

A/B 525

STATE OF ALASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

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February 6, 1974

Honorable Helen Beirne, Chairman and
members of House Health and Social
Services Committee
Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Thru: M. R. Charney, Director
Division of Budget and Management
Department of Administration



SUBJECT: Comments regarding House Bill 525

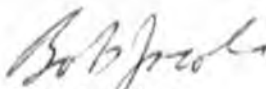
Dear Representative Beirne:

I would like to comment that House Bill 525, by making the establishment section of the University's statute more specific, would in my opinion be a move in the wrong direction. Little if anything is gained by such a statute except the development of statutes full of anachronisms such as the current statute's reference to departments of archaeology and paleontology (which to the best of my knowledge don't exist and won't in the near future).

It should be obvious that funding is the key to achieving the goals of those responsible for this bill's introduction. The establishment of a Department of Fisheries in the statutes is no guarantee that money will ever be allotted for it. On the other hand, even if not legislatively established, an earmarked appropriation will accomplish the desired purpose.

If this section is to be amended, therefore, I would suggest that broader language such as that indicated on the attached copy of the bill would be more appropriate.

Sincerely,



Bob Jacobs
Education Program Budget Analyst
Division of Budget and Management

cc: Legislative Finance
Pres. Hiatt

ROBERT W HIATT
PRESIDENT



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

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The Honorable Joe McGill
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative McGill:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 February affording me an opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 525 "An Act Creating a Department of Fisheries within the University of Alaska". Below are some preliminary comments which should be followed up by a meeting in Juneau with you. At my first opportunity to be in Juneau I hope we shall have an opportunity to discuss all aspects of our renewable marine resources, for the University can make important contributions to all aspects of them, including fishery education.

First, Section 14.40.010. UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, is hopelessly out-of-date. The entire Section needs to be rewritten, so I should like to see a revision which in some way might refer to the State's resources development more generally.

Second, and more important, I have engaged an outstanding fisheries expert, Mr. Canton Atkinson, formerly Fisheries Attache, American Embassy, Tokyo, to come to Alaska to study comprehensively what each jurisdiction is presently doing (e. g., federal program, State Fish and Game Department program and the University of Alaska), what they have plans to do, and what it is that most needs to be done. On this information base he is to recommend to me what type of a renewable marine resources program the University System should have. Presumably, this will include fishery education both technological in the Community Colleges and academic-research education at the four-year campuses. Additionally, it will spell out in priority order what fishery investigations are especially appropriate for the University and which will both complement and support those investigations carried out by the State and federal programs.

Frankly, I don't think we need a Bill in support of this work, but what would be especially useful would be a Joint Resolution which encourages us to proceed with this study this year and to present to the following Legislature

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McGill, Representative Joe

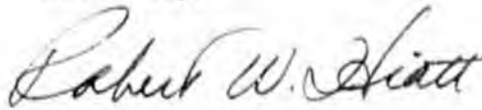
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a program which can be considered and supported legislatively in the best manner appropriate to the program.

We can discuss this at greater length when I see you in Juneau. In fact, I should like to bring Clint Atkinson along (he will arrive on February 27th) so that he can have the benefit of the thinking of yourself and other legislators who want to do something about our marine resources. Please let me know if I can be of help in any way in the interim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Hiatt".

Robert W. Hiatt
President

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Doctor Hyatt
University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Doctor Hyatt:

Enclosed is House Bill No. 525 "An Act creating a Department of Fisheries within the University of Alaska."

I am very interested in receiving your comments on the Bill. If you ever have the opportunity to be in Juneau, please drop into my office and I would like to discuss it with you. However, if you cannot meet with me I would like you to write and let me know what you think.

Please let me know, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Joe McGill

JM/dln

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"An act creating
a Dept. of
Fisheries within the
Univ. of Alaska"

Interim
Committee
on Fisheries

FURTHER REFERRALS

H. E. SS
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This Bill If Enacted Would:

When Bill Considered by RA Committee:

3-11-74

Action Taken by Committee:

Waters moved to have a
Committee Resolution drafted up. Motion Carried

Amendments: ~~to be provided that:~~

Draft one on Forestry
Also!

Witnesses Testifying Before Committee: (summary of testimony)

Dr. Hyatt - Not pass bill. Give a Resolution encour-
aging this and they can react to it.