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REPRESENTATIVE LES GARA
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Committee Substitute for the Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 54

Sponsor Statement

CSSSHB 54: Ensuring Extended Family Members Are Contacted As Potential Foster Parents

Under Alaska law a youth who faces the unfortunate circumstance of being placed in foster care is entitled to a placement that is in his or her "best interests". Federal law and rules internal to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) note that a search of family members and friends who are akin to family members should be completed in a timely manner, within 30 days.

The main provision of HB 54 makes sure a supervisor signs off that the requirement of a diligent search for family members has occurred. If it has not, the social worker is directed to complete that search to the supervisor's satisfaction in as timely a manner as possible.

HB 54 puts into statute this additional protection, which is not currently addressed by OCS statutes or policy, but is warranted due to the continuous high social worker turnover rate. Some social workers are very new, and many don't make it as social workers beyond one year or two years. Having a supervisor sign off that a family search has been thoroughly conducted will ensure children are protected, and in the best foster home possible.

This provision is expected to be cost-neutral. It is recognized in the area of foster care that, where a good family placement is available, keeping a child in their family is often the placement that is the child's best interests.

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House Bill 54 Sectional Analysis

HB 54: Ensuring Extended Family Members Are Contacted As Potential Foster Parents

Section 1.

This section adds a new section to AS 47.10, requiring that a supervisor in the Office of Children's Services (OCS) certify in writing that a search for noncustodial parents, adult family members, and appropriate adult family friends of the child has been conducted. OCS must notify these adults of the child's removal within 30 days, unless there are extenuating circumstances. This section codifies existing OCS policy related to extended family searches, and adds the requirement of supervisor certification.

Section 2.

This section adds a reference to the new section of statute established in Section 1. It requires that due diligence be conducted to locate extended family members before the child is placed in a foster home.

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Section 3.

This section allows the department to provide for emergency placement of a child while conducting due diligence.

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 54(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GARA AND THOMPSON, Millett, Tuck, Peggy Wilson, Kerttula, Costello

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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9 notify of the removal noncustodial parents and adult family members of the child. If
10 circumstances prevent the department from completing this due diligence search in 30
11 days, the department shall complete the search as soon as possible.

12 (b) A supervisor of the division of the department with jurisdiction over
13 children in need of aid shall verify in writing, in a timely manner, the due diligence of
14 the department exercised under (a) of this section.

1 * Sec. 2. AS 47.14.100(e) is amended to read:

2 (e) When a child is removed from a parent's home, the department shall, after
3 conducting due diligence required under AS 47.10.035, place the child, in the
4 absence of clear and convincing evidence of good cause to the contrary,

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House Bill 54

Summary of Changes from SSHB 54 to CSHB 54 version R

Page 1, line 2:

Deletes "and family friends"

This change was made at the request of the Office of Children's Services (OCS). The inclusion of family friends in AS 47.10.035 created a new requirement that family friends be notified when a child is removed from their home. Determining which family friends were required to be notified of the removal of the child would be difficult to determine, and would create an onerous requirement for OCS to comply with. Family friends will still be considered as potential foster parents.

Page 1, lines 6:

Deletes "or adult family friend" for the reasons stated above.

Page 1, line 10:

Deletes "and appropriate adult family friends" for the reasons state above.

Page 1, line 14:

Changes "certify" to "verify".

This change was made at the request of OCS. OCS feels that a verification of a family member search can be done using current documentation methods, while a certification may have required additional documentation.

Page 2, line 2 1-3:

Deletes "The information provided under this subsection shall be submitted to the court for consideration before the next scheduled hearing after the due diligence period specified in (a) of this section."

This change was made at the request of OCS. Submitting this information to the court was a redundant requirement, as all the information is made available to all parties as part of the discovery process.

HB 54 Summary of Changes, page 1 of 2

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Page 2, following line 19:

Inserts a new section to read: "Sec. 3. AS 47.14.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: (u) The department may provide for emergency placement of a child while conducting due diligence under AS 47.10.035 and (e) of this section."

This change was made at the request of OCS and the Department of Law. There was some concern that Sec. 2 (e) of the bill could prohibit OCS from making an emergency placement for a child the day they are removed from their home. This change clarifies that a child may be placed in an emergency or temporary foster home until a family search has been conducted and a permanent placement has been approved.

