

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

April 6, 2013

11:11 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair
Senator Peter Micciche, Vice Chair
Senator Pete Kelly

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Johnny Ellis

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 87

"An Act requiring screening of newborns for congenital heart defects; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSSB 87(HSS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

CONFIRMATION HEARING: GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

State Medical Board

Grant Roderer, M.D.

- CONFIRMATION ADVANCED

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 87

SHORT TITLE: NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEART DEFECTS

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) MICCICHE

03/27/13	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/27/13	(S)	HSS, FIN
04/01/13	(S)	HSS AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/01/13	(S)	Heard & Held
04/01/13	(S)	MINUTE(HSS)
04/06/13	(S)	HSS AT 11:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

GRANT T. RODERER, M.D.

Advanced Pain Centers of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska,

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions for appointment to the State Medical Board.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BERT STEDMAN called the Senate Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Kelly, Vice Chair Micciche, and Chair Stedman.

SB 87-NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEART DEFECTS

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CHAIR STEDMAN announced that the first order of business before the committee would be SB 87. He noted that SB 87 was previously heard.

SENATOR MICCICHE moved to adopt the work draft for SB 87, labeled 28-LS0678\Y.

CHAIR STEDMAN objected for discussion purposes.

SENATOR MICCICHE explained that version Y requires the pulse oximetry screening, not only for newborns born at birthing facilities, but also for all attended births. The delayed effective date of 2016 will apply to providers attending fewer than 20 births per year. The zero fiscal note represents the fact that the Department of Health and Social Services has agreed that they have the facilities needed to account for the reporting system - the number of screenings and the results - within the existing structure with no additional costs.

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CHAIR STEDMAN asked if anyone has concerns about the bill.

SENATOR MICCICHE replied that there have been no objections to the bill. There may have been objections if burdensome reporting was required, which it isn't. The value in the bill is to ensure that newborns are tested for heart defects.

CHAIR STEDMAN removed his objection. There being no objection, version Y was adopted.

CHAIR STEDMAN identified a new zero fiscal note from the Department of Health and Social Services and noted that public testimony is closed.

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SENATOR KELLY moved to report CSSB 87(HSS) from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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CHAIR STEDMAN announced that the final order of business would be a confirmation hearing.

GRANT T. RODERER, M.D., Advanced Pain Centers of Alaska, shared his work and consulting background. He noted there were a significant number of public safety issues that come before the State Medical Board and pertain to prescription opioids. He stated that he would like to assist the Board in carrying out its laws and regulations regarding medical practice in Alaska, including licensing decisions and disciplinary actions.

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CHAIR STEDMAN thanked Dr. Roderer for taking the time to testify. He said the committee will forward Dr. Roderer's name for full review before the entire legislature.

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There being no further business to come before the Senate Health & Social Services Committee, Chair Stedman adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.