

AMENDMENT

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TO: HCS CSSB 53(FIN)

BY REPRESENTATIVE

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1 Page 168, line 17, following "SERVICES:

2 Insert "(a)"

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4 Page 168, following line 20:

5 Insert a new paragraph to read:

6 "(b) GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE – SENIOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The sum of
7 \$11,044,600 from the general fund to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of
8 Public Assistance, General Relief Assistance Program for the Senior Assistance program costs
9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008."

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11 Page 184, line 26:

12 Delete "49"

13 Insert "49(a)"

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15 Page 185, line 10:

16 Delete "49-51"

17 Insert "49(a), 50, 51"

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Division of Legislative Finance



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July 10, 2003

Ms. Cheryl Frasca
Director, Office of Management & Budget
Office of the Governor
MS 0102

Ms. Frasca:

The following RPLs were approved by the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee during their July 9th, 2003 meeting:

<u>RPL</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Appropriation/Allocation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>
06-4-0028	Health and Social Services	Public Assistance, General Relief Assistance	10,000,000	Federal Receipts
08-4-0019	Community and Economic Development	State Revenue Sharing, National Program Receipts	15,000,000	Federal Receipts
10-4-5001	Natural Resources	Development Special Projects	76,600	SDPR
10-4-5002	Natural Resources	Parks & Recreation Access	450,000	Federal Receipts

Please note that the Committee approved RPL 08-4-0019 based on your testimony that regulations describing the allocation methodology would be revised to allocate \$14.7 million in proportion to revenue sharing/safe communities money that communities were allocated in FY03. That allocation is shown in column 3 of a spreadsheet submitted with the RPL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Teal".

David Teal
Legislative Fiscal Analyst

cc: Representative Ralph Samuels, Chair, LB&A
Senator Gene Therriault, Vice Chair, LB&A

**Department of Health and Social Services
Public Assistance, General Relief Assistance**

Subject of RPL: Temporary Tax Relief Payments - HSS	ADN/RPL #: 06-4-0028
Amount requested: \$ 10 million	Appropriation Authority: Sec. 1 CH 83 SLA 2003 pg. 15 ln. 23
Funding source: Federal - Operating	Statutory Authority: AS 47.25.120-47.25.300

PURPOSE

- To provide one-time "temporary fiscal relief payments" to Alaskan entities as authorized by the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act signed into law by President Bush on May 28, 2003.
- The State of Alaska will be receiving \$25 million. Of that, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) will administer \$10 million.
- DHSS's portion will provide need-based assistance to seniors. The Division of Public Assistance will administer, through its General Relief Assistance program (GRA), a time-limited (10 months, September 2003 – June 2004) monthly benefit of \$120 to needy seniors. This program will assist low-income seniors meet basic needs and remain as independent as possible in their communities.
 - The \$120 monthly payment will be available to all seniors over age 65 who meet eligibility criteria, including those who previously were not receiving a longevity bonus and need assistance.
 - The program will have asset limitations that will not include, for example a person's home or a vehicle for transportation. The need standard will be set at 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska - individuals can have an annual income of up to \$15,134, couples a combined annual income of up to \$20,439. PFD income will be disregarded. An individual may have no more than \$4,000 in liquid resources or assets, a couple no more than \$6,000.
 - The program is expected to serve 7,500 individuals; however, this is an estimate.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION

- There has been no prior legislative consideration.

TIMING ISSUES

- Funding was not included in the department's fiscal year 2004 operating request because the department did not realize that the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act would be enacted.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

- The department will use the funding to provide assistance to the various entities identified in this RPL request.
- Existing staff will manage the programs and administer the federal funds.
- The Governor's Office anticipates receiving another \$25 million federal funds in October 2003. At that time additional RPLs will be submitted.

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OMB Approved: 



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CERTIFICATION

I, Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of the State of Alaska (the "State"), certify that:

1. The State's proposed uses of the funds to be provided under any Federal payment made under section 401(b) of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 for the fiscal years designated below are to:
 - (A) provide essential government services; or
 - (B) cover the costs to the State of complying with any Federal intergovernmental mandate (as defined in section 421(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) to the extent that the mandate applies to the State, and the Federal Government has not provided funds to cover the costs.
2. The State will only use funds provided under any Federal payment made under section 401(b) of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 for types of expenditures permitted under the most recently approved budget for the State.
3. This certification covers the Federal payment for:

Federal fiscal year 2003 *AFM*
Federal fiscal year 2004 *AFM*
4. The following is the correct information respecting the account of the State to which the Department of the Treasury may, under the laws of the State, make the FedWire payment to the State provided under section 401(b) of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003:

Name of financial institution	<u>State Street Bank</u>
Address of financial institution	<u>225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110</u>
ABA number of financial institution	<u>011000028</u>
Account no.	<u>00657189</u>
Account name	<u>AY01 General Investment Fund</u>

STATE OF ALASKA

By:

Signature: *Frank H. Murkowski*
Title: Governor
Date: 6-19-03

Attest:

Signature: *Michael A. Nijer*
Title: Deputy Chief of Staff
Date: 6-19-03

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