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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 147

"An Act extending the reporting date for and the termination date of the Comprehensive Autism Early Diagnosis and Treatment Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

The Comprehensive Autism Early Diagnosis and Treatment Task Force was established with the passage of SB 74 during the 27th Legislature. It became law on September 25, 2012, and Task Force appointments were completed on November 2, 2012. The Task Force was scheduled to terminate on January 15, 2013, unless extended. HB 147 extends the reporting date of the Task Force, so that it may have time to do its important work.

The Task Force was established to make recommendations to the Legislature for the development of a statewide comprehensive plan to support early diagnosis and treatment of autism. These recommendations include policy options that would result in coverage to the greatest number of residents in the state and draft legislation. The Task Force is also charged with evaluating the fiscal effect of proposed policy options and an analysis of how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is expected to affect the policies recommended by the Task Force.

HB 147 extends the Task Force to January 15, 2015, sufficient time to meet the reporting requirements and intent of the enabling legislation.

I would appreciate your support for House Bill 147.

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER

Introduced: 3/1/13

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act extending the reporting date for and the termination date of the
2 Comprehensive Autism Early Diagnosis and Treatment Task Force; and providing for
3 an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 2(c), ch. 63, SLA
6 2012, is amended to read:

7 (c) The task force shall, not later than January 15, 2015 [2013], submit a
8 report to the legislature and the Governor. The report must include

9 (1) policy options to achieve a comprehensive autism spectrum
10 disorder early diagnosis and treatment program that results in coverage to the greatest
11 number of residents in the state;

12 (2) recommendations to the legislature and the Governor that include
13 draft legislation required to achieve the policy options proposed by the task force;

14 (3) an evaluation of the fiscal effect of the policy options proposed by

1 the task force that includes a five-year projection of both public sector and private
2 sector costs and expenditures;

3 (4) an analysis of how the implementation of P.L. 111-148 (Patient
4 Protection and Affordable Care Act) is expected to affect the options,
5 recommendations, and fiscal evaluations of the task force.

6 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is enacted in sec. 2(g), ch. 63, SLA
7 2012, is amended to read:

8 (g) The task force terminates on January 15, 2015 [2013], unless extended.

9 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 **RETROACTIVITY.** This Act is retroactive to January 14, 2013.

12 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).