

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/25/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 15 1975

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Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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2/5/75

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<u>Jim Neenan</u>	<u>John Campbell</u>	_____
<u>Richard T. Little</u>	<u>H. Malone</u>	_____
<u>Ed Hunter</u>	_____	_____
<u>W. B. ...</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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H. Malone Chairman

Introduced: 1/24/75
Referred: Resources and
Finance

BY BEIRNE, FINK, GARDINER,
GRUENING, HACKNEY, HERSHBERGER,
MILLER, OSTROSKY, PARR, RHODE,
SMITH, SULLIVAN AND SWANSON

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Alaska youth hostel system."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 Sec. 41.20.500. CREATION. There is established the Alaska youth
10 hostel system within the division of parks and recreation, Department
11 of Natural Resources.

12 Sec. 41.20.510. DUTIES. The division shall

13 (1) plan and develop a statewide system of youth hostel
14 facilities;

15 (2) provide for the acquisition, construction, care, im-
16 provement, maintenance, and supervision of the hostel facilities;
17 however, nothing prohibits the division from contracting for the services
18 required under this paragraph;

19 (3) acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, land suitable
20 for the construction of youth hostel facilities;

21 (4) cooperate and consult with national or international
22 organizations established for the purpose of establishing or regulating
23 youth hostel facilities;

24 (5) adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
25 Act, regulations governing the establishment and administration of
26 youth hostel facilities.

27 Sec. 41.20.520. HOSTEL LOCATION. In developing the statewide
28 system of Alaska youth hostels, the division shall, within the
29 limits of available funding, and after receiving the

1 recommendations of the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee, provide
2 for at least one youth hostel in each of the five following major
3 regions of the state: arctic, southcentral, interior, southwestern,
4 and southeastern. Hostel facilities shall be located, when possible,
5 within major population areas within those regions. Other hostels may
6 be established within the five regions as funding permits.

7 Sec. 41.20.530. HOSTEL USE FEE. The division shall establish a
8 reasonable daily hostel use fee. All money received from the operation
9 of a youth hostel, including income from concessions and donations,
10 shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

11 Sec. 41.20.540. HOSTEL FACILITY. Each youth hostel facility shall
12 ~~provide accommodations for not less than six persons, and~~ be equipped
13 with suitable bathroom and kitchen facilities. Each facility shall be
14 supervised under regulations adopted by the division of parks and recre-
15 ation.

16 Sec. 41.20.550. ALASKA YOUTH HOSTEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) There
17 is created the Alaska Youth Hostel Advisory Committee consisting of
18 three persons, one each from the following fields of expertise: cor-
19 rectional or youth services, education, and recreation.

20 (b) Members of the committee are appointed by the governor for
21 terms of three years. Upon initial appointment, one shall serve for
22 one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

23 (c) Members of the committee serve without compensation but are
24 entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards
25 and commissions. The committee shall meet at least three times a year.

26 (d) The committee shall

27 (1) recommend to the division of parks and recreation
28 locations for the construction of youth hostels;

29 (2) advise the division on use policy for the Alaska youth

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hostel system;

(3) render other assistance considered necessary and appropriate by the division.

Sec. 41.20.560. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The division of parks and recreation shall report to the legislature every other year during its regular session. The report shall give the number of hostels established, their location, the extent to which they have been utilized and general recommendations for improvement of the program.

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 68
 Title: An Act Creating The Alaska Youth Hostel System
 Requested by: House Finance Date: March 3, 1975
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Division of Parks Program: Parks & Recreation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Parks & Recreation
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0
200 TRAVEL		6.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
300 CONTRACTUAL		3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
400 COMMODITIES		0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
500 EQUIPMENT		0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		25.0	25.0	25.0	30.0	30.0
TOTAL		55.0	56.1	58.0	65.1	68.7

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		55.0	56.1	58.0	65.1	68.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	1.5/	1.5/	1.5/	1.5 /	1.5 /
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	18 /	18 /	18 /	18 /	18 /

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

It is anticipated that the Division of Parks would administer and regulate the hostel program by working with various non-profit organizations throughout the State. Funding would cover personal services in the form of a Ranger II and one half salary for a Clerk Typist II, travel and per diem for the Ranger and Advisory Committee, supplies and office furniture. In addition, funding is requested in the 700 object code to purchase bedding and supplies at a level of \$250.00 per person unit. The 700 object funding would serve as the initial capitol and incentive to attract a non-profit organization into participating in the program. It is our hope that income would go directly to the participating organization and provide the necessary operating capitol.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 3, 1975 PREPARED BY: Kathy Jacobson

