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## **SB 163, Cleaning State Books, Passes the Senate**

**JUNEAU** – Today Senate Bill 163, a bill by **Senator James Kaufman (R – Anchorage)** repealing three inactive fund accounts, passed the Senate in a unanimous vote.

These accounts once served a role in our state budget, but have now sat dormant and unused for decades. SB 163 repeals these parts of statute that are long-unused, duplicative, and hold unneeded funding accounts.

Repealing these funds is a simple but effective way to clean up the state books and ensure our state dollars are being used more effectively and efficiently.

According to Senator Kaufman, “In the Capitol, we do a lot of work to put things ‘on the books’.” The Finance Committee member continued, “I believe we should also be trying to get things ‘off the books’ when they are no longer needed.”

These funds were recommended for repeal or revision in 2025 by the Legislative Finance Division. The LFD made recommendations for 56 accounts.

“SB 163 is a part of an ongoing effort to clean up inactive funds and programs. I look forward to pushing legislation that continues to streamline state operations,” Senator Kaufman said.

The Senate Republican Caucus will continue to work with our colleagues in the House to move this commonsense legislation across the finish line.

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