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23

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SPONSOR STATEMENT TO HCR 23

By: Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.

TITLE: "Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to withdrawing measures, to sponsors of measures, to prefiling measures, and to the three readings of bills."

This bill makes a number of changes to legislation regarding sponsorship of bills and resolutions. Most of these are technical.

One allows the prefiling of all types of resolutions, not just constitutional amendments. The second section of this bill also provides that a member may prefile ten measures and appear as a joint prime sponsor on an additional 20 measures

Section three allows joint prime sponsorship for resolutions, not just bills. It also provides the joint prime sponsors may be added after a measure has been introduced, along with co-sponsors. It also allows a member of the second house to be added as a cross co-sponsor. It allows the governor to introduce resolutions, as well as bills.

Sections four and five permit the presiding officer to direct the clerk of the House or the secretary of the Senate, as appropriate, to dispense with the reading of the full title of the bill (this will save some time on the floor).

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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Sponsorship of measures (HCR 23; Work Order No. 25-LS1534A)

TO: Representative Max Gruenberg

FROM: Tamara Brandt Cook
Director *TBC*

Here is a section summary.

Sec. 1. Only the prime sponsor, a joint prime sponsor with agreement of other joint sponsors, or, for a committee bill, the committee chair may move to withdraw a measure. The existing rule does not address the issue of who may properly attempt to withdraw a measure introduced by more than one sponsor or by a committee.

Sec. 2. Bills and all types of resolutions, rather than only resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution, may be prefiled. All joint prime sponsors must approve a final. The 10 measure prefile limit applies to measures introduced by a prime sponsor, and a member may appear as joint prime sponsor on an additional 20 measures.

Sec. 3. Joint prime sponsorship is permitted for any measure introduced by members, not just prefiled legislation. Joint prime sponsors may be added after a measure has been introduced, along with cosponsors. A member of the second house may be added as a cross cosponsor. The governor is specifically permitted to introduce resolutions, as well as bills, through the Rules Committees. The authority to introduce measures through the Rules Committee is extended to the chief justice of the Supreme Court. There are some statutes that could be adjusted if this change in the Uniform Rules is adopted, although there already are some inconsistencies between Rule and statute. (See AS 24.08.035(a), AS 24.08.050, AS 24.08.060)

Sec. 4. Permits the presiding officer to direct the clerk or secretary to dispense with the first reading of the full title of a bill.

Sec. 5. Permits the presiding officer to direct the clerk or secretary to dispense with the third reading of the full title of a bill.

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FISCAL NOTE

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 Title "Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the RDU Legislative Council
Alaska Legislature relating to withdrawing measures, to sponsors... Component Council and Subcommittees
 Sponsor Representative Gruenberg
 Requester House State Affairs Component Number 783

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

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

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

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TO: Representative Bob Lynn
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FROM:  Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr.

DATE: March 13, 2008

RE: HCR 23: UNIFORM RULES: MEASURE SPONSORS/READINGS

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Please consider this memorandum as a request for the House State Affairs Committee to schedule a hearing on HCR23. Accompanying this memo are the following documents:

- ▶ Sponsor Statement
- ▶ HCR 23 - 25-LS1534\A
- ▶ Sectional Analysis by Tam Cook - Dated February 26, 2008

Many thanks.