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Representative Lesil McGuire *House District 28*

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Fred Dyson
Chair, Senate HESS Committee

From: Representative Lesil McGuire

Date: March 26, 2004

Re: Request for Hearing, HCR 31: TBI Awareness Month

I respectfully request that HCR 31, "A Resolution proclaiming April 2004 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month" be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience. Please refer to the attached bill packet for background information.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me personally. or my staff, Ryan Makinster, at 2995. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MCGUIRE

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming April 2004 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 WHEREAS brain injury is a serious, national public health epidemic affecting at least
4 5,300,000 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, every 21 seconds, someone in the United States will sustain a traumatic
6 brain injury, which equals more than 4,000 people daily; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, at least 50,000 Americans die and 80,000 Americans
8 experience the onset of life-long disabilities as a result of sustaining a brain injury; and

9 WHEREAS, each year at least 600 Alaskans receive acute care for trauma related to
10 brain injuries, 150 Alaskans die from brain injury, and approximately 190 Alaskans
11 experience the beginning of life-long disabilities requiring marked adaptations to daily
12 functioning as a result of sustaining a brain injury; and

13 WHEREAS prevention is the only known cure; and

14 WHEREAS the mission of the Brain Injury Association of America is to create a
15 better future through brain injury prevention, research, education, and advocacy; and

16 WHEREAS, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the

1 Health Resources and Services Administration, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center,
2 the Brain Injury Association of America, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority strive
3 to increase brain injury awareness, thus making prevention and safety measures part of the
4 American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain injuries;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature proclaims the month of
6 April 2004 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community
8 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Traumatic Brain
9 Injury Awareness Month with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of
10 traumatic brain injury, the leading causes of traumatic brain injury, and ways of preventing
11 traumatic brain injury.

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Representative Lesil McGuire
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HCR 31

"A Resolution proclaiming April 2004 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month"

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Every 21 seconds someone in the United States will sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI); which equals more than 4,000 people daily. Of the 1,460,000 people annually who suffer these injuries, 50,000 will die while another 80,000 will experience life long disabilities associated with their injury.

In Alaska alone at least 600 people receive acute care for brain injuries, 150 Alaskans die, and another 190 experience the beginning of life long disabilities because of these injuries each year. These numbers can't be reduced by finding a "cure", but only through effective prevention of TBIs. It is for this reason we propose proclaiming April 2004 "Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month".

Along with the Brain Injury Association of America, the Centers for Disease control, the Alaska Mental Health Trust and many others, we would like the citizens of Alaska to be aware of the effects of traumatic brain injuries and ways to prevent its occurrence. From use of seatbelts to bicycle helmets, there are many ways to prevent these tragedies from occurring. Nevertheless, only by making Alaskans aware of traumatic brain Injuries, their cause, and prevention can we lower the number of injuries and deaths caused each year.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHCR 31(HES)
 (H) Publish Date: 3/1/04
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
 RDU Departmental Support Services
 Component Commissioner's Office

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):

Title PROCLAIM MARCH 2004 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Sponsor MCGUIRE
 Requester HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 317

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: _____
 Mark 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)
 This resolution has no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Social Services.

Prepared by: Sherrv Hill, Special Assistant Phone 465-1618
 Division Office of the Commissioner Date/Time 02/25/2004
 Approved by: Joel S. Gilbertson, Commissioner Date 02/25/2004
 Agency Department of Health and Social Services



Get involved in

Brain Awareness WeekSM

**Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group
In Partnership with the Dana Alliance**

For more information, **"Brain Awareness Week"**
"Walk for Awareness!"

check the web:

www.dana.org/brainweek

June 5th 2004

For more information about the registration or accommodations that maybe needed for the walk, Please call 283-5711 or 262-6333



Brain Awareness Week is an international campaign coordinated by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives.

This is a Letter of introduction to our organization.

We are the Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group.
We meet on the 1st. And 3rd. Tuesdays of each month 6pm to 8pm
At the Independent Living Center, located in the "S" Building on K-Beach Rd.
(Near the Fish and Game Office).

