

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

March 17, 2016

3:29 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair
Senator Charlie Huggins, Vice Chair
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Berta Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 190

"An Act relating to an exemption from the regulation of postsecondary educational institutions."

- MOVED CSSB 190(EDC) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 190

SHORT TITLE: EXEMPTION FROM POST-SECONDARY ED REGS

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) MCGUIRE

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02/22/16	(S)	EDC, L&C
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WITNESS REGISTER

DIANE BLUMER, Staff

Senator Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented information on SB 190.

DIANE BARRANS, Executive Director
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Explained changes in SB 190.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR MIKE DUNLEAVY called the Senate Education Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Gardner, Huggins, Giessel, and Chair Dunleavy. Senator Stevens arrived shortly thereafter.

SB 190-EXEMPTION FROM POST-SECONDARY ED REGS

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CHAIR DUNLEAVY announced the consideration of SB 190. He noted the bill was previously heard and a new CS, version H, was before the committee.

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SENATOR HUGGINS moved to adopt the CS for SB 190, version H.

CHAIR DUNLEAVY objected for discussion.

DIANE BLUMER, Staff, Senator Lesil McGuire, Alaska State Legislature, presented information on SB 190. She described the changes in version H. The changes add "(A) does not require a professional or occupational license under AS 08; (B) provides training primarily for recreational purposes; (C) at the advanced training level, prepares program graduates to teach or instruct in that field." The changes cover recreational types of programs. She said, at the request of the administration, definitions were also added.

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DIANE BARRANS, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, explained changes in SB 190. She related that the CS before the committee is mutually agreeable to the sponsor and to the administration. She thought it was a nice solution to create an avenue for programs such as Yoga

Alliance to be exempt, without putting consumer protections related to vocational programs at risk.

CHAIR DUNLEAVY asked if it takes care of the problems and there are no issues going forward.

MS. BARRANS said correct.

SENATOR STEVENS asked whether there are any unintended consequences.

MS. BARRANS did not see any negative consequences.

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CHAIR DUNLEAVY removed his objection. He closed public testimony.

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SENATOR HUGGINS moved to report CSSB 190(EDC), version H, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note. There being no objection, the motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Dunleavy adjourned the Senate Education Standing Committee at 3:34 p.m.