

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

March 16, 2018

7:59 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Senator John Coghill
Senator Tom Begich
Senator Shelley Hughes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Cathy Giessel

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

"An Act renaming a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act as Bree's Law; relating to Bree's Law programs and Bree's Law activities; relating to dating violence and abuse policy, training, awareness, prevention, and notices; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED HB 214 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 214

SHORT TITLE: BREE'S LAW; DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) DRUMMOND

04/05/17	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/05/17	(H)	EDC
04/12/17	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
04/12/17	(H)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
02/09/18	(H)	EDC RPT 6DP
02/09/18	(H)	DP: TALERICO, PARISH, SPOHNHOLZ, KOPP, JOHNSTON, DRUMMOND
02/09/18	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
02/09/18	(H)	Moved HB 214 Out of Committee
02/09/18	(H)	MINUTE(EDC)
02/14/18	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
02/14/18	(H)	VERSION: HB 214

02/16/18 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/16/18 (S) EDC, JUD
02/28/18 (S) EDC AT 8:00 AM BUTROVICH 205
02/28/18 (S) Heard & Held
02/28/18 (S) MINUTE (EDC)
03/16/18 (S) EDC AT 8:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

PATRICK FITZGERALD, Staff
Representative Harriet Drummond
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented HB 214 on behalf of the sponsor.

MARTIN STEPETIH, Representing Self
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Supported HB 214.

PATTY OWEN, Representing Self
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Supported HB 214.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[7:59:30 AM](#)

CHAIR GARY STEVENS called the Senate Education Standing Committee meeting to order at 7:59 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Begich, Hughes and Chair Stevens. Senator Coghill arrived soon thereafter.

[7:59:48 AM](#)

HB 214-BREE'S LAW; DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

CHAIR STEVENS announced the consideration of HB 214.

PATRICK FITZGERALD, Staff, Representative Harriet Drummond, Alaska State Legislature, presented HB 214 on behalf of the sponsor.

[8:00:49 AM](#)

CHAIR STEVENS noted a recent letter in support of HB 214 from Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED).

[8:01:18 AM](#)

CHAIR STEVENS opened public testimony.

[8:01:26 AM](#)

MARTIN STEPETIH, Representing Self, supported HB 214. He said all states are starting to put laws into place about dating violence. Young people need to be educated. A law that wouldn't otherwise be known is when associated with a name and a face. People remember better when there is a face and a story. Brie's Law goes along with AMBER alerts and Erin's Law.

[8:03:32 AM](#)

PATTY OWEN, Representing Self, supported HB 214. She said she is a health educator who worked with the the Alaska Safe Children's Act Task Force. Brie's Law came into being as Brie's Law and still is known as Brie's Law informally. To make it formal honors her memory and parents' work. Brie's Law has that name recognition that all can relate to.

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CHAIR STEVENS closed public testimony.

[8:05:08 AM](#)

SENATOR HUGHES said people, especially young people, probably perceive laws as dry and technical. It's more real tied to a lesson demonstrated through a story, a tragedy, a lovely person's life.

[8:05:50 AM](#)

SENATOR COGHILL joined the meeting.

[8:05:56 AM](#)

At ease.

[8:06:10 AM](#)

SENATOR COGHILL moved HB 214, Version 30-LS0781\O, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note.

[8:06:33 AM](#)

There being no objection, HB 214 moved from the Senate Education Standing Committee.

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At ease.

[8:06:42 AM](#)

There being no further business to come before the committee,
Chair Stevens adjourned the Senate Education Standing Committee
at 8:06 a.m.