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Fact Sheet: Senate Bill 40
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Short Title: EXTEND STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Summary:

- Extends sunset date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council for an additional four years from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

Benefits:

- Extending the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council will continue to benefit the public interest by allowing the Council to continue to find solutions to reducing suicide in Alaska.

Background:

Alaska Statute 44.66.010(a)(8) requires the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council to terminate on June 30, 2009.

In December 2008, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee released a report on the council and found it to be operating in the public interest by spearheading efforts that are necessary to address the prevention of suicide in Alaska. The Auditor recommended the legislature extend the termination date of the council to June 30, 2013.