

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 10, 2018

3:36 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Click Bishop, Chair  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Berta Gardner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Anna MacKinnon  
Senator Bert Stedman

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19(CRA) AM  
Urging Governor Bill Walker to issue an administrative order  
recognizing a linguistic emergency.

- MOVED CSHCR 19(CRA) AM OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 18  
"An Act relating to third class boroughs."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HCR 19

SHORT TITLE: GOVERNOR: AK NATIVE LANGUAGES EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) ORTIZ

02/16/18	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/16/18	(H)	CRA
03/06/18	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/06/18	(H)	Heard & Held
03/06/18	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
03/08/18	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/08/18	(H)	Moved CSHCR 19(CRA) Out of Committee
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03/09/18	(H)	CRA RPT CS(CRA) 5DP

03/09/18 (H) DP: SADDLER, DRUMMOND, LINCOLN,  
RAUSCHER, PARISH  
03/19/18 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)  
03/19/18 (H) VERSION: CSHCR 19(CRA) AM  
03/21/18 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
03/21/18 (S) CRA, STA  
04/03/18 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
04/03/18 (S) Heard & Held  
04/03/18 (S) MINUTE(CRA)  
04/10/18 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

REPRESENTATIVE ORTIZ  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Sponsor of HCR 19.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

[3:36:39 PM](#)

**CHAIR CLICK BISHOP** called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Hoffman, Gardner, and Chair Bishop.

#### **HCR 19-GOVERNOR: AK NATIVE LANGUAGES EMERGENCY**

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CHAIR BISHOP announced consideration of HCR 19, its second hearing. [CSHCR 19(CRA)am, version 30-LS1402\R.A, was before the committee.]

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REPRESENTATIVE ORTIZ thanked the chair for hearing this bill again. This declaration came from the recommendations put forward by the Alaska Native Language Preservation Advisory Council (ANLPAC). It requests the Governor to address the growing concern about the disappearance of Native languages and to put forward an emergency plan on how the state might help facilitate that issue.

SENATOR GARDNER said language is also culture and a way of thinking. So, when that is lost, you really do lose information and understanding. That is why this is important.

SENATOR HOFFMAN moved to report CSHCR 19(CRA)am from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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At ease

3:41:34 PM

CHAIR BISHOP called the meeting back to order and announced that SB 18 would not be heard today. He adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee meeting at 3:41 p.m.