HB 54 Summary of Changes, page 2 of 2

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: SSHB 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARA

- 1 Page 1, line 2:
2 Delete **"and family friends"**
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4 Page 1, line 5:
5 Delete **"parent,"**
6 Insert **"parent or "**
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8 Page 1, line 6:
9 Delete **", or adult family friend"**
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11 Page 1, line 9:
12 Delete **"parents,"**
13 Insert **"parents and"**
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15 Page 1, lines 9 - 10:
16 Delete **", and appropriate adult family friends"**
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BY REPRESENTATIVES GARA AND THOMPSON, Millett, Tuck, Peggy Wilson

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Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 54 (P)
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Identifier: HB054SS-DHSS-FLSW-2-4-13
Title: PLACEMENT OF A CHILD IN NEED OF AID
Sponsor: GARA, THOMPSON
Requester: House Health & Social Services

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Children's Services
Allocation: Front Line Social Workers
OMB Component Number: 2305

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	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 (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable. Initial version.

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Division	Office of Children's Services	Date:	02/04/2013 09:00 AM
Approved By:	Sarah Woods, Deputy Director	Date:	02/04/13
	Finance & Management Services		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SSHB054

Analysis

This bill has no fiscal impact on the Office of Children's Services.

Section 1 requires the Office of Children's Services, within 30 days after removing a child, to exercise due diligence to identify, locate and notify noncustodial parents, adult family members and appropriate adult family friends of the removal. If circumstances prevent the department from completing due diligence, the department shall complete the search as soon as possible.

OCS already adheres to most of these notification requirements. Federal 42 U.S.C 671(a)(29) requires OCS to notify noncustodial parents and adult family members of the right to request placement. OCS policy requires notifying all identified relatives. The requirement to also notice "appropriate adult family friends" is a new mandate; however it is not new practice for OCS. "Adult family friends" have been considered for possible placement of a child since 2005.

HB 54 also requires an OCS supervisor to certify in writing that due diligence has been exercised. This requirement to verify what is currently being done verbally is new.

Section 2 adds the due diligence required under Section 1 and specifies that a family friend considered for placement must be an adult. This section would not have an impact on current practice.



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April 4, 2013

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RE: Committee question from April 2nd, 2013

Mr. Chairman,

In response to the question raised specifically by Representative Keller during discussion of proposed HB 54, here is the clarification requested.

His question asked if the requirement to search and contact non-custodial parents still applied when the said parent's rights had been previously terminated. The answer is no; if a parent's rights are terminated, the Department is not required to include them in the diligent search completed with 30-days as required by law.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are further questions or clarification needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Lawton".

