

HB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/15/10

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/22/10

Health and Social Services Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 349

HB 349 SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETINGS

"An Act relating to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council."

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:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title
HOUSE BILL:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

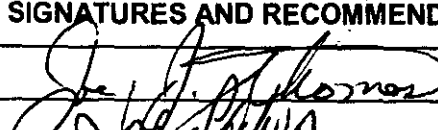
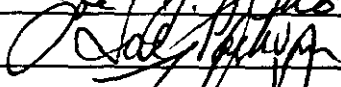
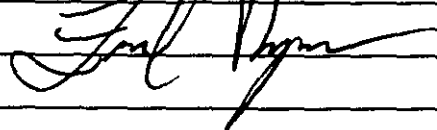

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
Health	3/8/10			✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	F

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AME
	Thomas	✓			
	PASIKVA	X			
	Dyson	✓			
CHAIR: 	DAVIS	✓			



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.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB349
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): HB349-DHSS-SPC-03-08-10 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						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 (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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 Division: Behavioral Health Date/Time 3/3/10 5:00pm

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

STATE OF ALASKA

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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

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Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, Chair