

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

February 20, 2013

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair
Senator Peter Micciche, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Pete Kelly
Senator Johnny Ellis

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

None

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 88(HSS)

"An Act changing the terms 'mental retardation' and 'mentally retarded,' and making conforming changes, in Alaska Statutes."

- MOVED CSHB 88(HSS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 88

SHORT TITLE: STATUTORY REFS TO MENTAL RETARDATION

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) MILLETT

01/28/13	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/28/13	(H)	HSS
02/05/13	(H)	HSS AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL 106
02/05/13	(H)	Moved CSHB 88(HSS) Out of Committee
02/05/13	(H)	MINUTE(HSS)
02/08/13	(H)	HSS RPT CS(HSS) 7DP
02/08/13	(H)	DP: SEATON, REINBOLD, PRUITT, KELLER, NAGEAK, TARR, HIGGINS
02/08/13	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
02/08/13	(H)	VERSION: CSHB 88(HSS)
02/11/13	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/11/13	(S)	HSS

02/20/13

(S)

HSS AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE CHARISSE MILLETT

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of HB 88.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BERT STEDMAN called the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Micciche, Kelly, Meyer, Ellis, and Chair Stedman.

HB 88-STATUTORY REFS TO MENTAL RETARDATION

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CHAIR STEDMAN announced that the first order of business would be HB 88, statutory references to mental health retardation, sponsored by Representative Charisse Millett. He noted it was the first hearing on the bill, but the second hearing on the subject. [CSHB 88(HSS) was before the committee.] On February 11, the committee heard the Senate companion bill, SB 39, sponsored by Senator Kevin Meyer. At the meeting the committee adopted a CS which is identical to the version of HB 88 before the committee today. He stated the committee's intent to have the sponsor introduce the bill and then heed the will of the committee. He said there would be no further public testimony.

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SENATOR KELLY moved to adopt CSHB 88(HSS) and there was no objection.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARISSE MILLETT, sponsor of HB 88 introduced the bill. She explained that the bill is a statutory change in language only. Every reference to "mental retardation" is removed from statute and replaced by "intellectual and developmental disabilities." She reported that "mental retardation" has become a derogatory term.

She said, at this time, 40 states have changed language to reflect this change, as has the federal government. She called the bill a "people first" bill, making sure that language is respectful.

CHAIR STEDMAN noted four zero fiscal notes; two from the Department of Health and Social Services, one from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and one from the Department of Education and Early Development.

SENATOR KELLY moved to report CSHB 88(HSS), out of committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 88(HSS) was reported from the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Stedman adjourned the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee at 1:34 p.m.