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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jay Kerttula, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Senator Jan Faiks
President of the Senate

SUBJECT: Background on Senate Bill 223
An Act relating to civil liability of zoos and
zoo operators

Senate Bill 223 has been referred to your committee for consideration. The purpose of this bill is to limit the civil liability of zoos and zoo operators in Alaska.

SB 223 provides that a person may not recover damages for injuries sustained at a zoo as a result of an inherent risk of attendance at a zoo, provided that notice of the inherent risk was posted and the zoo operator exercised reasonable care to prevent the injury.

The bill further provides that a zoo operator shall post warning signs at prominent places within the zoo and at each entrance.

"Inherent risk of attendance" is defined as the dangers or conditions that are an integral part of the physical layout of a zoo and the physical proximity of wild animals.

I would appreciate the committee's consideration of the legislation at its earliest convenience. Should you need any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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