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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/21/14

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3-6-14
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3-13-14

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

SJR 26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recognizing June 14, 2014, as the 60th anniversary of the first recital of the United States Pledge of Allegiance with the words "under God."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- adopt previous CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- 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 #
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Coghill	✓			
	Bessel	✓			
CHAIR:	Dyson	✓			

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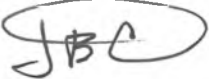
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Date: March 3, 2014

To: Senator Fred Dyson, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator John Coghill 

Re: SJR 26 Pledge of Allegiance Anniversary

I am requesting a hearing for SJR 26, *"Recognizing June 14, 2014, as the 60th anniversary of the first recital of the United States Pledge of Allegiance with the words "under God" at your convenience.*

I have enclosed back up information on the resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sponsor Statement

On June 14, 1954 after signing House Joint Resolution 243, President Dwight D. Eisenhower led a group of in reciting the pledge of allegiance for the first time with the words “under God.” The official name of *The Pledge of Allegiance* was adopted in 1945.

Congressional sessions open with the Pledge of Allegiance and students at most public and private schools recite the Pledge at the beginning of each school day.

President Eisenhower proclaimed as he signed the resolution, “From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning.”

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by newly naturalized U.S. citizens after taking the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. President Ronald Reagan reflected once that we can learn about how special this nation is by listening to those citizens who were not born here: “Every once in a while all of us native born Americans should make it a point to have a conversation with one who is American by choice. They can do a lot to firm up our resolve to be free for another 200 years.”

This resolution celebrates the first recital of the Pledge of Allegiance sixty years ago after the first recital of the Pledge using the words “Under God” on Flag Day, June 14, 2014.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SJR 26
 Fiscal Note Number _____
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) _____ Dept. Affected _____
 Title SJR 26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Appropriation _____
 Allocation _____
 Sponsor Senator Coghill
 Requester (S) State Affairs OMB Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY15 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY15 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY15	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
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)						
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)						
1156	Rcpt Svcs (DGF)						
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY14) operating costs** _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY15) costs** _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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? _____ Discuss details in analysis section.

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

Prepared by (S) State Affairs
 Division _____
 Approved by Senator Dyson, Chair
 Division _____

Phone 465-2199
 Date/Time 3/12/14 12:00 PM
 Date 3/12/2014

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The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag.

At a signal from the Principal the pupils, in ordered ranks, hands to the side, face the Flag. Another signal is given; every pupil gives the flag the military salute — right hand lifted, palm downward, to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, all repeat together, slowly, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." At the words, "to my Flag," the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side.

The Youth's Companion, 1892

Shortly thereafter, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down.

In World War II, the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

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