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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/10/14

FURTHER: RULES
 DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 2-20-14

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

HJR 23-GOOD FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE REMEMBRANCE DAY

Proclaiming March 27, 2014, as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day.

and recommends:

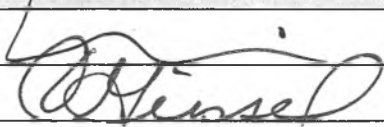
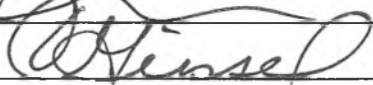

- be replaced with SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
LEG			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Willechowski	✓			
	Giessel	✓			
CHAIR: 	Dyson	✓			

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MEMORANDUM

Charisse Millett

To: Chairman Fred Dyson, Senate State Affairs Committee
From: Rep. Charisse Millett
Subject: House Joint Resolution 23
Date: Monday, February 10, 2014
CC:

I respectfully request a hearing on House Joint Resolution 23 in your committee as soon as possible for this time sensitive resolution. All the necessary documents are included with this request.

The resolution asks the Alaska Legislature to recognize the individual sacrifices made by Alaskans from all walks of life in the aftermath of the Good Friday Earthquake by proclaiming March 27, 2014 as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day.

Jeff Turner is the staffer assigned to this legislation and he can be reached at (907) 465-6588.

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Sponsor Statement - House Joint Resolution 23 **"Proclaiming March 27, 2014, as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day"**

Fifty years ago, Alaskans from all walks of life came together to perform search and rescue operations, provide medical care, shelter, security, food and water to thousands of people in the aftermath of the largest earthquake to ever strike North America.

The March 27th Good Friday Earthquake brought mass destruction to the entire Southcentral region but it also brought out the strength, determination and compassion of Alaskans. The list of Alaskans who demonstrated that courage includes, but is not limited to, first responders, military and National Guard personnel, health care providers, state and municipal workers and many others.

House Joint Resolution 23 pays tribute to the thousands of Alaskan men and women who put the needs of others before themselves when it counted most. The resolution respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature to proclaim March 27, 2014 as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day.

I respectfully ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Prepared by Jeff Turner on January 22, 2014

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HJR 23
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HJR23-LEG-SESS-01-27-14
Title: GOOD FRIDAY EARTHQUAKE REMEMBRANCE
DAY
Sponsor: MILLETT
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Alaska Legislature
Appropriation: Legislative Operating Budget
Allocation: Session Expenses
OMB Component Number: 782

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	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

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial Version

Prepared By:	Jessica Geary, Finance Manager	Phone:	(907)465-6626
Division:	Legislative Affairs Agency	Date:	01/27/2014 08:40 AM
Approved By:	Pamela Varni, Executive Director	Date:	01/27/14
Agency:	Legislative Affairs Agency		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HJR 23

Analysis

This Legislative has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



Office of the Mayor

907-343-7100

Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 5, 2014

The Honorable Charisse Millett
Capitol Building, Room 403
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Millett,

I would like to thank you and express my support for your efforts in recognizing the impacts the Good Friday Earthquake had on Alaskans 50 years ago. It is a day that is ingrained in many of our memories. By proclaiming March 27, 2014 as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day it gives us an opportunity not only to remember that devastating day and those we lost, but to recognize those who participated in the rescue and recovery efforts, I encourage all Alaskans to prepare for similar disasters that could take place in the future.

I applaud you and the Alaska State Legislature for your work in bringing this to the forefront. It is my hope that your message spreads to citizens across the state, and we all can take the time on that day to recognize, remember and prepare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Sullivan".

Dan Sullivan
Mayor

Subject: HJR 23: March 27, 2014, as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day

Good Morning:

For the record, my Name is Charles E Volanti. I am a former member of the Alaskan Air National Guard, and at the time of the "Good Friday Earthquake on March, 27, 1964", was the Guard's Flight Dispatcher stationed at Kulis Air National Guard Base in Anchorage. I was honored and privileged to have served with a group of the finest men one would ever know and saddened at the passing of some whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is both, my and honor and privilege, to be able to write in support of this Joint Resolution under consideration.

First, however, I extend my expression of heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell and his staff, for allowing me the opportunity to seek and submit a formal request for an official and legislatively supported, 50th Anniversary, "day of remembrance."

Second, I thank all members of this legislative body, for the many displays of support, and offers of sponsorship for a "day of remembrance," as they relate to the communication submitted to each of you back on September 4, 2013. Please know that I remain deeply moved and honored by the overwhelming responses which were received.