We received information from the National Brain Injury Association,
Located in Mclean, Virginia. The web site is, "<http://www.biausa.org>"

The Brain Injury Association is a Volunteer, Non-Profit organization at all levels.
The Kenai Peninsula B I Support Group holds one fund-raiser a year,
"The Brain Injury Awareness Walk and Bar-B-Q" Held EACH YEAR the FIRST SATURDAY AFTER
Memorial Week-End, This year the walk will be held on,

JUNE 5TH 2004

The Brain Awareness Walk is part of the National Brain Awareness Week:

MARCH 15TH---21ST 2004

In Partnership with the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, of New York, doing Medical Research on the
Brain. The Dana Web site is www.dana.org/brainweek

The Brain Awareness Walk is part of our "Community Prevention Program", to raise Awareness, "**Protect
Your Brain**", AS YOU GO ABOUT LIFE'S ACTIVITIES.

We have national appointed Ambassador's, who will go to schools, or other organizations To promote,
"Prevention Education."

You will always find our table at the "Village Health Fair", sponsored by "Bridges".

We have lots of information on Prevention, or where to find help for survivors and their families of people
who have sustained an injury.

One of our on going programs is the, "Helmets, For Life, Program." We offer a helmet For \$10.00
purchase fee and exchange helmet, if the child grows out of it or you've Damaged it in an accident, it can
be replaced.

We have a National Education program called, "Head Smart", to help Prevent Brain Injuries, from Toddler
Helmet to Community Violence. This program was developed for use in the School Criculum.

We have another excellent program called, "Certification of Brain Injury Specialist", (CBIS). The training
for professionals who work with persons who have sustained a Brain impairment.

The money we raise at the Awareness Walk and Bar-B-Q, stays here on the Peninsula to
help support these programs.

So when someone asks you to come participate, come to lunch or just make a donation,

**YOU ARE HELPING TO EDUCATE OR ADOULATE FOR,
"OUR LOVED ONES YOURS AND MINE."**

A BRAIN INJURY TOUCHES THE LIVES OF 1 IN EVERY 10 AMERICANS.

For more information please call 283-5711 or 262-6333

KENAI PENINSULA BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP.

KENAI, ALASKA---- June 5th 2004

8TH. ANNUAL BRAIN AWARENESS WALK

Come help make Our Community Aware.

Thousand of Individuals and Families experience the devastating effects of Brain Injury or impairments every year in Our State. As part of the National Brain Awareness Week, The Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group is sponsoring the 8th Annual Awareness Walk in Kenai, Alaska.

Route:

The walk begins at the Kenai Central High School at 11:00 a.m. Walking through Beautiful Downtown Kenai to the Green Strip Park by the Soft Ball Fields Which is on Main Street Loop, where there will be a BAR-B-Que lunch.

Remember:

“ Just one Brain Injury Will change Your Mind”

All participants will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Bring your Family, supporters, friends of BIA, and Survivors as We walk!!

For more information or Registration, please call the Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group at 283-5711 or 262-6333.

**SUPPORT THE KENAI PENINSULA BRAIN INJURY
SUPPORT GROUP WALK FOR AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION IN KENAI!!!!**

**Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group
In Partnership with the Dana Alliance
"Brain Awareness Week"
"Walk for Awareness!"**

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Fee: \$10.00 *OR A Sponsor sheet*

Please make checks payable to:

Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group

Mailing Address for Registration:

Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group

313 Cindy Circle

Kenai, Alaska 99611

For more information about the registration or
accommodations that maybe needed for the walk,
Please call 283-5711 or 262-6333



BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WALK



DONATIONS OR SPONSORS

Sponsor Name: _____ *Name:* _____ Donation: _____

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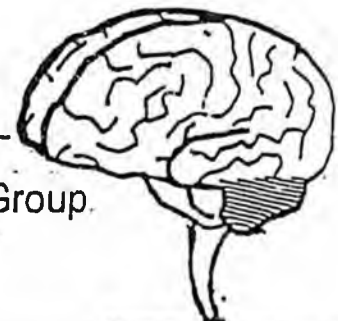
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the Kenai Peninsula Brain Injury Support Group.



Thank you for your support!

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY *Prevention Is The Best Cure*

B R A I N I N J U R Y A S S O C I A T I O N



The Silent Epidemic of Brain Injury

"Dwayne was rear-ended last week. As usual, he wasn't wearing his seat belt and hit his head hard on the door. He's been having bad headaches, and I'm worried he may have a concussion."