Christy Lawton
Director

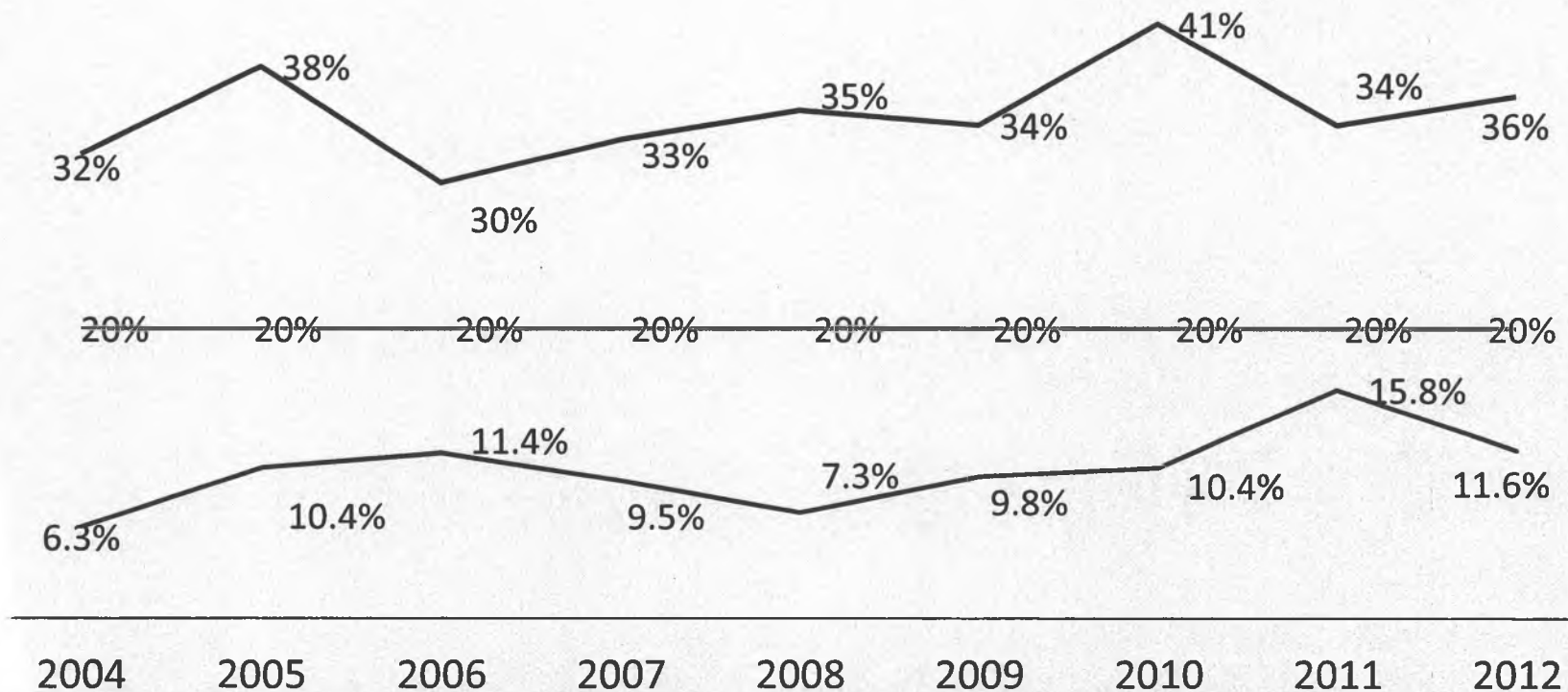
Office of Children's Services

Vision: Safe Children, Strong Families



OCS Frontline Vacancy and Turnover Rates

— Vacancy Rate — Turnover Target Rate — Turnover Rate





February 25, 2013

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Re: **House Bill 54 – Notice to Family Members in Certain
Child Welfare Cases**
Statement in Support

Chair Higgins, Vice-Chair Keller:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding House Bill 54. As you know, the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska (“ACLU”) represents thousands of members and activists throughout the State of Alaska who seek to preserve and expand individual freedoms and civil liberties guaranteed under the United States and Alaska Constitutions. From that perspective, we have brief comments on the proposed legislation.

Bill Overview

In reviewing the newest version, SSHB 54 would require the Department of Health and Social Services, presumably through the Office of Children’s Services, to identify close relatives and family friends, within 30 days of the removal of a child from her home. The obvious aim of this bill is to ensure that concerned and appropriate individuals with a preexisting relationship to the child will have notice of the proceedings. Once they have notice of that proceeding, they may appear and speak out to ensure that the child is placed appropriately and that the court hearing the case can hear from all involved parties.

The Bill Serves the Best Interests of Children in Alaska's Complex Social Environment

More than in most states, children in Alaska see extended family members as primary care givers. A wide array of people in the child's community may serve in parental or quasi-parental roles: aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, family friends, or adult siblings or half-siblings, especially in the Alaska Native community.¹ Indeed, the complex extended family structure in Alaska Native and Native American communities was a major factor behind the Indian Child Welfare Act.² Focusing excessively or exclusively on the "nuclear" family of biological parents and siblings may exclude children who come from families where members of the extended family or the community play an important role.

In the end, the touchstone for all legal practice in the area of child welfare law is the best interests of the child. Where it is likely that members of the extended family can provide useful insights for the court, offer temporary or foster housing, or even an adoptive home when necessary, it makes sense to require notice to all those involved in the child's life. Improving OCS notice to interested parties should lead to fewer children stuck in the foster care system or in group homes.

Conclusion

SSHB 54 represents a thoughtful way to increase the participation of extended family members in child in need of aid proceedings. The bill reflects the variety of families that exist in Alaska today, in communities traditionally underserved by child welfare services. A policy change that results in better information for the courts and more alternatives to traditional foster care and group homes will serve the best interests of children all over Alaska.

