

Sponsor Statement for HB 338

Approp: Grants To Prevent Youth Suicide

An Act making a special appropriation for a grant to Boys and Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska for a youth suicide prevention program; and providing for an effective date.

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House Bill 338 makes a special appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska for a statewide youth suicide prevention program.

There are 32 Boys & Girls Clubhouses in the state of Alaska. The money appropriated to fund the youth suicide prevention program will be divided between each of the 32 Clubhouses. The suicide prevention program will include drug, alcohol, and teen pregnancy prevention; education and career development; leadership and character development; conflict resolution and violence prevention; fitness and social recreation.

This Legislature has made children its top priority. HB 338 continues the commitment to a strong and healthy future by recognizing the need for suicide prevention programs in Alaska and providing a positive program through a dedicated organization.