

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

April 14, 2025

1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Matt Claman, Chair
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Löki Tobin
Senator Robert Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Jesse Kiehl, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 17

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

- HEARD & HELD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 17

SHORT TITLE: CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) CLAMAN

01/22/25	(S)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/10/25
01/22/25	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/22/25	(S)	L&C, JUD
02/10/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
02/10/25	(S)	Heard & Held
02/10/25	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
02/17/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
02/17/25	(S)	Moved SB 17 Out of Committee
02/17/25	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
02/19/25	(S)	L&C RPT 3DP 2NR
02/19/25	(S)	DP: BJORKMAN, DUNBAR, GRAY-JACKSON
02/19/25	(S)	NR: MERRICK, YUNDT
03/24/25	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/24/25	(S)	Heard & Held
03/24/25	(S)	MINUTE(JUD)
04/14/25	(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 SB 17 from version \A to \N.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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

SB 17-CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG

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CHAIR CLAMAN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 17 "An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

CHAIR CLAMAN said this is the second hearing of SB 17 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The intention is to consider a committee substitute.

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CHAIR CLAMAN solicited a motion.

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SENATOR TOBIN moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 17, work order 34-LS0183\N, as the working document.

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CHAIR CLAMAN objected for purposes of discussion.

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BREANNA KAKARUK, Staff, Senator Matt Claman, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, presented the summary of changes for SB 17 from version \A to \N.

[Original punctuation provided.]

Summary of Changes

Senate Judiciary Committee: Version A to Version N

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute to SB 17 contains the following changes described below.

- Establishes an exemption for the crime of airbag fraud for a person who discloses to the buyer or lessee that the vehicle contains an airbag that is inoperable, damaged, recalled, has previously been deployed, causes a vehicle's diagnostic system to inaccurately indicate that the vehicle is equipped with a properly functioning airbag, or results in an electric fault detected by a vehicle's diagnostic system after the installation procedure was completed before the sale lease, or trade of a vehicle
- Clarifies the definition of a "nonfunctioning" airbag to mean a replacement airbag in all cases.

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CHAIR CLAMAN removed his objection and CSSB 17 was adopted as the working document.

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CHAIR CLAMAN opened public testimony on SB 17; finding none, he closed public testimony.

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CHAIR CLAMAN held SB 17 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 1:34 p.m.