The Brain Injury Association is committed to brain injury prevention and rehabilitation – by encouraging research, hosting educational programs and advocating legislative changes.

On a day-to-day basis, our Family Help Line helps thousands of callers – people with brain injury, family members, and a diverse group of healthcare professionals seeking assistance, education and support.

Adolescents, young adults, and people over age 75 are at the greatest risk – but Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can happen to anyone.

Here are some common causes of TBI

- vehicle crashes
- falls
- physical assaults
- sports and recreation injuries.

Many Injuries Can Be Prevented!

"After I read that article on playground safety, I stopped taking Leo to the playground on 4th St. The new playground on Poplar Street has the soft surface that will protect my son's head if he falls."

After TBI, life may never be the same. Here are some symptoms to look for:

Cognitive consequences

- slow processing of information
- memory loss
- impaired judgment

Physical consequences

- migraines
- seizures
- vision or speech problems

Emotional consequences

- mood swings
- anxiety
- loss of motivation



"Last night I saw Debbie with her baby in the front seat of her car! Doesn't she know how dangerous that is, especially with an airbag?"

Prevention is The Best Cure

The Brain Injury Association is devoted to teaching school children, adolescents, and adults how to prevent brain injuries caused by violence and accidents. For example, we promote:

- brain injury and violence prevention programs for pre- and elementary school children
- the use of car safety belts and approved infant car seats or booster seats for children under 80 pounds. The Brain Injury Association recommends that children under age 12 ride in the back seat
- Wear safety helmets bicycling, roller or inline skating, skiing, horseback riding, on scooters, or playing contact sports.

"Jasmine came home from school and asked why we don't make her wear a helmet when she rides her bike. They had a safety fair at school and she said that she didn't want anything to hurt her brain."

- Reduce the risk of falls – for example, never leave a child unattended on a changing table, or store books or laundry baskets on stairways.

"Keiko's mother fell down the stairs last week and hit her head pretty hard. She's having trouble remembering things and making decisions. She was 73 last month. Keiko worries she'll have to quit her job to care for her mother, or put her in a nursing home."

- Practice firearm safety – if you have a firearm, keep it unloaded and locked up.

"Last night, a little boy on our street shot his sister in the head. She's going to live, but they don't know how serious it is. He found the loaded gun in his parents' room and was just playing around with it."

- Never shake a child you could cause serious injury . . . even death.

"My grandson Adam was shaken by his babysitter when he was 9 months old. He would have been three next week. We think about him every day."

October is Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month – The Silent Epidemic

Rock Hill, NY October 1, 2002-

"No brain injury is too severe to despair of, nor too trivial to ignore."

Hypocrites, 4th Century, BC

What is a Traumatic Brain Injury?

"A Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is described as an insult to the brain that may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness, or in some cases coma - that results in an impairment of cognitive abilities, physical and behavioral functioning. Symptoms vary in type and severity for each individual. Coma usually indicates more extensive damage to the brain. Each part of the brain controls specific functions of the body such as vision, physical, speech, memory, behavior and emotions. It can diffuse and affect many areas at one time. TBI impairments may cause partial or total functional disability and psychological and neurological deficits. Neurological damage readily disrupts how a person thinks and processes information. This directly affects short/long term memory, attention, logic, organization, planning, perception, behavior and emotion. The survivor also becomes high-risk for seizures."

Why Do We Need a TBI Awareness Month?

Carolyn Rocchio, founder of the Brain Injury Association of Florida, is also an author, advocate, parent of a son with a brain injury and a presenter about family issues following brain injury. In 1998, she wrote an article entitled, "The Unvarnished Truth—There is NO Cure for Brain Injury," which appears on the Brain Injury Association's web site. As long as those words remain true, efforts to increase awareness, advocacy, research and prevention of traumatic brain injuries must continue unabated. Driving those efforts are public, private and government associations and organizations at the federal, state and local levels that pursue those goals, not only in October, but every month, every day, every moment.

