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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB 127

"An Act establishing September 9th each year as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day."

SB 127 would proclaim September 9th each year as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day (FASD).

Alaska has the highest known incidence of FASD in the United States. This is a condition caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol, which can result in permanent brain damage, birth defects, learning disabilities, behavioral problems and most tragically, the loss of individual potential.

While FASD affects all racial and socioeconomic groups, it is a 100% preventable condition. FASD Awareness Day is observed internationally on September 9th. This serves as a reminder on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

SB 127 would observe FASD Awareness Day by promoting the awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol.

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TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FAS

1. Drinking during pregnancy can cause permanent damage to a developing fetus.
2. FAS is one of the most common causes of mental retardation, and is the only cause that is entirely preventable.
3. According to recent State of Alaska DHSS surveillance data, more than 126 children are born at risk for FASD each year in Alaska.
4. Prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause brain damage and other permanent birth defects.
5. Obtaining an FAS diagnosis can improve an individual's ability to function in the world, and may reduce secondary disabilities like depression and school failure.
6. FASD is found in all races and all socio-economic groups – wherever women drink alcohol FASD exists.
7. There is no safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.
8. Women should stop drinking prior to trying to conceive – alcohol can cause damage to a developing fetus even before a woman knows she is pregnant.
9. FASD is 100 percent preventable.
10. With the right diagnosis, support and understanding, many individuals with FASD are living happy and full lives.

**Advisory Board on Alcoholism
and Drug Abuse**



Alaska Mental Health Board

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February 13, 2012

Senator Kevin Meyer
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Re: SB 127 — Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day

Dear Senator Meyer,

The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the Alaska Mental Health Board express their appreciation and support for SB 127 permanently establishing September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day each year. As you know, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders are 100% preventable. Raising awareness and recognition of this fact will help prevent more Alaskan children from being born affected by prenatal alcohol exposure.

Even more importantly, an annual day of FASD awareness and prevention will increase understanding of the special, and often very individual, needs of individuals diagnosed with fetal spectrum disorders. Too often the services and supports they need to thrive – at home, at school, and in their communities – are not available. By designating a day to focus on the unique issues of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and their impact on Alaska, we can not only support Alaskans with FASD but also prevent future Alaskans from experiencing FASD.

Thank you for your continued work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Robert Coghill, Jr., Chairman ABADA
Dan Meddleton, Chairman AMHB

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version SB127
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Identifier (file name) SB127-DOA-FAC-2-10-12 Dept. Affected Administration
 Title Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day Appropriation General Services
 Allocation Facilities
 Sponsor Senator Meyer
 Requester Senate Health & Social Services OMB Component Number 2429

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
3	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES

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Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY13) costs** _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable, initial version

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Analysis

This bill establishes September 9th as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day. It is anticipated that there will be no fiscal impact.