

HB

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142</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA29</COMM></TARGET>

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/30/15

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/15/15

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 142

HB 142 ESTABLISH ELDERS' DAY

"An Act establishing Elders' 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

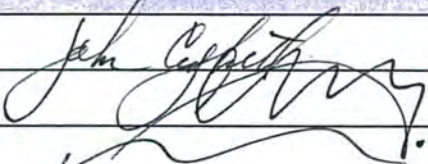
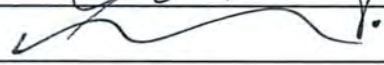


further referral to _____ Committee

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	Coghill	✓			
	Huggins	✓			
	Wielechowski	✓			
CHAIR: 	Stoltze	✓			

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House Transportation Committee

House Bill 142 Sponsor Statement

House Bill 142, an act establishing Elders' Day, would recognize and honor Alaska elders on the winter solstice of each year. Elders have lived through tragedies and triumphs, times of conflict and peace, and are living testaments that people survive, and often thrive, in a variety of circumstances. Their valuable insights and experiences are treasured gifts to celebrate and honor. Winter solstice signifies a change of the seasons and also a time to celebrate the knowledge and wisdom elders have passed on to younger generations. Elders' Day can be celebrated in many ways, by honoring elders in public ceremonies and through quiet appreciation. I hope you will also support the Elders' Day bill.

District 39: Alatna, Alcan Border, Allakaket City, Arctic Village, Beaver, Bettles City, Birch Creek, Brevig Mission City, Central, Chalkyitsik, Chicken, Chisana, Chistochina, Chitina, Circle, Coldfoot, Copper Center, Diomedea City, Dot Lake, Dot Lake Villages, Dry Creek, Eagle City, Eagle Village, Elim City, Evansville, Fort Yukon City, Gakona, Galena City, Gambell City, Golovin City, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Hughes City, Huslia City, Kaltag City, Kenny Lake, Koyuk City, Koyukuk City, Livengood, McCarthy, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, New Allakaket, Nome City, Northway, Northway Junction, Northway Village, Nulato City, Paxson, Port Clarence, Rampart, Savoonga City, Shaktolik City, Shishmaref City, Silver Springs, Slana, St. Michael City, Stebbins City, Stevens Village, Tanacross, Tazlina, Teller City, Tetlin, Tok, Unalakleet City, Venetie, Wales City, White Mountain City and Wiseman.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 142
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/25/2015

Identifier: HB142-DOA-FAC-03-20-15
 Title: ESTABLISH ELDERS' DAY
 Sponsor: FOSTER
 Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
 Appropriation: General Services
 Allocation: Facilities
 OMB Component Number: 2429

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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 (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 (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(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? 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

Prepared By: Tom Mayer, Director
 Division: General Services
 Approved By: Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Administration

Phone: (907)465-5677
 Date: 03/20/2015 12:00 PM
 Date: 03/20/15

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

This bill establishes on the winter solstice of every year to honor Alaska's elders. The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation.



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March 23, 2015

Representative Neal Foster,
House of Representatives
State of Alaska

Via email

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Dear Representative Foster:

On behalf of Kawerak, Inc., the regional tribal consortium in the Bering Strait Region, thank you for introducing HB 142, "An Act establishing Elders' Day".

One of the unique things about our great state of Alaska is that we recognize and honor the hard work, ingenuity, and wisdom of our elders, who have paved the way for us in many ways. Alaska Natives especially hold elders in high regard for passing on the knowledge of our ancestors, which has allowed us to live and thrive in one of the harshest climates in the world. Additionally, we have elders to thank for leading the way to statehood, creating infrastructure in our vast state, and laying the foundation for Alaska to sustain its bountiful natural resources, among other things.

Elders should be honored and treasured each day, but just as we recognize mothers and fathers on Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, respectively, so too should our elders be acknowledged on a special day designated for this. By the Alaska State Legislature establishing an official day to recognize elders, it sends a message to the general population, especially our youth, that elders are to be revered and treasured.

Kawerak supports this bill and encourages the Alaska Legislature to pass it; it is non-partisan and non-controversial. I invite you ahead of time to participate in our region's planning efforts to celebrate the first official "Elder's Day"!

Sincerely,

KAWERAK, INCORPORATED

Melanie Bahnke

Melanie Bahnke, President



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GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

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March 26, 2015

Representative Foster
State Capitol, Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Foster,

The Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes is in full support of establishing a day that honors and celebrates Alaskan elders. Our program centers on person centered care and recognizing the contributions that our elders have made to society. HB 142, which establishes Elders' Day, not only pays tribute to Alaskan seniors, but it re-enforces the work that each Alaska Pioneer Home does every day. The celebration of aging and repaying elders with respect is a way of life at the Alaska Pioneer Homes, and we are in full support of the establishment of Elders' Day. We look forward to celebrating this day of honor in the Pioneer Homes on winter solstice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vickie Wilson".

Vickie Wilson
Acting Director
Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes



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April 5, 2015

Representative Neal Foster
Alaska State Capitol, Room 518 & 516
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1182

Regarding: Support HB 142, Establishing Elders' Day

Dear Representative Foster:


The Alaska Commission on Aging is pleased to express our support for HB 142 authored by you and co-sponsored by Representatives Millett, Kawasaki, Edgmon, Tuck, Drummond, Johnson, Tarr, Josephson, and Gruenberg. Alaska's seniors and elders are deep reservoirs of knowledge and experience that we must treasure if we wish to maintain a strong foundation for Alaska. *Establishing Elders' Day* promotes a positive vision that recognizes older Alaskans, regardless of their cultural or ethnic heritage, as productive, active, and influential members of our state. Every opportunity that we have to honor and appreciate these individuals is important for Alaska and the people who are recognized.

Thank you for your leadership on this legislation to strengthen and reinforce recognition of Alaska's older people as they are an important renewable resource for our state.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Shields
Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging

Sincerely,


Denise Daniello
ACoA Executive Director

Cc: Representative Charisse Millett
Representative Scott Kawasaki
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Chris Tuck
Representative Harriet Drummond

Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Geran Tarr
Representative Andy Josephson
Representative Max Gruenberg