Facts and Figures

According to the FactSheets at caregiver.org, about two million head and facial injuries occur in the U.S. yearly. Over 5.3 million Americans live with a disability caused by a brain injury and 56,000 more die each year from their injuries. Statistics tell us that males suffer brain injuries with greater frequency and severity than females do. Those under age five or over age 60 are considered a high-risk group, as are people between 15 and 24 years of age.

Motor vehicle accidents account for an estimated 28 percent of TBI's, and 49 percent of those are severe enough to require hospitalization. Sports and physical activity account for 20 percent and assaults for 9 percent. The remaining 43 percent are attributed to "other causes," including violence. A study of the years 1984 to 1992 showed that although TBI's related to car accidents declined by 25 percent, those resulting from firearms rose 13 percent. That number goes up in many urban areas, as does the total number of brain injuries related to assault and domestic violence.

Because so many TBI's are related to violence, The Brain Injury Association is using this month of awareness to launch a new initiative entitled, "Break the Cycle...It Stops With Me" to increase awareness about Shaken Baby syndrome, penetrating brain injuries such as gunshot and knife wounds, school violence and domestic abuse.

Awareness

Across the nation, projects are underway:

- Some providers, like NeuroAdvancE in Milford, hit local schools with a series of prevention seminars that include presentations by clients. Last year, they also drew visitors to the facility by raffling off a BMX bicycle and safety gear. "What better way to reach young people than to have the survivors of traumatic brain injuries speak with candor of their own experiences, losses and rehabilitation," said Ronnie, a Community Service Coordinator.
- The Brain Injury Association of America offers videos and a media kit that includes sample print and radio news releases, media advisories, sample proclamation, fact sheets and more. Their "Road to Rehabilitation" series consists of eight brochures that cover the phases of brain injury including pain management, cognitive difficulties, behavioral changes, communication, drug therapy and other significant issues.

Prevention

Activities across the nation include proclamations by civic and government figures acknowledging October as TBI Awareness Month, informational sessions for local employers and their personnel, fundraisers and library displays. Everywhere, prevention is an essential issue, focusing on bicycle safety, driving sober and taming domestic and school violence.

An estimated 74 to 85 percent of the 140,000 bicycle-related head injuries could be prevented yearly if cyclists (mostly children and adolescents) wore helmets. California has achieved 99 percent compliance with helmet laws that apply to motorcycle riders. The state's 1992 helmet law resulted in a 37.5 percent decrease in rider fatalities during its first year. Airbags reduce risks for adults involved in frontal motor vehicle crashes, but studies show that airbags increase the risks for children under ten years old, seated in the front seat.

Community service organizations and other venues that provide counseling services are turning their efforts to quelling the domestic abuse and school violence that account for up to 20 percent of TBI's. Also on the school front, coaches and school officials are learning that sports injuries are serious business, and that just because an athlete remains conscious or does not show symptoms immediately, it does not mean that he or she has not sustained a TBI. Studies show that early treatment of TBI may minimize the effects of, and reduce the likelihood of, developing secondary symptoms.

Funding Never doubt that lobbying efforts work. The Brain Injury association reports a number of legislative victories during FY 2002:

- The Traumatic Brain Injury Programs now have line item status rather than being part of the Special Projects of Regional and National Significance.
- Congress appropriations for the Health Resources and Services Administration State Grant Program are up to \$6 million.
- The new Protection and Advocacy Systems for brain injury received \$1.5 million.

- Under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Injury Prevention and Control line item was funded at \$149,767,000, rather than the lower amounts proposed by the House and the Senate.

There is still work to be done, however, and there are still opportunities to be grasped. The next round of applications for the TBI Programs is due on December 2, 2002. There are plans to award three planning grants, six implementation grants and five post demonstration grants on April 2003. Applicants can download form PHS-5161-1 at www.tbictac.org. The TBI Technical Assistance Center (TAC) website also offers fact sheets on State Grant Activities for every state and the District of Columbia, and the Partnership for Information and Communication.

Also on the TBI TAC web site is a letter from Steven Tingus, Director of TBI TAC who reminds stakeholders that the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is authorized only through September 2003. He notes that The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research exists under Title II of the Act and continuance of its programs is contingent upon reauthorization of the Act. He asks colleagues to participate in reauthorization efforts via public forums and written suggestions.

