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**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RLS)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/11/03**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating  
2 to executive sessions of legislative bodies; and providing for an effective date for the  
3 amendment.

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* Section 1. Rule 22(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

6 (b) A legislative body may call an executive session at which members of the  
7 general public may be excluded for the following reasons:

8 (1) discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would  
9 adversely affect the finances of a government unit;

10 (2) discussion of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and  
11 character of a person;

12 (3) discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be  
13 confidential;

14 (4) discussion of a matter the public knowledge of which would  
15 adversely affect the security of the state or nation, or adversely affect the security

1           of a governmental unit or agency.

2           \* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution takes effect immediately.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HCR 7  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Legislature  
 Title: Proposing an amendment to the BRU Legislative Council  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to executive... Component Council and Subcommittees  
 Sponsor House State Affairs Session Expenses  
 Requester House Rules Committee Component No. 783

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type—Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0  
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 HCR 7 amends Rule 22(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature to allow a legislative body to call an executive session to discuss a matter that affects the security of the state or nation, or that affects the security of a governmental unit or agency.  
  
 This resolution has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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 Approved by: Pamela Varni, Executive Director Date 4/8/2003  
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## MEMORANDUM

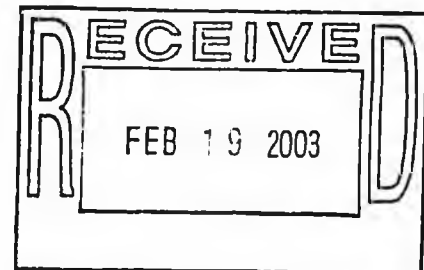
DATE: February 18, 2003  
TO: Rep. Rokeberg  
FROM: Rep. Bruce Weyhrauch *BW*  
SUBJECT: HCR 7 – Uniform Rules: Executive Sessions

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Attached are materials in support of HCR 7. At this time I respectfully request a hearing before your committee on this very important piece of legislation.

If you have any questions or need further information, I invite you to contact myself, or my aide, Linda Sylvester.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



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## *Amending the Uniform Rules* Adding Executive Sessions for Security

The kinds of security concerns facing our state and nation may potentially affect more than security of a governmental unit. In Alaska, our legislative bodies discuss security concerns related to the pipeline, ferries, cruise ships and oil refineries and terminals among other things. On occasion, these discussions rise to the level of classified information. For example, a legislative body may hear of efforts taken to analyze terrorist threats, securing the borders and airports as well as efforts to protect our critical infrastructure. Thus, this amendment to Rule 22 of the Uniform Rules slightly broadens the legislative ability to call an executive session.

Currently, Rule 22 (of the Alaska State Legislature's Uniform Rules), allows a legislative body to call an executive session at which members of the general public may be excluded for the following reasons:

- 1) discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a governmental unit;
- 2) discussion of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person;
- 3) discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential.

HCR 7 is introduced to allow a legislative body to call an executive session at which members of the general public may be excluded when:

- 4) **discussion of a matter that affects the security of the state or nation, or that affects the security of a governmental unit or agency.**

It is important to have this authority when on occasion, the need of a legislative body to hear confidential briefings from state, federal and local officials charged with Homeland Security. This amendment to the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules slightly broadens the reasons that a legislative body may be able to convene an executive session.

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