

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 12, 2017

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Chair
Representative Matt Claman, Vice Chair
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Louise Stutes
Representative David Eastman
Representative Lora Reinbold

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Mike Chenault

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 100

"An Act relating to municipal liens."

- MOVED HCS SB 100(RLS) OUT OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(FIN)

"An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to sentencing; relating to protective orders; relating to restitution; relating to the period of probation; relating to revocation, termination, suspension, cancellation, or restoration of a driver's license; relating to parole; relating to the duties of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 100

SHORT TITLE: MUNICIPAL LIENS: AUTHORITY FOR & PRIORITY

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) EGAN BY REQUEST

03/29/17	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/29/17	(S)	JUD
04/07/17	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/07/17	(S)	Heard & Held

04/07/17 (S) MINUTE(JUD)
 04/10/17 (S) JUD AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
 04/10/17 (S) Moved SB 100 Out of Committee
 04/10/17 (S) MINUTE(JUD)
 04/11/17 (S) JUD RPT 3DP 2NR
 04/11/17 (S) NR: COGHILL, KELLY
 04/11/17 (S) DP: WIELECHOWSKI, COSTELLO, MEYER
 04/11/17 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
 04/11/17 (S) VERSION: SB 100
 04/12/17 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 04/12/17 (H) JUD
 04/17/17 (H) JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/17/17 (H) Moved SB 100 Out of Committee
 04/17/17 (H) MINUTE(JUD)
 04/19/17 (H) JUD RPT 4DP 2NR
 04/19/17 (H) DP: KREISS-TOMKINS, FANSLER, LEDOUX,
 CLAMAN
 04/19/17 (H) NR: EASTMAN, MILLETT
 04/26/17 (H) RLS AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/26/17 (H) Scheduled but Not Heard
 05/01/17 (H) RLS AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
 05/01/17 (H) Scheduled but Not Heard
 05/04/17 (H) RLS AT 12:30 AM GRUENBERG 120
 05/12/17 (H) RLS AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120

WITNESS REGISTER

COURTNEY ENRIGHT, Staff
 Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
 Alaska State Legislature
 Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Discussed the changes in the proposed House committee substitute (HCS) for SB 100, Version 30-LS0709\U, Shutts, 5/11/17, on behalf of Representative LeDoux, chair of the House Rules Standing Committee.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR GABRIELLE LEDOUX called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Representatives Stutes, Claman, Eastman, and LeDoux were present at the call to order. Representatives Reinbold and Kito arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SB 100-MUNICIPAL LIENS: AUTHORITY FOR & PRIORITY

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CHAIR LEDOUX announced that the only order of business would be SENATE BILL NO. 100, "An Act relating to municipal liens."

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REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN moved to adopt the House committee substitute (HCS) for SB 100, Version 30-LS0709\U, Shutts, 5/11/17, as a working document. There being no objection, Version U was before the committee.

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COURTNEY ENRIGHT, Staff, Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of Representative LeDoux, explained the changes to SB 100 proposed under Version U. First, Version U would allow a second-class borough to establish an emergency service area encompassing a state highway corridor and publicly owned property along it. Second, Version U would allow a municipality to provide a property tax exemption for a specified period, rather than five years at a time, and broaden the criteria for property that can get a tax exemption. Finally, Version U would change the property tax exemption for sprinkler systems from mandatory to optional.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN moved to adopt Amendment 1, which read as follows:

Page 4, line 2, following "fees":

Insert "if the fees were accrued after the municipality provided opportunity to opt out of the utility service"

REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN objected.

REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN spoke to Amendment 1. He said there is a concern regarding the ability, under SB 100, of municipalities to put liens on properties for purposes of utilities, and he indicated this concern is accompanied by the opinion that municipalities should not be allowed to do so if a property owner has never used and has no intention of ever using the utility. He said Amendment 1 would provide the opportunity a

property owner to declare he/she is not using a service and therefore does not want to pay for it.

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REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN maintained his objection.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representative Eastman voted in favor of Amendment 1 to Version U. Representatives Stutes, Kito, Reinbold, Claman, and LeDoux voted against it. Therefore, Amendment 1 failed to be adopted by a vote of 1-5.

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REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN moved to report HCS for SB 100, Version 30-LS0709\U, Shutts, 5/11/17, out of committee with individual recommendations and the previous zero fiscal notes. There being no objection, HCS SB 100(RLS) was reported out of the House Rules Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR GABRIELLE LEDOUX recessed the House Rules Standing Committee to a call of the chair on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.