

**HB**

**253**

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*Majority Leader*  
Representative Jeannette James

DATE: February 20, 2002  
TO: Representative John Coghill, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
RE: Request to hear HB 253

Please schedule HB 253 for a hearing in State Affairs at your earliest convenience.

The bill and sponsor statement are attached.

Thank you.



Representative Jeannette James

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Bill 253

Social Workers 20-Year Retirement

House Bill 253 would add "Social Workers" to the growing list of state employees eligible for retirement after 20 years of service.

By allowing any person currently working for the State of Alaska as a Social Worker to "buy in" to 20-year retirement (paying the difference between that and his/her current contributions) the bill would benefit current employees.

But the major benefit to the State of Alaska, if this bill passes, would be as a recruitment tool when filling new positions. Social Workers have a difficult job, and we need to be sure we are attracting and retaining the very best candidates to play this critically important role.