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Date Referred to Committee: January 10, 2001

FURTHER REFERRALS: State Affairs
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3-27-01

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS Committee considered:
HB 53

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION

"An Act establishing the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission."

Recommends it be replaced with CS HB 53 (MLV) ☒ Same Title ☐ New Title
For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title ☐ New Title: HCR

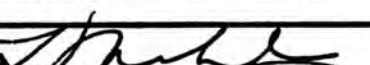
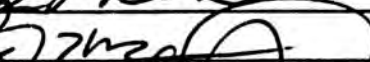
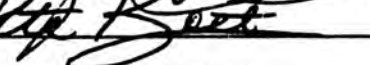
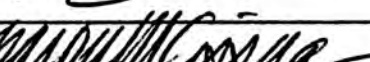
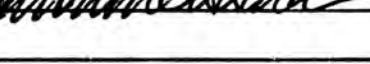
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Letter of Intent Committee

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<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Murkowski	✓			
	Hayes	✓			
	Green	✓			
	Kott	✓			
	Cissna	✓			
Chair: 	Chenault	✓			

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 21, 2001

To: Suzanne Lowell, Chief Clerk

From: Representative Mike Chenault, Chair

Subject: Schedule for The Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs

The Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs will meet *Tuesday, March 27th*,
~~from 5:00-6:30 in the House Judiciary Room.~~ ***Please note time change***

Please change the schedule as follows:

AGENDA

HB 53 – "An act establishing the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission"

Previously Heard and Held over:

HB 88 – "An Act changing the name of the Alaska Pioneers' Home to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Home Advisory Board; relating to services for veterans in the home; relating to the advisory board for the home; making other amendments to the statutes relating to the home; making conforming amendments to other statutes; and providing for an effective date."

Please schedule the following for *Tuesday, April 3*:

Confirmation Hearing for Alaska Army National Guard – Brigadier General

Please feel free to contact Leona Oberts, the MLV committee aide, at #2811 if you have any questions.

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March 14, 2001
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The Honorable John Davies
House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Room 422
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: House Bill 53
Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

Dear John:

As a practicing civil engineering in the State of Alaska, I wholeheartedly support HB 53 pertaining to the establishment of a state Seismic Hazards Safety Commission. I have been practicing my profession in Alaska for over 25 years. My technical specialties are geotechnical engineering and earthquake engineering, so I routinely deal with the problems associated with seismic hazards and their mitigation throughout the state. Moreover, I have been a member of the Municipality of Anchorage Geotechnical Advisory Commission (GAC) for over 20 years (currently Vice-Chairman). In that role, my fellow commissioners and I have routinely advised the Municipality regarding identification and mitigation of seismic hazards in Anchorage.

Although major earthquakes seemingly are "rare" events, their consequences literally can be disastrous, as was demonstrated by the 1964 great Alaska earthquake. Because of the damage and loss of life that occurred in Anchorage in 1964, and due to the concerns of local engineers and earth scientists, Anchorage established the Geotechnical Advisory Commission to advise our local government officials and citizens about earthquake hazards that can affect our community. The GAC generally has been the only real resource in those matters Anchorage has been able to rely upon consistently and effectively through the years. I believe the commission has had a positive effect on how our community has developed, and how it has taken appropriate steps to mitigate the seismic hazards with which we must live. Most of these efforts have been, and continue to be, through identification and mapping of the local hazards, and recommending mitigation measures to preserve life safety and to minimize economic impacts when the next major quake impacts our city.

Recent earthquakes in California and the February 28, 2001, earthquake near Seattle underscore the consequences even moderate earthquakes can have in urban areas. Moreover, the benefits to a community of understanding regional and local seismic issues and taking steps to mitigate the associated hazards were clearly demonstrated again during the Nisqually (Seattle) earthquake.

I believe it is imperative that the State Legislature of one of the most seismically active regions in the world establish a statewide Seismic Hazard Safety Commission to help its citizens and those responsible for their general well being understand the seismic environment in which they live, and how best to deal with the hazards that can affect them.

The Honorable John Davies
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John, I applaud your sponsorship of this bill and give it my full support. If there is anything else I can do for you in this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,
DOWL Engineers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Cole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David A. Cole, P.E.
Project Manager

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