HB 349

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)
Date Referred to Committee: February 17, 2010 **FURTHER REFERRALS:**

Date of Committee Action: 3-11-10

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered: **HOUSE BILL NO. 349**

"An Act relating to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council."
HB 349-SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommends it be replaced with [ ] HCS *or* [ ] CS *for* _____ (_____)
For Senate Bills with new title: [ ] Technical Title [ ] New Title: HCR_____ **[ ] Same Title [ ] New Title**

[ ] attach amendments
[ ] add new referral to _____Committee
[ ] Letter of Intent_____Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:
ADM
CED
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LEG
MVA
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DPS
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DOT
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***NEW* FISCAL NOTES** *Assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
List by Dept(s):	*FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
H&SS				X

***PREVIOUS* FISCAL NOTES**				
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Signing with recommendations	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
Craig	Johnson	X			
Carl Gatto	Gatto	X			
M Greenberg	Greenberg	✓			
Peter Peterson	Peterson	X			
Chair:	LYNN	X			
Chair:					

Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough – **House District 17**

House Bill 349
"An Act Statewide Suicide Prevention Council"

House Bill 349 allows the Suicide Prevention Council to participate in a meeting either in person or by teleconference. Suicide is a very serious public health concern in Alaska, particularly among young males and the Alaska native population. Extension of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council is important in curtailing this avoidable loss of life. The mission of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council is to advise the governor and the legislature on issues relating to suicide. In collaboration with communities, faith-based organizations, and public-private entities, the Council works to improve the health and wellness of Alaskans by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals and communities.

The council serves in an advisory capacity to the Legislature and governor with respect to what actions can and should be taken to improve health and wellness throughout the state by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals, families and communities; broaden the public's awareness of suicide and the risk factors related to suicide; enhance suicide prevention services and programs throughout the state; develop healthy communities through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based approaches; develop and implement a statewide suicide prevention plan; and strengthen existing and build new partnerships between public and private entities that will advance suicide prevention efforts in the state.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge your support on the passage of legislation.

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Date: February 19, 2010

Dear Representative Anna Fairclough,

Re: HB 349

At our last meeting on January 13, the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council had reviewed its By-laws, which dually requires Council members to be present at meetings but also allows telephonic representation in order to be counted for a quorum. Due to the history of the Council attendance at meetings as indicated during the last legislative audit, it is the intent of the Council to allow for more flexibility in assembling a quorum. Therefore, we support amending the language in AS 4429.340 to allow a broader interpretation as it is written in the By-laws to include telephonic representation at our meetings.

We respectfully request that the Legislature agrees with the Council's desire to hold telephonic conferencing as an avenue to conduct the State's business as it relates to the important issue of suicide.

Sincerely,

Brenda Moore

Brenda Moore
Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, Chair

FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number:
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Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Title: Suicide Prevention Council Meetings

RDU: Behavioral Health

Component: Suicide Prevention Council

Sponsor: Fairclough

Requester: House STA

Component Number: 2651

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**FY 2011**	**FY 2011**	**FY 2012**	**FY 2013**	**FY 2014**	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**
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							
CHANGE IN REVENUES (							

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 (FY2010) cost:

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Division of Behavioral Health. The proposed legislation would allow Council members participating by teleconference to count towards the required quorum.

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Approved by: Alison Elgee, Assistant Commissioner, DHSS Finance & Management Services — Date 3/8/2010

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