

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

March 17, 2020

3:54 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Click Bishop, Chair
Senator Peter Micciche, Vice Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Mike Shower

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 218

"An Act relating to road service area consolidation."

- MOVED SB 218 OUT OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142 (JUD)

"An Act relating to Alaska Native organizations' family assistance programs."

- MOVED CSHB 142 (JUD) OUT OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232 (L&C)

"An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient construction tax credit."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 218

SHORT TITLE: ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) COGHILL

02/21/20	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/21/20	(S)	CRA

03/10/20 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
03/10/20 (S) Heard & Held
03/10/20 (S) MINUTE(CRA)
03/17/20 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: HB 142

SHORT TITLE: NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TANF PROGRAM

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) KREISS-TOMKINS

04/22/19 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/22/19 (H) TRB, JUD
04/30/19 (H) TRB AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
04/30/19 (H) Heard & Held
04/30/19 (H) MINUTE(TRB)
05/02/19 (H) TRB AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
05/02/19 (H) Moved HB 142 Out of Committee
05/02/19 (H) MINUTE(TRB)
05/03/19 (H) TRB RPT 4DP 2NR
05/03/19 (H) DP: LINCOLN, ORTIZ, EDGMON, ZULKOSKY
05/03/19 (H) NR: VANCE, TALERICO
05/08/19 (H) JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
05/08/19 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --
05/10/19 (H) JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
05/10/19 (H) Heard & Held
05/10/19 (H) MINUTE(JUD)
01/27/20 (H) JUD AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
01/27/20 (H) Heard & Held
01/27/20 (H) MINUTE(JUD)
01/29/20 (H) JUD AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
01/29/20 (H) Moved CSHB 142(JUD) Out of Committee
01/29/20 (H) MINUTE(JUD)
01/31/20 (H) JUD RPT CS(JUD) NT 6DP 1NR
01/31/20 (H) DP: LEDOUX, DRUMMOND, STUTES, KOPP,
SHAW, CLAMAN
01/31/20 (H) NR: EASTMAN
02/07/20 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
02/07/20 (H) VERSION: CSHB 142(JUD)
02/10/20 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/10/20 (S) CRA
03/17/20 (S) CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

RYNNIEVA MOSS, Staff
Senator John Coghill
Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions regarding SB 218.

ERIN HARRINGTON, Staff
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided an overview of HB 142 on behalf of the sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR CLICK BISHOP called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Hoffman, Micciche, and Chair Bishop. Senator Gray-Jackson arrived soon thereafter.

SB 218-ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION

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CHAIR BISHOP announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 218, "An Act relating to road service area consolidation." He said the committee is hearing SB 218 for the second time.

SENATOR MICCICHE reported that the Kenai Peninsula Borough has one board for 28 road service areas (RSAs), which are like zones within the borough. Further, there are approximately 20 RSAs within his district.

He said he did not believe SB 218 affects the board that oversees the 28 RSAs within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. He asked Ms. Moss to confirm that the bill does not affect the board.

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SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON joined the committee meeting.

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RYNNIEVA MOSS, Staff, Senator John Coghill, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, replied that is correct. The bill says that if the one board feels that consolidation is necessary, the board could go to the borough assembly who could vote do what the board recommended.

SENATOR MICCICHE said most of his questions have been answered and he was fine with the bill, but would do some additional research.

MS. MOSS said she would be glad to discuss the matter further.

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SENATOR MICCICHE moved to report SB 218, work order 31-LS1510\M, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note.

There being no objection, SB 218 reported from the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

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At ease.

HB 142-NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TANF PROGRAM

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CHAIR BISHOP called the committee back to order and announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142(JUD), "An Act relating to Alaska Native organizations' family assistance programs." He said the committee heard the companion bill, SB 121, on February 4, 2020.

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ERIN HARRINGTON, Staff, Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, stated that HB 142 is the companion bill to SB 121, which this committee has heard.

She detailed that HB 142 provides a technical statutory fix to allow the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska ("Tlingit & Haida") to continue administration of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program on behalf of communities in the Southeast Alaska region.

MS. HARRINGTON pointed out that Tlingit & Haida has administered the TANF program for decades. However, a recently identified technical issue in one section of AS 47.27.070 directly conflicts with the section that comes a few lines later in the statute. She said the bill would provide timely assistance to the TANF program and the people of Southeast Alaska during the current public health emergency.

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SENATOR MICCICHE moved to report HB 142, work order 31-LS0535\G, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note.

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CHAIR BISHOP found no objection and CSHB 142(JUD) was reported from the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Bishop adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting at 4:02 p.m.