

HB

178



Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives
Representative Peggy Wilson - Chair

Sponsor Statement
House Bill 178

"An Act relating to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; and providing for an effective date."

This bill is essentially a housekeeping piece of legislation. Congress has changed the requirements for committees on employment of people with disabilities. The latest federal statute includes fifteen council members rather than twelve, different criteria for selecting committee members, an elected rather than an appointed chair, and a different meeting schedule. This bill changes Alaska statute to comply so that we can continue to receive federal funds for the committee. It also leaves the statute more open ended so that the administration can comply with future federal changes without an additional change in statute.

The primary purpose of the Governor's Committee is to carry on a continuing program to promote the employment and rehabilitation of citizens of the State of Alaska who have disabilities. The Committee creates statewide interest in the rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities by advocating for a comprehensive statewide system for access to assistive technology and by obtaining and maintaining cooperation with public and private groups and individuals in this field.

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version: HB 178

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Title: Employ'm't of People w/Disabilities Com.

Department: Labor & Workforce Development

RDU: Vocational Rehabilitation

Component: Client Services

Sponsor: House HES

Requester: House HES

Component Number: 1828

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: None

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

X

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will increase the number of individuals on the Governor's Committee on Employment and Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities to be in alignment with federal regulations. This will result in an additional three members being appointed to the Committee. Costs include travel, per-diem and lodging for the three members to attend one in person committee meeting per year.

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MEMORANDUM

March 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of HB 178
(Work Order No. 25-LS0665\A)

TO: Representative Peggy Wilson
Attn: Robert Myers

FROM: Alpheus Bullard *ZAD*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Adds "and rehabilitates" to the name of the committee established in AS 23.15.220.

Section 2. Eliminates specific limitations on who can be appointed to the committee and provides that the number of members and composition of the committee must be in accordance with 29 U.S.C. 725.

Section 3. Allows the members of the committee to select a chair from among the voting members of the committee, subject to the disapproval of the governor.

Section 4. Replaces the requirement that the committee meet annually with a requirement that the committee meet at least once each quarter, and provides that members may participate telephonically, except that for at least one meeting each year all the members must attend in person.

Section 5. Instructs the revisor of statutes to change an article heading to reflect the change made in section 1 of the bill.

Section 6. This section gives the bill an immediate effective date.

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