Research

University of California, San Francisco neurosurgeons at San Francisco General Hospital are planning a unique clinical study to see if lowering the body temperature of patients with severe TBI will help improve their condition.

The greatest obstacle revolves around the fact that the study will require treating patients, who will be unconscious, within four hours of their injury. That means a very limited time in which to get consent from a family member or legal guardian.

A previous study suggests that cooling does inhibit the release of the brain chemicals that initiate secondary damaging events for patients, says Martin C. Holland, MD, Director of Neurosurgery at SFGHMC and a co-principal investigator of the UCSF study.

As an interesting sidebar to this story, Hypocrites noted in his treatise "On Injuries of the Head" that people injured in winter seem not to succumb to head injuries as readily as those injured in the summer.

At the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, a study by Sara Henning, B.A. and Jami Carlton, B.A. suggests that a gene, called apoE-e4 may influence the susceptibility to slower and decreased recovery following TBI. The only way to discover whether an individual has this particular gene is through genetic testing.

Phase 2 Discovery has entered a multi-year collaborative agreement to license its biomarker, C-tau to Biosite, Inc. Biosite intends to evaluate C-tau for use in diagnostic tests for brain injury and stroke. The ultimate goal is to develop an assay to identify patients with brain injury and stroke.

Advocacy

The financial cost of TBI is astronomical. The direct and indirect costs of TBI in the U.S. are estimated to be \$48.3 billion annually. The lifetime costs for one person surviving a severe TBI may be as high as \$4 million. One study showed that the costs of rehabilitation over a four-year period could pump up the costs for a single individual from \$17,893 to \$196,460. Supported employment for those able to take advantage of it may cost an average of \$10,198 for the first year of service. While these expenses are daunting to say the least, the physical, mental and emotional toll on victims and families is beyond counting. Because the effects of TBI touch lives in so many ways, advocacy groups are wisely forging alliances within the fields of developmental, mental and behavioral disability.

Although Ms. Rocchio reiterates that there is no cure for brain injury, she is equally adamant that, "...there is life after brain injury and although it may be a different life, life after a brain injury is worth living." She is clear that quality of life exists in direct proportion to the degree to which the patient and family receive quality supports and rehabilitation services. Improved outcomes rely on state-of-the-art rehabilitation equipment, services rendered by well-trained professionals and a strong support circle. Victims and families are in great need of information about benefits, housing, transportation, education and employment opportunities. Ms. Rocchio's recipe for rebuilding life after brain injury is information, education and support, to which she recommends adding "...an equal measure of love, and it can be a win-win situation."

Sources:

Brain Injury Association of America, biausa.org - Brain Injury Association of Florida, biaf.org - Family Caregiver Alliance Clearinghouse, caregiver.org - neuroskills.com - prnewswire.com - library.northernlights.com, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, ricketts.unl.edu/tbi/genetics - TBI Technical Assistance Center (TAC), www.tbitac.org - University of Pittsburgh's Safar Center for Resuscitation Research, www.safar.pitt.edu

The Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc. is a managing general agent that offers insurance and risk management services for provider agencies within the developmental disabilities, medical/physical rehabilitation, mental health care, addiction treatment and community/ social service fields. Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this news release contain forward-looking statements. For more information about the Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc., please contact J.P. McGuirk at (845) 796-3400, call toll free 800-622-8272.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/26/04

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4.08.04

Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOL. NO. 31(HES)

HCR 31 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

Proclaiming April 2004 as Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month.

and recommends:

- be replaced with S CS for CS for HCR 31 (HES)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:	
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House Bill:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	✓			
	✓			
	✓			
CHAIR:	✓			



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE HESS
committee name

Committee on HCR 31, dated 4-7-07
bill # / subject public hearing date

On page 1, line 12, after the word "and", I suggest that you add the text "Alaska has the highest rate of injuries; and"

I would also like to invite all committee members and legislators to the **Annual Brain Injury Awareness Walk Saturday, June 5 in Kenai.**

Registration begins at 10:30am at Kenai Central High School; the walk begins at 11:00am and proceeds through downtown Kenai to the softball park pavillion for a barbeque.

We ask for a \$10 registration fee or a sponsor sheet with collected donations.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Richard Warrington

Signed: Richard Warrington
Testifier

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