

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

April 12, 2016

8:10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Bob Lynn, Chair  
Representative Wes Keller, Vice Chair  
Representative Louise Stutes  
Representative David Talerico  
Representative Liz Vazquez  
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins  
Representative Ivy Spohnholz

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 154(STA)

"An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating the Blood Bank of Alaska."

- MOVED HCS CSSB 154(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 154

SHORT TITLE: BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA LICENSE PLATES

SPONSOR(S): STATE AFFAIRS BY REQUEST

01/21/16	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/21/16	(S)	STA, FIN
03/24/16	(S)	STA AT 9:00 AM BUTROVICH 205
03/24/16	(S)	Moved CSSB 154(STA) Out of Committee
03/24/16	(S)	MINUTE(STA)
03/25/16	(S)	STA RPT CS 4DP SAME TITLE
03/25/16	(S)	DP: STOLTZE, COGHILL, HUGGINS, WIELECHOWSKI
04/05/16	(S)	FIN AT 5:00 PM SENATE FINANCE 532
04/05/16	(S)	Heard & Held
04/05/16	(S)	MINUTE(FIN)
04/06/16	(S)	FIN RPT CS(STA) 5DP 1NR
04/06/16	(S)	DP: MACKINNON, MICCICHE, BISHOP, DUNLEAVY, HOFFMAN

04/06/16 (S) NR: OLSON  
04/06/16 (S) FIN AT 9:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532  
04/06/16 (S) Moved CSSB 154(STA) Out of Committee  
04/06/16 (S) MINUTE(FIN)  
04/08/16 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)  
04/08/16 (S) VERSION: CSSB 154(STA)  
04/09/16 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
04/09/16 (H) STA  
04/12/16 (H) STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

SENATOR BILL STOLTZE  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** As chair of the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee, sponsor by request, presented SB 154.

BOB SCANLON, Chief Executive Officer  
Blood Bank of Alaska (BBA)  
Anchorage, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Testified in support of SB 154.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR BOB LYNN** called the House State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Talerico, Stutes, Keller, Vazquez, Spohnholz, and Lynn were present at the call to order.

#### **SB 154-BLOOD BANK OF ALASKA LICENSE PLATES**

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CHAIR LYNN announced that the only order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 154(STA) "An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating the Blood Bank of Alaska."

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SENATOR BILL STOLTZE, Alaska State Legislature, as chair of the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee, sponsor by request, presented SB 154. He said the proposed legislation would serve as a mechanism to support the activities of the Blood Bank of Alaska. He indicated that there would be a nominal fee

involved, and that money would go to the general fund and then be designated.

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BOB SCANLON, Chief Executive Officer, Blood Bank of Alaska (BBA), noted that BBA's main facility is in Anchorage; it also has facilities in Fairbanks and Wasilla; and it maintains mobile operations in other ancillary sites. He expressed support for SB 154 as "a wonderful opportunity to recognize over 40,000 active blood donors in Alaska." He said many people do not think about the need for blood to be on hand, but Alaska's active blood donors make a point to make an appointment every three months on behalf of their fellow Alaskans. He thanked the committee for its consideration of the proposed legislation. In response to Chair Lynn, he noted that BBA had been working to get a new building since 2008, and the building opened in February [2016]. He gave an open invitation to the committee and the public to come see the building in Anchorage. He related that BBA has made space available in that building for other non-profit organizations. He said the new building would not have been possible without the support of the legislature.

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REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS moved Amendment 1, labeled 29-LS1127\H.4, Martin, 4/9/16, which read as follows:

Page 1, line 2, following "**Alaska**":

Insert "; relating to special request registration plates celebrating the arts; and relating to the Alaska State Council on the Arts"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"\* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(u) is amended to read:

(u) Special request plates commemorating the arts. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates **celebrating** [COMMEMORATING] the arts. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska State Council on the Arts, shall determine the design and color of plates **celebrating** [COMMEMORATING] the arts. **The commissioner shall choose a new design for the plates celebrating the arts every four years and discontinue issuance of the previous design.** The department may disapprove the issuance of registration

plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, following line 10:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"\* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d)(15) is amended to read:

(15) special request plates celebrating [COMMEMORATING] the arts \$50 [\$150] plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates [BIENNIALY IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER (b), (c), (h), OR (i) OF THIS SECTION]; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to pay the artist of the winning design and for the support of programs benefiting the arts;"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 2, following line 5:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"\* **Sec. 5.** AS 44.27 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 44.27.070. Competition for the design of the special request plate celebrating the arts.** (a) The council shall hold a competition every four years to select a design for the special request plate celebrating the arts under AS 28.10.181(u). The council shall select a panel of judges to judge the submissions for the contest and shall include the previous design winner on the panel. The panel shall select the top submissions, and the council shall conduct a public vote to determine the winner of the competition. The council shall use the winning design

when consulting with the commissioner of administration under AS 28.10.181(u).

(b) The council shall, in consultation with the Department of Administration, recommend an amount to be appropriated from the annual estimated balance in the account under AS 28.10.421(d)(15) to pay an artist for a winning design.

\* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION. The Alaska State Council on the Arts shall hold the first design competition within one year after the effective date of this Act."

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REPRESENTATIVE KELLER objected for purpose of discussion.

REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS explained that Amendment 1 would create a commemorative license plate that would be designed every four years via a statewide competition. The license plate would cost slightly more than a normal license plate, and the proceeds would help the Alaska State Council on the Arts become more self-sufficient.

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SENATOR STOLTZ said that he appreciated working with Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, and he said the addition [of the Alaska State Council on the Arts] through Amendment 1 is consistent with the intent of SB 154, because it is not proposing a vanity license plate, but is proposing support of an organization. He indicated that initially he had been reticent to introduce the bill [because of the add-ons that could have been requested], but he reiterated that [Amendment 1] is consistent with the intent of SB 154.

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CHAIR LYNN stated that it sounds like Senator Stoltz supports [Amendment 1].

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REPRESENTATIVE KELLER removed his objection to the motion to adopt Amendment 1. There being no further objection, Amendment 1 was adopted.

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SENATOR STOLTZE requested a Letter of Intent to name a part of the facility in the new Anchorage site after Dr. David McGuire, whose medical and planning expertise and generous financial support have benefited the BBA.

[8:21:00 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE KELLER moved to report CSSB 154(STA), as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, HCS CSSB 154(STA) was reported out of the House State Affairs Standing Committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE KELLER moved to send a Letter of Intent [included in the committee packet], to accompany [HCS CSSB 154(STA)]. He read the Letter of Intent for the record as follows:

Dr. David McGuire was an integral part of ... the Blood Bank of Alaska, through numerous contribution, professional and financial, for many years. It is the intent of the legislature that the board of the ... Blood Bank of Alaska consider acknowledging the contributions and medical and philanthropic legacy of Dr. David McGuire by naming a laboratory in his honor.

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MR. SCANLON stated that Dr. McGuire was a valued member of the board of directors, who supported the board's mission. Mr. Scanlon stated his support of the Letter of Intent.

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CHAIR LYNN stated that there being no objection, the Letter of Intent was approved by the committee.

[The Letter of Intent was reported out of the House State Affairs Standing Committee, together with HCS CSSB 154(STA).]

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SENATOR STOLTZE noted that the Lions Club in Chugiak, Alaska, as well as Finis Sheldon, whom he indicated is also involved with

the International Association of Lions Clubs, were involved in the support of this issue.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House State Affairs Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:24 a.m.