

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 1, 2023

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Matt Claman, Chair
Senator Jesse Kiehl, Vice Chair
Senator James Kaufman
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Löki Tobin

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 80

"An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD & HELD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 80

SHORT TITLE: 2023 REVISOR'S BILL

SPONSOR(S): RULES BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

02/24/23	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/24/23	(S)	JUD
03/01/23	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

SENATOR ELVI GRAY-JACKSON, District G
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of SB 80.

KATHRYN KURTZ, Assistant Revisor
Legislative Legal Services
Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Responded to questions about SB 80.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR MATT CLAMAN called the Senate Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Kaufman, Kiehl, Giessel, Tobin and Chair Claman.

SB 80-2023 REVISOR'S BILL

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CHAIR CLAMAN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 80 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

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SENATOR ELVI GRAY-JACKSON, District G, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, sponsor of SB 80, paraphrased the sponsor statement.

Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 80 2023 Revisor's Bill This is the revisor's bill, which the revisor is required by statute to prepare and submit to the Legislative Council (AS 01.05.036). Its purpose is to clean up the statutes, without making any policy changes. Some sections amend provisions that have become obsolete due to other legislative action. Some sections correct drafting errors or oversights in previous legislation. Most of the errors corrected in this bill were discovered by legislative drafters or the revisor in reviewing the statutes. Some were discovered by the Department of Law or others and brought to the revisor's attention. This bill was reviewed by the relevant agencies in the executive branch before it was introduced. The Department of Law has identified no legal issues with the bill and supports these proposed amendments to the Alaska Statutes. The draft legislation was reviewed and approved by the Legislative Council on February 21, 2023, and forwarded to the Senate Rules Committee for introduction. I urge your support of the 2023 Revisor's Bill.

SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON stated that Ms. Kurtz was available to answer questions related to SB 80.

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KATHRYN KURTZ, Assistant Revisor, Legislative Legal, Alaska State Legislature Juneau, Alaska, stated that the revisor's bill provides an important tool for maintaining Alaska statutes in good order. The revisor of statutes can clean up issues, through the authority outline in AS 01.05.031. Powers are limited to editing and revising without altering the meaning of the legislation. The revisor's bill is presented under AS 01.05.036 providing the opportunity to address technical issues. The changes included in SB 80 move through the legislative process allowing constituents to participate in the review. In the spirit of time management, she did not plan to read the sectional analysis, but she welcomed committee members' questions.

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SENATOR CLAMAN spoke about the benefits of the revisor's bill.

SENATOR KIEHL asked why Section 2 takes effect later than Section 1 when both sections change "alcohol to alcoholic beverages."

MS. KURTZ responded that the section was amended in the alcohol bill that passed last year. Much of the bill does not take effect until 2024. The revision must occur now for language taking effect January 1, 2024.

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CHAIR CLAMAN opened public testimony on SB 80. After ascertaining that no one in the room or online wished to testify, he closed public testimony.

SENATOR GIESSEL expressed appreciation for the revisor's bill and the careful nature of the work.

SENATOR KAUFMAN remarked that he regretted the elimination of magnetic tape.

MS. KURTZ replied that magnetic tape was deemed an obsolete format.

SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON thanked her staff and Ms. Kurtz for the help.

CHAIR CLAMAN held SB 80 in committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Claman adjourned the Senate Judiciary Standing Committee meeting at 1:39 pm.