

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 23, 2026**  
**3:31 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Löki Tobin, Chair  
Senator Gary Stevens, Vice Chair  
Senator Jesse Bjorkman  
Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Senator Robert Yundt

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11  
Establishing a legislative commission to review and make recommendations to the legislature relating to the official state seal.

- MOVED SCR 11 OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 238

"An Act relating to access to library material; and relating to affirmative defenses to the offenses of enticement of a minor, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and distribution of indecent material to minors."

- MOVED CSSB 238(EDC) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SCR 11

SHORT TITLE: LEG. COMMISSION ON STATE SEAL

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) STEVENS

01/30/26	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/30/26	(S)	EDC, STA
02/25/26	(S)	EDC AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
02/25/26	(S)	Heard & Held
02/25/26	(S)	MINUTE(EDC)
03/23/26	(S)	EDC AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: SB 238

SHORT TITLE: LIBRARY MATERIALS POLICIES; CENSORSHIP  
SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) KAWASAKI

02/09/26	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/09/26	(S)	EDC, JUD
03/02/26	(S)	EDC AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
03/02/26	(S)	Heard & Held
03/02/26	(S)	MINUTE(EDC)
03/23/26	(S)	EDC AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

TIM LAMKIN, Staff  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided a brief recap of SCR 11 and explained the updated fiscal note.

JENNA COLQUHOUN, Staff  
Senator Scott Kawasaki  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Offered a summary of changes for SB 238, version I to version G.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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CHAIR TOBIN called the Senate Education Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Yundt, Stevens, Kiehl, and Chair Tobin. Senator Bjorkman arrived soon after.

#### **SCR 11-LEG. COMMISSION ON STATE SEAL**

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CHAIR TOBIN announced the consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Establishing a legislative commission to review and make recommendations to the legislature relating to the official state seal.

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TIM LAMKIN, Staff, Senator Gary Stevens, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, provided a brief recap of SCR 11 and explained the updated fiscal note. He said SCR 11 would call upon a group of stakeholders and legislatures to create a commission to evaluate and make possible recommendations to redesign the Alaska State seal. He displayed sided by sided

images of the 1884 seal and the current seal. He said a new fiscal note reflects the spirit of the resolution that suggests that the costs associated with the taskforce is relatively minimal. He said existing budgets of those appointed to the commission could absorb travel and per diem expenses.

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CHAIR TOBIN acknowledged Senator Bjorkman joined the meeting.

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CHAIR TOBIN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR STEVENS moved to report SCR 11, work order 34-LS1292\N, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR TOBIN found no objection and SCR 11 was reported from the Senate Education Standing Committee.

**SB 238-LIBRARY MATERIALS POLICIES; CENSORSHIP**

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CHAIR TOBIN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 238 "An Act relating to access to library material; and relating to affirmative defenses to the offenses of enticement of a minor, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and distribution of indecent material to minors."

CHAIR TOBIN said the committee would consider a CS for SB 238.

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JENNA COLQUHOUN, Staff, Senator Scott Kawasaki, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, offered a summary of changes for SB 238, version I to version G:

[Original punctuation provided.]

**Senate Bill 238 - Library Materials Policies;  
Censorship  
Summary of Changes - Version I to Version G**

Changes the responsibility of establishing and updating the model library curation policy from the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development to the Director of the division of the department that has responsibility for state libraries, archives, and museums.

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Alters the requirements necessary for a patron of a public library to submit a reconsideration request for a library material from someone who has used the services of the public library in the past five years to a person who holds a current library card issued by the public library for at least six months.

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A new paragraph was added to define "director" as the Director of the division of the department that has responsibility for state libraries, archives, and museums.

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CHAIR TOBIN solicited a motion.

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SENATOR STEVENS moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 238, work order 34-LS1136\G, as the working document.

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CHAIR TOBIN found no objection and CSSB 238 was adopted as the working document.

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MS. COLQUHOUN commented that SB 238 is a great piece of legislation that librarians support.

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CHAIR TOBIN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR STEVENS moved to report CSSB 238, work order 34-LS1136\G, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s), authorizing Legislative Legal Services to make technical and conforming changes.

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CHAIR TOBIN found no objection and CSSB 238(EDC) was reported from the Senate Education Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee,  
Chair Tobin adjourned the Senate Education Standing Committee  
meeting at 3:38 p.m.