not voting as directed by the State of Alaska, if there were multiple delegates sent to the convention. She indicated that between that hearing and today's hearing, she asked several people in the capitol how many delegates they thought should be appointed, and the consensus seemed to be two. She said other states have written similar bills, in which they have decided upon two delegates as the appropriate number.

REPRESENTATIVE ISAACSON noted that two Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, had gone together to France. He ventured that two probably is a good number, but said he would be concerned if the number was dropped to one, because "one doesn't really have anything to sharpen ones wits with."

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REPRESENTATIVE KELLER moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 310, Version 28-LS0991/N, Gardner, 3/14/14, as a work draft. There being no objection, Version N was before the committee.

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CHAIR LYNN reopened public testimony [which had been closed on 3/13/14]. He ascertained that there was no one else who wished to testify.

REPRESENTATIVE KELLER moved to report (CS) for HB 310, Version 28-LS0991/N, Gardner, 3/14/14, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 310(STA) was reported out of the House State Affairs Standing Committee.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House State Affairs Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.