

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE**

May 11, 2022

2:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Matt Claman, Chair
Representative Liz Snyder, Vice Chair
Representative Harriet Drummond
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Representative David Eastman
Representative Christopher Kurka

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Sarah Vance

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD)

"An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

- MOVED HCS CSSB 182(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 182

SHORT TITLE: INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) WILSON

02/08/22	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/08/22	(S)	JUD
02/16/22	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/16/22	(S)	Heard & Held
02/16/22	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)
02/25/22	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/25/22	(S)	Heard & Held
02/25/22	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)
02/28/22	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/28/22	(S)	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 03/02/22>
03/02/22	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/02/22	(S)	Moved CSSB 182(JUD) Out of Committee
03/02/22	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)
03/04/22	(S)	JUD RPT CS 3DP 2NR SAME TITLE
03/04/22	(S)	DP: HOLLAND, MYERS, HUGHES

03/04/22 (S) NR: SHOWER, KIEHL
 03/04/22 (S) JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
 03/04/22 (S) <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 03/09/22 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
 03/09/22 (S) VERSION: CSSB 182 (JUD)
 03/14/22 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 03/14/22 (H) STA, JUD
 04/12/22 (H) STA AT 3:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/12/22 (H) Heard & Held
 04/12/22 (H) MINUTE (STA)
 04/16/22 (H) STA AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
 04/16/22 (H) Heard & Held
 04/16/22 (H) MINUTE (STA)
 05/05/22 (H) STA AT 3:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 05/05/22 (H) Moved HCS CSSB 182 (STA) Out of
 Committee
 05/05/22 (H) MINUTE (STA)
 05/09/22 (H) STA RPT HCS (STA) 2DP 1DNP 2NR
 05/09/22 (H) DP: VANCE, CLAMAN
 05/09/22 (H) DNP: EASTMAN
 05/09/22 (H) NR: STORY, TARR
 05/09/22 (H) JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 05/09/22 (H) Heard & Held
 05/09/22 (H) MINUTE (JUD)
 05/11/22 (H) JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

WITNESS REGISTER

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR MATT CLAMAN called the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Representatives Drummond, Eastman, and Claman were present at the call to order. Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, and Snyder arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SB 182-INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CHAIR CLAMAN announced that the only order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182 (JUD), "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications." [Before the committee was HCS CSSB 182 (STA).]

CHAIR CLAMAN gave Legislative Legal Services permission to make technical and conforming changes to the bill. He noted that the forthcoming amendments were drafted to Version O [CSSB 182(JUD) instead of Version N [HCS CSSB 182(STA)], which was before the committee. He said in a rare exception, the amendments would be allowed, as they track the current version of the bill.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN moved to adopt Amendment 1 to HCS CSSB 182(STA), labeled, 32-LS1103\O.6, Radford, 5/3/22 which read:

Page 1, line 6, following "knowingly":
Insert ", "

Page 1, lines 7 - 15:
Delete all material.

Page 2, line 1:
Delete "(4) "

Page 2, line 4:
Delete "(A) "
Insert "(1) "

Page 2, line 6:
Delete "(B) "
Insert "(2) "

Page 2, line 7:
Delete "(C) "
Insert "(3) "

Page 2, line 10:
Delete "(a) (4) "
Insert "(a) "

CHAIR CLAMAN objected.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN stated that Amendment 1 would clarify that when a person intends to cause a disruption in service by interfering with, blocking, or otherwise disrupting the emergency communication by telephone, phone, radio, or other electronic means, this person would be charged with the crime of interference with emergency services.

CHAIR CLAMAN maintained his objection.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Kurka and Eastman voted in favor of Amendment 1. Representatives Drummond, Snyder, and Claman voted against it. Therefore, Amendment 1 failed by a vote of 2-3.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN moved to adopt Amendment 2 to HCS CSSB 182(STA), labeled, 32-LS1103\0.7, Radford, 5/3/22, which read:

Page 2, lines 20 - 26:
Delete all material.

Reletter the following subparagraphs accordingly.

Page 2, line 27, following "personnel;"
Insert "and"

Page 2, line 31, through page 3, line 2:
Delete all material.

CHAIR CLAMAN objected.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN opined that "emergency communications center" was too broadly defined in the current version of the bill. He stated that Amendment 2 would limit the definition to a center which is involved in the dispatch of police, fire, or medical personnel, or involved in the transfer or exchange of a request for emergency assistance and other information with other centers and emergency response providers.

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CHAIR CLAMAN maintained his objection.

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A roll call vote was taken. Representatives Kurka and Eastman voted in favor of Amendment 2. Representatives Drummond,

Snyder, and Claman voted against it. Therefore, Amendment 2 failed by a vote of 2-3.

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CHAIR CLAMAN sought final comment from committee members.

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REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN shared his belief that the new crime of interference with emergency communications was defined too broadly in the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE SNYDER thanked the bill sponsor for a reasonable response to unreasonable uses of emergency resources.

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REPRESENTATIVE SNYDER moved to report HCS CSSB 182(STA) out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, HCS CSSB 182(STA) was reported from the House Judiciary Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.