

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

May 10, 2024

2:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Matt Claman, Chair
Senator James Kaufman
Senator Löki Tobin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Jesse Kiehl, Vice Chair
Senator Cathy Giessel

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97(JUD) AM

"An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles and watercraft; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

- MOVED SCS CSHB 97(JUD) OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 97

SHORT TITLE: SELF-STORAGE UNITS: LIENS; SALES

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRAX

03/06/23	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/06/23	(H)	L&C, JUD
03/24/23	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
03/24/23	(H)	Heard & Held
03/24/23	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/14/23	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
04/14/23	(H)	Heard & Held
04/14/23	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/01/23	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
05/01/23	(H)	Heard & Held
05/01/23	(H)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/03/23	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
05/03/23	(H)	Moved CSHB 97(L&C) Out of Committee

05/03/23	(H)	MINUTE (L&C)
05/08/23	(H)	L&C RPT CS(L&C) 4DP 2AM
05/08/23	(H)	DP: PRAX, WRIGHT, SADDLER, RUFFRIDGE
05/08/23	(H)	AM: FIELDS, CARRICK
02/05/24	(H)	JUD AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
02/05/24	(H)	Heard & Held
02/05/24	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
02/07/24	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
02/07/24	(H)	Heard & Held
02/07/24	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
02/09/24	(H)	JUD AT 1:30 PM GRUENBERG 120
02/09/24	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
02/14/24	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
02/14/24	(H)	Moved CSHB 97(JUD) Out of Committee
02/14/24	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
02/15/24	(H)	JUD RPT CS(JUD) 4DP 2NR
02/15/24	(H)	DP: CARPENTER, SUMNER, ALLARD, VANCE
02/15/24	(H)	NR: GRAY, GROH
03/21/24	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
03/21/24	(H)	VERSION: CSHB 97(JUD) AM
03/22/24	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/22/24	(S)	L&C, JUD
04/08/24	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/08/24	(S)	Heard & Held
04/08/24	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
04/24/24	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/24/24	(S)	Heard & Held
04/24/24	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/01/24	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/01/24	(S)	Moved SCS CSHB 97(L&C) Out of Committee
05/01/24	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/03/24	(S)	L&C RPT SCS 1DP 1NR 1AM SAME TITLE
05/03/24	(S)	AM: BJORKMAN
05/03/24	(S)	DP: GRAY-JACKSON
05/03/24	(S)	NR: MERRICK
05/03/24	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
05/03/24	(S)	Heard & Held
05/03/24	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)
05/10/24	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

BREANNA KAKARUK, Staff
 Senator Matt Claman
 Alaska State Legislature
 Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented the summary of changes for HB 97 from version R to version Y.

RILEY NYE, Staff
Representative Mike Prax
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided closing remarks on HB 97.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR MATT CLAMAN called the Senate Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Kaufman, Tobin, and Chair Claman.

HB 97-SELF-STORAGE UNITS: LIENS; SALES

[SCS CSHB 97(L&C) was before the committee.]

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CHAIR CLAMAN announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97(JUD) am "An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles and watercraft; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

CHAIR CLAMAN said that this is the second hearing of HB 97 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The intention is to hear a Judiciary Senate committee substitute (SCS). He invited Ms. Kakaruk to put herself on record and explain the summary of changes.

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BREANNA KAKARUK, Staff, Senator Matt Claman, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, presented the summary of changes for HB 97 from version R to version Y.

[Original punctuation provided.]

Summary of Changes

Senate Judiciary Committee: Version R to Version Y

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute version Y makes the following changes:

- **Page 2, line 3**
 - Delete "60"
 - Insert "120"
- **Page 3, line 10**
 - Delete "electronic mail and by the"
 - Insert "hand delivery, electronic mail if an electronic mail address was provided, send by certified mail with return receipt requested, or the"
- **Page 3, line 14**
 - Delete ", but not more than 20 days,"
- **Page 3, line 16 following "electronic mail"**
 - Insert "if an electronic mail address was provided,"
- **Page 3, line 16 following "certified mail"**
 - Delete ","
 - Insert "with"
- **Page 4, line 21**
 - Delete "or a lienholder listed on the vehicle title"
- **Page 4, line 24**
 - Delete "or lienholder"

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CHAIR CLAMAN informed the committee that discussions with stakeholders took place prior to developing the changes included in the Senate committee substitute.

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CHAIR CLAMAN solicited a motion.

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SENATOR KAUFMAN moved to adopt the Judiciary Senate committee substitute (SCS) for CSHB 97, work order 33-LS0392\Y, as the working document.

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CHAIR CLAMAN found no objection and SCS CSHB 97 was adopted as the working document.

CHAIR CLAMAN noted that the Senate committee substitute, page 2, [line 3,] changed the timeframe from 60 days to 120 days. He remarked that there had been considerable discussion about the appropriate number of days. Ultimately, the Judiciary SCS included 120 days, largely because he believed it provided greater consumer protection than 180 days. He invited committee members to offer an amendment if they wished to further discuss or change the number of days.

CHAIR CLAMAN found no further discussion or amendments and invited Mr. Nye to make closing comments on HB 97.

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RILEY NYE, Staff, Representative Mike Prax, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, provided closing remarks on HB 97. He expressed appreciation to the committee for hearing the bill and said the bill sponsor, having worked with the committee on the Judiciary SCS, supports the changes.

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SENATOR KAUFMAN moved to report SCS CSHB 97, work order 33-LS0392\Y, from committee with individual recommendations and attached zero fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR CLAMAN found no objection and SCS CSHB 97(JUD) was reported from the Senate Judiciary Standing 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 2:37 p.m.