

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

May 15, 2024

10:23 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Scott Kawasaki, Chair

Senator Jesse Bjorkman

Senator Kelly Merrick

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Matt Claman, Vice Chair

Senator Bill Wielechowski

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CSHB 316(STA) AM

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless device location information in emergencies; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED SCS CSHB 316(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE -

HOUSE BILL NO. 330 am

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners; relating to fees charged by correctional facilities; and relating to Department of Corrections vendor contracts."

- MOVED SCS HB 330(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE -

HB 362

"An Act relating to the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care."

- MOVED HB 362 OUT OF COMMITTEE -

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HB 316

SHORT TITLE: EMERG WIRELESS DEVICE LOCATION DISCLOSURE

SPONSOR(s): REPRESENTATIVES C.JOHNSON, Allard, Carrick

02/20/24

(H)

READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS

02/20/24 (H) STA

02/09/24 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS

02/09/24 (H) STA

02/27/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

02/27/24 (H) Heard & Held

03/05/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

03/05/24 (H) Moved CSHB 316(STA) Out of Committee

03/06/24 (H) STA RPT CS(STA) NEW TITLE 7DP

03/06/24 (H) DP: WRIGHT, CARPENTER, C.JOHNSON,
ALLARD, CARRICK, STORY, SHAW

03/06/24 (H) FN1: ZERO(DPS)

03/13/24 (H) RULES TO CALENDAR 3/13/2024

03/13/24 (H) HELD TO 3/14 CALENDAR

03/13/24 (H) COSPONSOR(S): ALLARD, CARRICK

03/14/24 (H) READ THE SECOND TIME

03/14/24 (H) STA CS ADOPTED UC

03/14/24 (H) AM NO 1 ADOPTED Y39 E1

03/14/24 (H) AM NO 2 ADOPTED UC

03/14/24 (H) AM NO 3 ADOPTED Y22 N17 E1

03/14/24 (H) HELD IN SECOND READING TO 3/18 CALENDAR

03/18/24 (H) MOVED TO BOTTOM OF CALENDAR

03/18/24 (H) HELD TO 3/20 CALENDAR

03/20/24 (H) BEFORE HOUSE IN SECOND READING

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 4 FAILED Y13 N27

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 5 FAILED Y17 N23

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 6 FAILED Y3 N37

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 7 OFFERED

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 7 NOT TABLED Y20 N20

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 7 WITHDRAWN

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 8 FAILED Y3 N37

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 9 FAILED Y4 N36

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 10 NOT OFFERED

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 11 OFFERED AND WITHDRAWN

03/20/24 (H) AM NOS 12, 13, 14, AND 15 NOT OFFERED

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 16 OFFERED

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 16 MOTION TO WITHDRAW FAILED Y16
N24

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 16 FAILED Y1 N39

03/20/24 (H) AM NOS 17, 18, AND 19 NOT OFFERED

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 20 ADOPTED Y32 N8

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 21 ADOPTED Y39 N1

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 13 FAILED Y12 N28

03/20/24 (H) AM NO 15 FAILED Y2 N38

03/20/24 (H) ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 3/21 CALENDAR

03/21/24 (H) READ THE THIRD TIME CSHB 316(STA) AM

03/21/24 (H) PASSED Y38 N1 A1

03/21/24 (H) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE
 03/21/24 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 03/21/24 (H) VERSION: CSHB 316(STA) AM
 03/22/24 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 03/22/24 (S) STA
 04/30/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
 (TSBldg)
 04/30/24 (S) Heard & Held
 05/14/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
 (TSBldg)
 05/14/24 (S) -- Rescheduled to 05/15/24 at 10 AM --
 05/15/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 10:00 PM BUTROVICH 205

BILL: HB 330

SHORT TITLE: PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/RATES

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVES VANCE

2/15/24 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 2/15/24 (H) STA
 3/26/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 3/26/24 (H) -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- --
 MEETING CANCELED --
 3/27/24 (H) OSPONSOR(S): HIMSCHOOT
 4/2/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 4/2/24 (H) Heard & Held
 4/2/24 (H) Minutes (HSTA)
 4/16/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 4/16/24 (H) Moved HB 330 Out of Committee
 4/16/24 (H) Minutes (HSTA)
 4/18/24 (H) STA RPT 4DP 1DNP 1NR
 4/18/24 (H) DP: STORY, WRIGHT, CARPENTER, SHAW
 4/18/24 (H) DNP: ALLARD
 4/18/24 (H) NR: C.JOHNSON
 4/18/24 (H) FN1: ZERO(COR)
 5/1/24 (H) RULES TO CALENDAR 5/1/2024
 5/1/24 (H) READ THE SECOND TIME
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 1 ADOPTED Y39 A1
 5/1/24 (H) ...CHANGES TITLE OF LEGISLATION
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 2 ADOPTED UC
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 3 FAILED Y1 N38 A1
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 4 OFFERED AND WITHDRAWN
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 5 ADOPTED Y27 N13
 5/1/24 (H) AM NO 6 OFFERED AND WITHDRAWN
 5/1/24 (H) ADVANCED TO THIRD READING 5/2 CALENDAR
 5/1/24 (H) COSPONSOR(S): MCCORMICK, STORY, GALVIN,
 JOSEPHSON
 5/2/24 (H) READ THE THIRD TIME HB 330 AM

