

April 3, 2007

Greetings,

The (H) State Affairs Committee met this morning on HB 179, Rep. Mike Kelly's bill that codifies provisions to make defined contributions compliant with the IRS, transfers authority from the ARM Board to the Commissioner of Administration, and increases employee contributions by 5%.

Rep. Roses prepared an amendment to delay the five percent but Rep. Andrea Doll introduced an amendment to the amendment which essentially stripped the five percent from the legislation.

Rep. Doll's amendment passed by a vote of six to one. Voting yes to not make employees pay more: Rep. Craig Johnson (R-Anch), Kyle Johansen (R-Ketch), Bob Lynn (R-Anch), Max Gruenberg (D-Anch), Bob Roses (R-Anch) and Doll (D-Juneau). Voting no: Rep. John Coghill (R-NP).

Thank you to all of you who called, testified and emailed. The bill now goes to (H) Finance where the provision can be added again.

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