

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

May 12, 2022

3:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Shelley Hughes, Chair  
Senator Robert Myers, Vice Chair  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator David Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298 (CRA) AM  
"An Act establishing the Alaska Food Strategy Task Force; and  
providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SCS CSHB 298 (CRA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 298

SHORT TITLE: ALASKA FOOD STRATEGY TASK FORCE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) SNYDER

02/04/22	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/04/22	(H)	CRA
03/15/22	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/15/22	(H)	Heard & Held
03/15/22	(H)	MINUTE (CRA)
03/17/22	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/17/22	(H)	Heard & Held
03/17/22	(H)	MINUTE (CRA)
03/24/22	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/24/22	(H)	Moved CSHB 298 (CRA) Out of Committee
03/24/22	(H)	MINUTE (CRA)
04/04/22	(H)	CRA RPT CS (CRA) 6DP 1NR
04/04/22	(H)	DP: MCCARTY, DRUMMOND, MCCABE, PRAX, HANNAN, SCHRAGE
04/04/22	(H)	NR: PATKOTAK

04/14/22	(H)	BEFORE HOUSE IN THIRD READING
04/14/22	(H)	CALL FOR THE QUESTION WITHDRAWN
04/14/22	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
04/14/22	(H)	VERSION: CSHB 298(CRA) AM
04/19/22	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/19/22	(S)	CRA
04/28/22	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/28/22	(S)	Heard & Held
04/28/22	(S)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/05/22	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/05/22	(S)	Heard & Held
05/05/22	(S)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/12/22	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

**WITNESS REGISTER**

REPRESENTATIVE LIZ SNYDER  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 Anchorage, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Sponsor of HB 298.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

3:30:01 PM

**CHAIR SHELLEY HUGHES** called the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Hoffman, Myers, Wilson, and Chair Hughes.

**HB 298-ALASKA FOOD STRATEGY TASK FORCE**

3:30:32 PM

CHAIR HUGHES announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298(CRA) am "An Act establishing the Alaska Food Strategy Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

[SCS CSHB 298, work order 32-LS1398\I, was before the committee.]

CHAIR HUGHES asked the sponsor if she had any closing remarks on HB 298.

3:30:52 PM

REPRESENTATIVE LIZ SNYDER, Alaska State Legislature, Anchorage, Alaska, sponsor of HB 298, thanked the committee for its work on

the bill and said she was happy to answer any remaining questions.

3:31:06 PM

CHAIR HUGHES commented that HB 298 dovetails nicely with the governor's work on food security, picking up where that project left off. Boondoggles and mega projects have failed in the past and the legislature does not want that to happen again. To that end, HB 298 makes a concerted effort to include industry participation. She noted her initial concern about the size of the Alaska Food Strategy Task Force but said she now believes it will work because the executive committee has just nine members.

CHAIR HUGHES found no further questions or comments and solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR MYERS moved to report HB 298, work order 32-LS1398\I, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR HUGHES found no objection and SCS CSHB 298(CRA) was reported from Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Hughes adjourned the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting at 3:32 p.m.