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¹ Cornel Pewewardy, *Learning Styles of American Indian/Alaska Native Students: A Review of the Literature and the Implications for Practice*, 41 J. AMER. IND. EDUC. 22 (No. 3, 2002) ("Relatives like aunts, uncles, and grandparents who may live in separate households often make major contributions in raising children."); *id.* ("It is not unusual for children to stay in a variety of different households.").

² Billie Joe Jones *et al.*, THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT HANDBOOK, at 98 (American Bar Ass'n 2008) (noting that the legislative history of the Indian Child Welfare Act indicated that Congress was concerned that "children were removed [from homes] merely because the family did not conform to the decision maker's stereotype of what a proper family should be").

House Health & Social Services Committee

Statement in Support of H.B. 54

February 25, 2013

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Thank you again for the opportunity to share our thoughts. And please feel free to contact the undersigned should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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February 28, 2013

Re: Support for HB No. 54, S

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter in support of HB No. 54, "An Act relating to the identification, location, and notification of specified family members and family friends of a child who is in state custody."

My name is Jennifer Payton. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Alaska. I have worked in the mental health field for 18 years. My experience is varied, and includes work as an Adoption Home Study Writer. This gave me a firsthand look at the need in our state for homes for children in need of adoption. Along with my professional work I am also a therapeutic foster parent for teenage boys. The number of youth in need of foster/adopt homes is astounding and I believe it is our duty to try our best in finding placement for these youth. Making the right match is an important factor for the success of foster homes, and beginning with next of kin is most logical as the youth are already connected to them biologically, and most likely have a level of comfort with them, as well as heritage and history in common.

Thank you for hearing my voice and through me the voice of children in foster care.

Respectfully,

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Presbyterian Hospitality House

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Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

Thank you for the opportunity to support an act designed to increase the quality of life for children in Alaska. At Presbyterian Hospitality House in both Fairbanks and Wasilla, we often see young people who are ready to go home but have no family resource to welcome them back. This lack of a home may be because of a natural parent who feels they cannot have a older child mix with their younger children, a situation where the parent is incarcerated or drug addicted, or all too often, a failed adoption. Many of these young people still need parenting and support so we seek foster parents who are eminently qualified to help meet our mission of intentionally creating a brighter, safer environment for Alaskan children. Sometimes a bond occurs between the foster parents and the child in their care. With careful thought and counseling by one of our 9 therapists the child and foster family may reach a decision to seek adoption. What a tragedy for all involved when a well meaning OCS worker, usually new to the "Case" decides that another placement might be better. It is even more of a trauma for children ladled "reactive attachment disorder" who have finally worked through this, now, significant relationship.

All too often children who are in out-of-home care under AS 47.14 find themselves alone with only a tenuous bond to an OCS worker for protection. If that worker is transferred or leaves the job, the child can languish in the system with no permanent plan for their future. Under Alaska law a youth who faces the unfortunate circumstance of being placed in foster care is entitled to a placement that is in his or her "best interests". Federal law and rules internal to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) note that a search of family members and friends who are akin to family members should be completed in a timely manner, usually considered being within 30 days.

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Furthermore, this Act (HB 54) stipulates that an OCS supervisor will be required to verify that a diligent search for family members has occurred. If it has not, the OCS line worker will be directed to complete that search, to the supervisor's satisfaction

It is generally accepted in the field of foster care services that, if a good family placement is available, keeping a child in their family is often the placement that is the best interest of the child as well as the community. This provision is expected to be cost-neutral.

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HB 54 supporting document letter Presbyterian Hospitality House 2-20-13

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House Bill 54
Request for Teleconferencing

Witnesses

Amanda Metivier
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Paul Verhagen

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Meeting: new

Sponsor and/or Committee Name: HSS

Date of Teleconference: February 7, 2013

Start Time: 3:00 PM

End Time: 5:00 PM

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Juneau Room: 106

Bill Information:

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Streamed to akl.tv: yes

Executive Session: no

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May other LIO's add: yes

Offnet Name(s):

Amanda Metivier - Statewide Coordinator, Facing Foster Care in Alaska

Possible testifiers for the House HSS Committee hearing on HB 54 Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.:

Christy Lawton, Director of the Office of Children's Services, in Juneau available for questions

Amanda Metivier, Statewide Coordinator, Facing Foster Care in Alaska