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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Bettye Davis
Senate Health, Education & Social Services Committee Chair

From: Senator Lesil McGuire

Date: January 28, 2008

Re: Request for hearing, SCR 17 – *Brain Injury Awareness Month: March 2008*

I respectfully request that SCR 17 *"A Resolution relating to establishing March 2008 as brain injury awareness month"* be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience. Attached you will find the most current version of the resolution and the sponsor statement.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me personally, or my staff, Trevor Fulton at x3579. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SCR 170 – BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH: MARCH 2008

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is damage to the brain that results when the head is hit, strikes a stationary object, or is violently shaken. Depending on what area of the brain is injured, people with brain injuries may suffer from poor short-term memory and difficulty with organization concentration and judgment. Since the personality of a TBI survivor may also change as a result of their injury, family members often say that brain injury is one of the hardest disabilities to deal with because the survivors may look the same, but act and behave completely differently.

Traumatic brain injuries often lead to severe disability or death. These injuries most often affect younger, more active people and are likely to have enduring physical, emotional, and financial costs.

Alaska is the number one state, per capita, for brain injuries in the nation. Over 800 TBIs were reported in Alaska in 2005 and an estimated 12,000 Alaskans have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

This resolution is to draw awareness to traumatic brain injuries and support those that have suffered a traumatic brain injury, their families, and their care providers.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/23/08

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 2/6/08

Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

SCR 17 BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH: MARCH 2008

Relating to establishing March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

and recommends:

[ ] be **replaced** with [ ] **SCS** or [ ] **CS** _____ (_____)

[ ] adopt **previous** [ ] **SCS** or [ ] **CS** _____ (_____)

[ ] attached amendment(s)

[ ] adopt _____ Letter of Intent

[ ] further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
[ ] Same Title
[ ] New Title
_____

HOUSE BILL:
[ ] Same Title
[ ] Technical Title Change
[ ] New Title w/ SCR #_____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#
S.HES	2/6			✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#

[ ] **APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note**

SIGNATURES	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	YES	NO		
[signature]	Elton	✓			
[signature]	Thomas				✓
[signature]	Dyson				✓
CHAIR: Betty Davis	DAVIS	X			