5/2/24 (H) PASSED Y33 N7
 5/2/24 (H) COSPONSOR(S): MINA
 5/2/24 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 5/2/24 (H) VERSION: HB 330 AM
 5/3/24 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 5/3/24 (S) STA
 5/3/24 (S) CROSS SPONSOR(S): MYERS, TOBIN,
 KAWASAKI, KIEHL, GRAY-JACKSON, DUNBAR
 5/7/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
 (TSBldg)
 5/7/24 (S) Heard & Held
 5/11/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
 (TSBldg)
 5/11/24 (S) Scheduled but Not Heard
 5/14/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
 (TSBldg)
 5/14/24 (S) -- Rescheduled to 05/15/24 at 10 AM -
 5/15/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 10:00 PM BUTROVICH 205

BILL: HB 362

SHORT TITLE: PRISONER MED CARE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE PRAX

02/20/24 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 02/20/24 (H) STA
 04/9/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/9/24 (H) -- Rescheduled to 04/11/24 --
 04/11/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/11/24 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --
 04/16/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/16/24 (H) Heard & Held
 04/30/24 (H) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
 04/30/24 (H) Moved HB 362 Out of Committee
 05/1/24 (H) STA RPT 2DP 4NR
 05/1/24 (H) DP: WRIGHT, SHAW
 05/1/24 (H) NR: C.JOHNSON, CARPENTER, ALLARD, STORY
 05/1/24 (H) FN1: INDETERMINATE(COR)
 05/8/24 (H) RULES TO CALENDAR 5/8/2024
 05/8/24 (H) READ THE SECOND TIME
 05/8/24 (H) ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UC
 05/8/24 (H) READ THE THIRD TIME HB 362
 05/8/24 (H) PASSED Y36 N3 A1
 05/8/24 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 05/8/24 (H) VERSION: HB 362
 05/9/24 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 05/9/24 (S) STA, FIN

05/11/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
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05/11/24 (S) Scheduled but Not Heard
05/14/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 03:30 PM BELTZ 105
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05/14/24 (S) -- Rescheduled to 05/15/24 at 10 AM --
05/15/24 (S) STATE AFFAIRS at 10:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

JOE HAYES, Staff
Senator Scott Kawasaki
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented the explanation of changes from Version S.A to U for HB 316.

RILEY VON BORSTEL, Staff
Senator Scott Kawasaki
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented the explanation of changes from Version H.A to P for HB 330.

ROBERT BALLINGER, Staff
Representative Vance
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified by invitation on HB 330

DON HABEGER, Coalition Coordinator
Juneau Reentry Coalition
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in support of HB 330.

MARGARET ELLIOT, Staff
Representative Mike Prax
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Presented HB 362 on behalf of the sponsor.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[10:23:53 AM](#)

CHAIR SCOTT KAWASAKI called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Bjorkman, Merrick, and Chair Kawasaki.

HB 316-EMERG WIRELESS DEVICE LOCATION DISCLOSURE

10:24:38 AM

CHAIR KAWASAKI announced the consideration of CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 316(STA) am, "An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless device location information in emergencies; and providing for an effective date."

10:24:48 AM

CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited a motion.

10:24:51 AM

SENATOR MERRICK moved to adopt the Senate committee substitute (SCS) for CSHB 316, work order 33-LS1235\U, as the working document.

10:25:03 AM

CHAIR KAWASAKI objected for purposes of discussion.

10:25:13 AM

JOE HAYES, Staff, Senator Scott Kawasaki, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, presented the explanation of changes from Version S.A to U for HB 316.

[Original punctuation provided.]

**HB 316 Version S.A to CS HB 316 Version U
Summary of Changes**

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless device location information in emergencies; and providing for an effective date."

Page 2, line 26, after use, adds "and dissemination" Adding "dissemination" to "use" when setting reasonable limits regarding the location of a wireless device will better ensure that various concerns (i.e., the location of an adult who may not want to be located) are considered during the department's regulation development process.

Of particular concern is the potential that an adult may be located in a domestic violence shelter and may not want their location disclosed.