Kathy Jacobson for W. A. Sackeck

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 68
 Title: An Act Creating the Alaska Youth Hostel System
 Requested by: Ted Smith Date: 1-24-75
 Return Date Requested: 2-3-75
 Agency: Division of Parks Program: Parks & Recreation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Parks & Recreation

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES *	--	151.1	155.0	197.0	204.0	216.0
200 TRAVEL	--	--	--	--	--	--
300 CONTRACTUAL	--	14.0	14.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
400 COMMODITIES	--	15.0	5.0	11.0	7.0	7.0
500 EQUIPMENT	--	17.5	5.0	12.0	7.0	7.0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	--	372.0	--	145.0	--	--
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	--					
TOTAL						

* 12 mo. at 7 days per week

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	--	569.5	184.0	384.0	237.0	249.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	--					
OTHER	--					

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	10/	10/	14/	14/	14/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	120/	120/	168/	168/	168/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

(SEE ATTACHED)

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 2-3-75 PREPARED BY: George A. Hall

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

III Analysis (HB 68)

Assumptions

- (1) Construction would begin in FY 76.
- (2) Demand is estimated as 24 per day in Anchorage and Fairbanks and 6 per day in the other three areas. Two additional units would be added in FY 78.
- (3) Caretakers would live-in the facility and a husband-wife team would work best to meet the needs.
- (4) Utilization of existing structures and state land would affect the "Land and Structures" figure.

Program Summary

Full time positions or positions functioning twelve months of the year would be required at level 13 and level 7 at each hostel. Quarters would be furnished. Existing positions of District Superintendents would provide day to day supervision. A coordinator would be designated in the Director's office.

The House Resource Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by chairman Anderson

Roll was taken:

Present	Excused
Osterback	Smith
Swanson	Eliason
Hershberger	
Rhode	
Brown	
Anderson	

Guests:

Sharon Eppenbach
 David Ackley
 H.E. Beyer- Juneau chapter Alaska Parks and Recreation Council
 Hilton Woolfe- Alaska Division of Parks
 Judith Maier- Juneau American Youth Hostel Committee
 Rep. Bierne- Legislature

Sponser Rep. Bierne discussed Youth Hostel Bill #68. She noted that the committee discussed in the proposal be made up of a 3 man board. 1) education 2) recreation 3) Youth services

They are to establish criteria and plan for the Youth Hostels.
 There is no cost projection for the proposal.
 Bill to appropriate 4 Youth Hostels for 4 Regions of the state.

Similar bill was passed by legislators 2 years ago but governor vetoed it.

^{Brown} Rep. proposed amendment no. 1. was voted on and adopted

A 2nd and 3rd ammendment was motioned for and adopted.

Guest Hilton Woolfe testified that the Division of Parks would like to see further establishment of Alaska Youth Hostels.

Guest Judith Maier stated that the concept of the Youth Hostel System was valuable for Juneau. She and her husband have been operating the Juneau Youth Hostel.

Summer 70' 1850 Overnite guests charge of \$1.00
 Summer 72' Hall was demolished- kept in private homes and United Methodist Church
 Summer 73' Private Homes

Out of 865 guests in 73'- 16% represent foreign countries
 Description of American Youth Hostel Association Charge 1.50 to American Youth
 hostel pass holders others- \$2.00

February 3, 1975

State of Alaska
Legislature
Committee on
Agriculture

Rep. Marshberger introduced amendment 4. Was not acted on.

Rep. Blerne recommended 5th amendment. Was not acted on.

Julith Maier expressed deviance of rules used for Juneau Youth Hostel. According to ferry schedule and trails.

Rep. Anderson commented on the 3 day limit. Was concerned about outsiders, job seekers staying in Hostel for a long period of time.

Was suggested that Joel Bennet be asked to consider wording of ammendments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The House Resource Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 8:12 a.m.

Roll was taken:

Present

Excused

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Hershberger
Eliason
Anderson
Swanson

Smith
Rhode

Guests:

Cheryl Probst- Anchorage Times
Sarah Eppenbach
Rep. Keith Specking
Joel Bennett- Legislative Affairs
H.E. Beyer- Juneau Chapter, Alaska Parks and Recreation Council
David Ackley
Grace Pleasents
Stuart Hall- Legislative Affairs
Skip Burns

Discussion on HB #68 was continued.

Joel Bennett state proposed amendments as drawn up for Committee Substitute to HB #68. He submitted CS and amendments were adopted.

Guest David Ackley gave his account of Europe Hostel System. It is not necessarily associated with any particular organization

Rep. Anderson asked Mr. Ackley about the time period the European hostels provided.

Mr. Ackley said that 3-4 days was average, but up to a week in the winter when they are not so crowded.

