

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE

April 30, 2025

1:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Matt Claman, Chair
Senator Jesse Kiehl, Vice Chair
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Robert Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Löki Tobin

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 78

"An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment."

- MOVED SB 78 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 78

SHORT TITLE: DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION

SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) DUNBAR

01/29/25	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/29/25	(S)	JUD, L&C
03/26/25	(S)	JUD AT 1:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
03/26/25	(S)	Heard & Held
04/7/25	(S)	JUDICIARY at 01:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/7/25	(S)	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 04/11/25>
04/11/25	(S)	JUDICIARY at 01:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
04/11/25	(S)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
04/30/25	(S)	JUDICIARY at 01:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

SENATOR FORREST DUNBAR, District J
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of SB 78 gave a brief recap of the bill.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR CLAMAN called the Senate Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Stevens, Kiehl, Myers, and Chair Claman.

SB 78- DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION

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CHAIR CLAMAN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 78 "An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment."

CHAIR CLAMAN said this is the second hearing of SB 78 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. He invited the bill sponsor to give closing comments.

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SENATOR FORREST DUNBAR, District J, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, gave a brief recap of SB 78.

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SENATOR DUNBAR stated that SB 78 seeks to support fair hiring practices to protect all Alaskan workers while ensuring that employers are not placed at an unfair risk or disadvantage. He provided a brief history of the bill, noting that it passed the House several years ago. He described SB 78 as a common-sense measure intended to save individuals time when seeking employment and to provide protections once hired. The bill would prevent employees from being penalized for discussing their wages. He expressed appreciation to the chair for hearing the bill.

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CHAIR CLAMAN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR KIEHL moved to report SB 78, work order 34-LS0060/A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR CLAMAN found no objection and SB 78 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 1:48 p.m.