10:25:50 AM

CHAIR KAWASAKI removed his objection; he found no further objection and SCS CSHB 316 was adopted.

[10:26:13 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI opened invited and public testimony on HB 316.

[10:26:28 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI closed public testimony.

[10:26:43 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited the will of the committee.

[10:26:45 AM](#)

SENATOR MERRICK moved to report SCS CSHB 316, work order 33-LS1235\U, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

[10:26:56 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI found no objection and SCS CSHB 316(STA) was reported from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

HB 330-PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/RATES

[10:27:15 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI announced the consideration of HOUSE BILL NO. 330 am "An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners; and relating to prisoner communication reimbursement rates."

[10:27:31 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited a motion.

[10:27:34 AM](#)

SENATOR MERRICK moved to adopt the Senate committee substitute (SCS) for HB 330, work order 33-LS0761\P, as the working document.

[10:27:42 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI objected for purposes of discussion.

[10:27:55 AM](#)

RILEY VON BORSTEL, Staff, Senator Scott Kawasaki, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, presented the explanation of changes from Version H.A to P for HB 330:

[Original punctuation provided.]

CS HB 330 Version H.A. to Version P

Summary of Changes

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners; and relating to prisoner communication reimbursement rates."

- Deletes: "allow a state correctional facility operated by the state to charge a fee for electronic mail or electronic visitation services." (Page 3, Lines 21-22 v. H.A)
- Inserts: "allow a state correctional facility operated by the state to charge a fee for services offered on an electronic tablet used by an inmate or a non-incarcerated person outside of the facility." (Page 3, Lines 22-24 v. P)
- Deletes: "The commissioner may not set the rate of reimbursement for the use of a telephone, a form of digital correctional, or an electronic visitation service by a prisoner at a rate that exceeds that exceeds the cost of service." (Page 3, Lines 24-26 v. H.A)
- Inserts: "The department may enter into a contract with a for-profit technology vendor only if the contract is determined necessary by the commissioner. A contract between the department and a for-profit technology vendor may not grant the vendor sole authority to determine when a contract terminates and when or how open a device is replaced." (Page 3, Lines 26-30 v. P)

[10:29:35 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI removed his objection; he found no further objection and SCS HB 330 was adopted.

[10:29:46 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI announced invited testimony on HB 330.

[10:30:09 AM](#)

ROBERT BALLINGER, Staff, Representative Vance, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, thanked the committee for hearing HB 330 and said he was available to answer questions.

[10:30:23 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI opened public testimony on HB 330.

[10:30:39 AM](#)

DON HABEGER, Coalition Coordinator, Juneau Reentry Coalition, Juneau, Alaska, testified in support of HB 330. He expressed gratitude for the work done on HB 330 and for support of this legislation.

[10:31:13 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI closed public testimony HB 330.

[10:31:15 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited the will of the committee.

[10:31:19 AM](#)

SENATOR MERRICK moved to report SCS HB 330, work order 33-LS0761\P, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

[10:31:30 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI found no objection and SCS HB 330(STA) was reported from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

HB 362-PRISONER MED CARE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

[10:31:49 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI announced the consideration of HOUSE BILL NO. 362 "An Act relating to the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care."

[10:32:00 AM](#)

MARGARET ELLIOT, Staff, Representative Mike Prax, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, paraphrased the sponsor statement for HB 362:

[Original punctuation provided.]

**HB 362
Sponsor Statement**

"An Act relating to the reimbursement rate for
prisoner medical care."

HB362 proposes to set the reimbursement rate for prisoner medical care costs in Alaska at the rate established under federal law, 42 U.S.C 1396-1396w-7 (Title XIX, Social Act), thus presenting a strategic approach to address the ever-growing costs of healthcare in our prisons.

By establishing the reimbursement rates with those under Title XIX of the Social Act, we can expect cost savings. This alignment ensures cost-effectiveness and brings predictability to the budgeting processes. In addition, the provision allowing the commissioner to negotiate contracts for higher rates allows flexibility when needed.

HB362 presents a balanced and strategic approach to managing healthcare costs in prisons while ensuring the provision of necessary care. It is a step towards a more sustainable and effective healthcare system within our prisons.

[10:33:10 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI opened invited and public testimony on HB 362.

[10:33:33 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI closed public testimony.

[10:33:40 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited the will of the committee.

[10:33:44 AM](#)

SENATOR MERRICK moved to report HB 362, work order 33-LS1387\A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

[10:34:02 AM](#)

CHAIR KAWASAKI found no objection and HB 362 was reported from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

[10:34:25 AM](#)

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Kawasaki adjourned the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting at 10:34 p.m.