

## Sponsor Statement

### House Bill 53 - Grants to Children of Inmates

In 2008, House Bill 366 established a program that would provide grants to children of incarcerated parents who owe child support that are ineligible to receive a permanent fund dividend. The grants come from the undisclosed appropriated funds from the Permanent Fund, known as the PFD Criminal Fund.

House Bill 53 is a technical fix to an oversight in this bill. The Department of Revenue was never given the power to grant funds to this newly established grant program. HB 53 fixes that oversight so the Department of Revenue will be able to draft regulations and start the implementation process.

Please join us in passage of this legislation to start implementation of HB 366. Without the HB 53 provision, these grants cannot be used as intended to support children of incarcerated parents.