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Referred: State Affairs  
and Judiciary

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RETTIG

2 SENATE BILL NO. 245

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to testifying before governmental  
7 bodies."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 29.73 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 29.73.060. TESTIMONY BEFORE GOVERNING BODY OR MUNICIPAL

11 AGENCY. (a) No person representing a nonprofit organization may  
12 testify before the governing body or any agency of a municipality on  
13 behalf of the organization unless he submits, at the time of testify-  
14 ing, a written certification by an officer of the organization autho-  
15 rizing him to testify on behalf of the organization.

16 (b) No person authorized to testify on behalf of a nonprofit  
17 organization as specified in (a) of this section may so testify until  
18 he submits to the governing body or the agency taking testimony, if  
19 requested by that body or agency, a current list of the organization's  
20 members who are affected by or claim some interest in the matter before  
21 the governing body or agency.

22 (c) Testimony received in violation of (a) or (b) of this section  
23 may not be considered by the governing body or agency.

24 (d) In this section,

25 (1) "governing body" includes committees and subcommittees  
26 of city councils and borough assemblies;

27 (2) "nonprofit organization" includes both corporations and  
28 unincorporated associations, whether organized in Alaska or elsewhere.

29 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           Sec. 44.62.315. TESTIMONY BEFORE STATE AGENCIES AND LEGISLATURE.

2           (a) No person representing a nonprofit organization may testify before  
3 a state agency or the legislature on behalf of the organization unless  
4 he submits, at the time of testifying, a written certification by an  
5 officer of the organization authorizing him to testify on behalf of the  
6 organization.

7           (b) No person authorized to testify on behalf of a nonprofit  
8 organization, as specified in (a) of this section, may so testify until  
9 he submits to the legislature or the agency taking testimony, if  
10 requested by the legislature or agency, a current list of the organiza-  
11 tion's members who are affected by or claim an interest in the matter  
12 before the legislature or agency.

13           (c) Testimony received in violation of (a) or (b) of this section  
14 may not be considered by the legislature or agency.

15           (d) In this section,

16               (1) "legislature" includes permanent and special committees  
17 and subcommittees of the state legislature;

18               (2) "nonprofit organization" includes both corporations and  
19 unincorporated associations, whether organized in Alaska or elsewhere.  
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