Finally, I give my gratitude to the Resolution's ultimate sponsor, the Honorable Representative Charisse Millett and her staff. Her written rendition of the Joint Resolution, "Proclaiming March 27, 2014, as Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day," is exemplary. The writing definitely portrays not only the events, and respondents of the day, but more importantly humanizes this tragic and historic event.

My emotional motivation and feelings from the beginning have been that "history unwritten is history that will be forgotten." Ladies and Gentlemen of the legislature, with your dedicated support, passage of this written Joint Resolution will help to ensure that the "day of remembrance" will forever take its' rightful place in Alaska State History.

There has been no greater adverse impact on the State of Alaska, than the attack of a 9.2 magnitude earthquake, and the resultant tsunamis which occurred on March 27, 1964, at 5:36pm. An event lasting over four minutes; where seconds seemed like a hours. The state was attacked, not by some foreign invading force, but rather the angry ravages of the forces of nature transcending thousands of square miles. To say that many areas of the state resembled a "war zone," would pragmatically reduce the true picture of what those cities, towns, and villages really looked like. Soon afterwards our resolve would be severely tested.

Nothing of this magnitude before, or since, has had more impact on the state's people, or its topography. Pristine landscapes decimated or forever changed. Towns like Valdez, Seward, Portage, Girdwood, and Chenega Village destroyed, including substantial loss of lives in those same areas. The city of Anchorage and neighboring communities suffered deadly and severe devastation, including massive landslides and in some areas tossing entire neighborhoods into the mud flats and waters of Turnagain Arm. Parts of Kodiak Island encountered severe destruction and turmoil caused by ensuing tsunami waves. And the list goes on with regards to the devastation and loss within state and there are too many others to mention here.

Further, the Good Friday Earthquake of 1964 was no respecter of borders or boundaries. It continued spewing a swath of death and destruction down the Pacific coast, heavily impacting British Columbia's Vancouver Island, causing great destruction of homes and property. The event had now gone international. Continuing on, the damage and death tolls would raise as the quake's related tsunamis invaded Washington, Oregon, and California. Four deaths were recorded in Newport Beach, Oregon, while yet another 12 people lost their lives in Crescent City, California.

The number of people who perished, were displaced, suffered great loss, or selflessly served during the state's utmost time of need number in the thousands. The well documented and innumerable personal stories of tragedy and triumph are scattered across the pages of many forms of written and electronic media. The scope of this tragedy, to this day, remains one of the most epic occurrences in Alaska State history.

Because of my love of the State of Alaska, its' grandeur, and beauty and my association with the Alaska Air National Guard, I will conclude by saying the following. When I worked at the Kulis Air National Guard Base, I was privileged to have stood beside men who shared common bonds. Unfortunately, some paid the ultimate sacrifice and their lives were cut short by tragic circumstances. These were selfless men, men of honor and integrity. Committed to duty and devoted to the State of Alaska and its' citizens. On their behalf, and behalf of the families they left behind and the citizens of Alaska, I dedicate all of my efforts thus far expended in seeking legislative support for a "day of remembrance."

For all that has been mentioned on these pages and in recognition of those who perished, suffered great loss, and selflessly served during Alaska's greatest time of need, I respectfully request, that when this resolution is presented at hearing, I am hopeful for the legislature to give unanimous approval, followed by the welcome endorsement of the Governor of Alaska, The Honorable Sean Parnell.

With Humility, Respect, and Gratitude,

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

**DEDICATION OF 2014 IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
1964 GREAT ALASKA EARTHQUAKE**

WHEREAS, the March 27, 1964 Great Alaska magnitude 9.2 Earthquake was the largest earthquake every recorded in North America, second largest worldwide, and constitutes one of the major hallmarks in the history of Alaska statehood; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake and associated tsunami caused devastating damage to many coastal communities as well as economic effects extending across much of the State; and

WHEREAS, the year 2014 will be the 50th anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami; and

WHEREAS, numerous events including exhibits, national conferences, emergency response exercises, etc., are planned in many Alaska communities during 2014 to commemorate the earthquake (e.g. Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Valdez, etc.); and

WHEREAS, Alaska is located in one of the most seismically active regions of North America and the State will continue to experience earthquakes resulting in damage and injury to the populace; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is critical to being prepared for the next earthquake,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission recommends and requests Governor Parnell dedicate the year 2014 in commemoration of the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission on this 14th day of November 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scher".

Robert L. Scher, P.E.
Chair

Alaska Legislature Representative Charisse Millett

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February 10, 2014

HJR 23 - Request for Teleconferencing /Invited Witness List

1) Mr. Chuck Volanti, Alaska Air National Guard Veteran
(Will call in from Olympia, Washington)