

"An Act authorizing a study of the causes and potential solutions of the high cost of living in Alaska."

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/25/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 2/25/76

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under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR FINANCE HB 667 AND THAT

FINANCE CS FOR HB 667 DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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| <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | _____ |
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE LETTER OF INTENT ATTACHED FOR HB 667 & HB 668

HOUSE JOURNAL

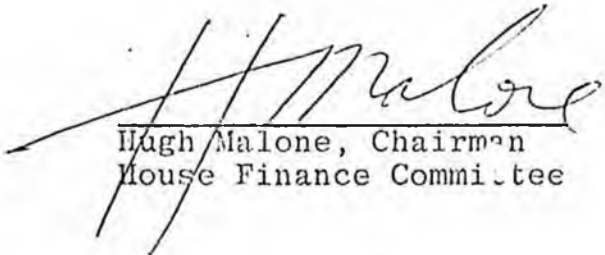
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Original sponsor: Cowper

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 667 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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29 070(c).

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Original sponsor: Cowper

Offered: 2/26/76
Referred: Finance

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BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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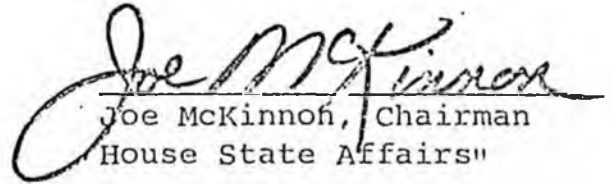
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FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

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 Requested by: State Affairs Committee Date: 2/23/76
 Return Date Requested: _____
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II. FISCAL DETAIL

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A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

| OBJECT | FY 76 | FY 77 | FY 78 | FY 79 | FY 80 | FY 81 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
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B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | \$110,000 | | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER | | | | | | |

C. POSITIONS:

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| PERMANENT/TEMPORARY | / | / | / | / | / | / |
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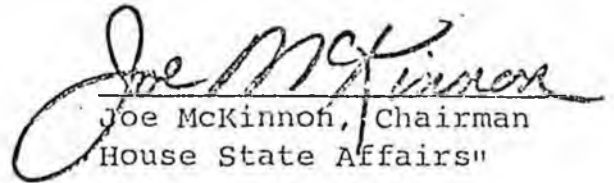
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COMMITTEE REPORT

4/12/76

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date _____

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- () recommends it DO PASS
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- () recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- () "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- () reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- () "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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| _____ | recommends: |
| _____ | recommends: |
| _____ | recommends: |
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_____ Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

3/17/76

****Finance****

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as follows

reports it back WITHOUT ~~RECOMMENDATION~~

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Members signing the Majority report:

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| <u><i>J. Keefe</i></u> | <u>Do - pass</u> | _____ |
| <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | _____ |
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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| <u><i>3</i></u> | recommends: DO NOT PASS |
| _____ | recommends: |
| _____ | recommends: |
| _____ | recommends: |
| _____ | recommends: |

J. Keefe Chairman

Original sponsor: Cowper

Offered: 3/11/76
Referred: Rules

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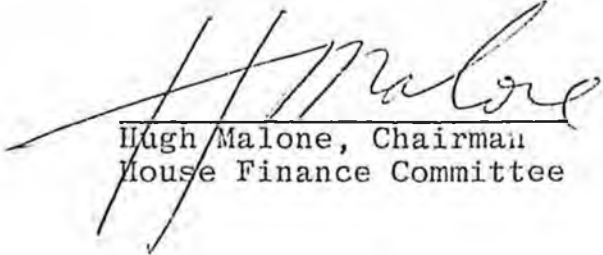
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH Legislature SECOND Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 667

By CONPER

"An Act authorizing a study of the causes and potential solutions of the high cost of living in Alaska."

Cost of living causes & solutions

Introduced in the House .. 1/22..., 19.75

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 75 | Read first time and referred to Committee on |
| Jan 29 | State Affairs and Finance |
| Feb 26 | Reported back with recommendation that <i>State Affairs refer to CS do pass - do Finance</i> |
| Mar 11 | <i>Finance refer to CS (new title) do pass. 2 Rules</i> |
| Mar 16 | Read second time and <i>C.S. (Finance) adopted</i> |
| Mar 16 | Read third time and |
| Mar 16 | PASS <i>28</i> Effective Date Yeas <i>34</i> Yeas Nays <i>2</i> Nays <i>same</i> Absent Absent Excused <i>4</i> Excused |
| Mar 16 | Reconsideration PASS Effective Date Yeas Yeas Nays Nays Absent Absent Excused Excused |
| Mar 16 | Reported correctly engrossed |
| " 16 | Signed by Speaker |
| " 16 | Sent to Senate |
| | <i>[Signature]</i> CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE |

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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| 19 76 | Read first time and referred to Committee on |
| 3 17 | <i>Commerce, Finance</i> |
| 4 12 | Reported back with <i>Commerce</i> recommendation that <i>1 do pass 1 do not pass, 2 no rec. To Finance</i> |
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| | SECRETARY OF THE SENATE |

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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| 19 | Received from Senate |
| | Reported correctly enrolled |
| | Sent to Governor |
| | By Governor |
| | Filed with Lt. Governor |
| | Chapter No. |

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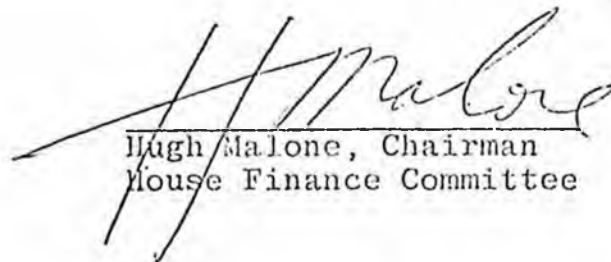
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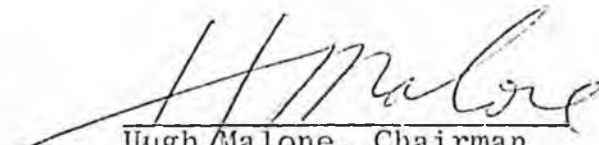
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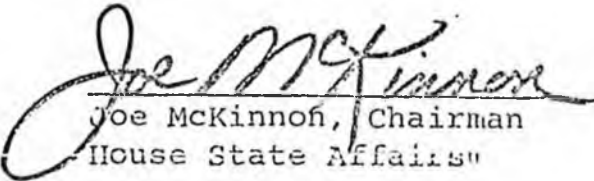

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