

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES KAWASAKI AND GARDNER, Crawford

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to open meetings guidelines for legislative bodies; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 24.60.037(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) A legislative body may hold an executive session only for the reasons
6 permitted under Rule 22(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and
7 in accordance with the procedure applicable to committees under Rule 22(c),
8 Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature. In cases where there are conflicts
9 between the open meetings guidelines established in this section [THESE
10 GUIDELINES] and the uniform rules [ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA STATE
11 LEGISLATURE], the uniform rules prevail.

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.60.037(g)(2) is amended to read:

13 (2) "legislative body"
14 [(A)] includes

1 **(A)** [(i)] the senate;
 2 **(B)** [(ii)] the house of representatives;
 3 **(C)** [(iii)] the senate and the house of representatives meeting
 4 in joint session;

5 **(D)** [(iv)] a committee of the legislature, **including** [OTHER
 6 THAN] the Committee on Committees, [BUT INCLUDING] a standing
 7 committee, **a** special committee, **a** joint committee, **a** conference or free
 8 conference committee, **a** committee of the whole, and **a** permanent interim
 9 committee;

10 **(E)** [(v)] a legislative commission, task force, or other group
 11 established by statute or resolution; or

12 **(F)** [(vi)] a caucus of members of one or more of the bodies set
 13 out in **(A) - (E) of this paragraph** [(i) - (v) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH];

14 [(B) DOES NOT INCLUDE

15 (i) ANY COMMITTEE OR GROUP OF
 16 LEGISLATORS CONSIDERING ONLY MATTERS INVOLVING
 17 THE ORGANIZATION OF A COMMITTEE OR A HOUSE OF THE
 18 LEGISLATURE, INCLUDING SELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE
 19 OFFICERS;

20 (ii) ANY COMMITTEE OR GROUP OF
 21 LEGISLATORS AND THE GOVERNOR OR STAFF OF THE
 22 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR;

23 (iii) LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS;

24 (iv) OFFICERS OF A CAUCUS;]

25 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.60.037(c) is repealed.

26 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).