Rep. Anderson then asked Mr. Ackley about his ideas on the time limits for the Alaska Youth Hostels.

Mr. Ackley answered that alot of Alaska Hostels would warrant a week, taking into consideration the transportation and weather of Alaska.
Time limits for the Hostels were 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Charges for the Hostels were \$1.00 to \$2.00
YMCA charges \$5.50 per nite.

Rep. Osterback questioned layovers looking for jobs; construction workers, etc.

Guest skip Burns whom operated "Bunk House" in Skagway for three years, replied that they don't get a lot of people like that up there.

Mr. Burnr gave an account of his operation in Skagway over the last 3 years. The price was \$4.00 a nite with no cooking facilities.

Grossed about \$7,000 a summer

They furnish showers and towels, front room with travel material, and a bunk.

The "Bunk House" burned in October of 74'

Rep. Swanson motioned that the bill be adopted and the motion was seconded. Was voted on and HB#68 was adopted.

Recess

Rep. Speckling outlined HB #31 for committee

Rep. Brown asked questions about a possible 55 day limit for fishermen to claim abandoned vessels.

Guest Stuart Hall discussed the federal laws enforcing such material. Explained that HB #31 kind of plugged the holes that the Corp. of Engineers and the Coast Guard could not take care of.

Referral to Bills:

HB #31

HB #33

HB #34

HB #31 will be continued tomorrow, February 5, at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

#68

THE JUNEAU CHAPTER OF THE ALASKA PARKS AND RECREATION COUNCIL

January 31, 1975

The Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
1975-76 Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V, Alaska State Capitol Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Juneau Chapter of the Alaska Parks and Recreation Council, composed of representatives of planning agencies, park boards, recreation-related organizations and interested citizens of our community, has for some time been aware of the need for legislation to create a youth hostel system in Alaska.

By unanimous action taken at our January 29, 1975 meeting, I have been directed to ask that the Committee on Natural Resources give full support to House Bill #68.

Cordially yours,



Rev. H. E. Beyer, Chairman
The Juneau Chapter of the Alaska
Parks and Recreation Council
P. O. Box 1066
Juneau, Alaska 99802



American
Youth
Hostels
Inc.

Founded 1931

Member of
International Youth Hostel
Federation

A non-profit association
organized as a community service
to provide year round opportunities for
outdoor recreation and inexpensive
educational travel through hosteling

NATIONAL CAMPUS, DELAPLANE, VIRGINIA 22025, (703) 592-3271 CABLE: AMERYOUTH

March 5, 1975

Ms. Helen D. Bairns
Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Ms. Bairns:

My response to your recent letter was delayed as it went to our former address in New York City, and arrived while I was out of the office.

Enclosed you will find the information which you requested regarding the establishment of a Youth Hostel, and also the manual for operating and establishing Youth Hostel Clubs.

Appreciate your interest and support, and if I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

GEORGE R. FRIEDMAN,
National Hostel Director

Encs.
GRT:k

CCs: Mr. John L. Steinmetz
Mr. Robert Koepfel
Mr. Bruce Botelho

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

National Campus

Delaplane, Virginia 22025

HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

1. SUPERVISION: Each hostel shall have a couple (houseparents) or a housemother in charge; such houseparents should be motivated primarily by a desire to be of service and possess a genuine interest in people.
2. STRUCTURE: Each hostel shall comply with local ordinances and building codes.
3. GENERAL APPEARANCE: Hostels shall be neat, clean and attractive.
4. SLEEPING QUARTERS: Separate quarters should be provided for boys and girls.
 - a. Sleeping facilities can be bunks, cots or beds; clean mattresses and covers, and one blanket per bed. Pillows with covers are recommended.
 - b. Sleeping facilities should provide 30 square feet or 140 cubic feet of air space per hosteler to be housed, or adequate cross ventilation shall be provided. Doors and windows shall be screened.
5. SANITARY FACILITIES: Separate toilets and washing facilities shall be provided for boys and girls.
 - a. Toilet facilities - flush, privy or chemical - 1 per 10 housed must be kept clean. Toilet paper has to be provided.
 - b. Washing facilities - cold running water and basins (1 per 5 housed) or hot and cold running water and wash bolws (1 per 10 housed). Showers or tubs are recommended. Mirrors and wast receptacles are provided.
 - c. Septic tanks and cesspools to be located at least 100 feet from hostel and must be covered.
6. COOKING FACILITIES: An adequate stove (gas, electric or wood) is to be provided, along with adequate pots, pans and cooking utensils; sufficient tables, chairs or benches. Dishes, cutlery and dish towels will be provided by each hosteler for his own personal use.
 - a. Kitchen and dining rooms will be screened; garbage cans and waste receptacles will be kept clean.
7. RECREATION ROOM: A recreation or common room should be provided; books and magazines and quiet games are recommended; further recreational facilities inside and outside the hostel are recommended.
8. YOUTH HOSTEL CUSTOMS: General youth hostel customs will be posted in each hostel - (list of AYH customs will be sent with the charter) as well as any special rules of an individual hostel. The overnight charge and day use fee shall be listed in the current HANDBOOK and as listed in the charter.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. A First Aid Kit shall be provided.
- b. Each room shall have two exits, plainly marked.
- c. Clean equipment (brooms, mops, dust pans, soap powder, scouring pads, etc.) is to be provided.
- d. Fire extinguishers or means of putting out fires to be provided; fire extinguishers at top of each stair.
- e. Raw milk will not be sold to hostellers. Water to be tested.
- f. Suggested swimming places to be approved by public authority.
- g. A bulletin board is recommended - list of things to see and do, church services, doctor and hospital addresses and telephone numbers, etc.

AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.
National Campus
Delaplane, Virginia 22025

SO YOU WANT TO START A YOUTH HOSTEL

The American Youth Hostels, Inc. is always interested in the development of new hostel facilities. We thank you for your interest in this vital aspect of our program. The chance to make simple inexpensive overnight accommodations available to young people of all ages who want to explore their own country, and to overseas visitors who want to see our great land, is a rare and worthwhile challenge. Hostels are the key to hosteling. Hosteling promotes education through travel, physical fitness by doing, and self-reliance through "under your own steam" trips.

A hostel is often defined as a place to sleep, eat, wash and make friends. We can learn a great deal about the make-up of a hostel by looking into each of these categories.

A PLACE TO SLEEP

This is the basic function of a hostel. A overnight fee is paid by each hosteler. This money belongs to the houseparents, the people who own or run the hostels. If hot showers and/or other extras are provided, a fee of \$2.50 is charged. If unusual expenses, such as heating a ski hostel in the winter are incurred, or in city hostels, the charge may be from \$3.00 to \$4.25. Hostels are normally open from about 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following morning, thus giving the houseparents most of the day for other activities. If hostelers wish to stay inside on a stormy day for example, they are charged a day use fee of an additional 50¢.

Hostels provide bunks, mattresses and blankets. If the hostel does not have enough blankets, the hostelers can be asked to bring a sleeping bag. The hosteler always carries his own sheet sleeping sack (or two sheets and a pillow case), so that the blankets and mattress do not become soiled. Separate sleeping quarters for boys and girls in bedrooms or dormitories are provided; adequate ventilation and emergency exits should be provided.

A PLACE TO EAT

Hostels provide a simple kitchen with stove, sink and work space for preparing meals and table and benches for eating. Hostelers provide their own knife, fork, spoon, cup, plate and dishtowel, but cooking pots are needed in addition to the stove. A local AYH Council may be able to help supply some of these things. Houseparents sometimes provide meals for groups at a nominal cost. A refrigerator and hot water are desirable but not necessary.

A PLACE TO WASH

Separate restrooms for boys and girls are needed. These should be as close to the sleeping quarters as possible. Warm water and showers are highly desirable, but not required. Some simple accommodations for washing and drying clothes are usually set up. Sanitary facilities should conform to health laws.

A PLACE TO MAKE FRIENDS

One of the finest things about hosteling is that you meet wonderful people

and form lifelong friendships. Most hostels have what is called a "Common Room". This is a large room where hostelers can gather, lounge, write letters, talk, sing, square dance and play games. Furnishings can include chairs, tables, piano, checker board, ping pong table, etc. Ideally it should have a fireplace or Swedish stove.

Now let us look at some of the other major considerations involved in establishing a hostel.

LOCATION

The best location is in an area with high recreational opportunities such as good swimming, cycling, hiking, skiing, canoeing or climbing. Also it should be in an area that can be reached by bicycle. Location in an area of great scenic or historic interest, or within 200 miles of a large city, usually means greater use for the hostels. If the hostel is in a region frequented by hostelers, or in a chain of hostels, or near an existing AYH Council or Club, it will probably receive more use. The AYH National Campus or the AYH Regional Director or the president of the AYH local Council nearest you can tell you whether you are in a location that will assure use - it is discouraging to put in time, money and effort to build up a facility and then find it is not needed or used because of its location.

HOUSEPARENTS

Fine houseparents make a successful hostel. They should be people who, regardless of age, are young at heart and interested in young people. The best houseparents are genuinely sincere in wanting to help others, showing them hospitality, and sharing in their fun. Once you are established, AYH will provide a special manual on Hostel Operation.

WHAT KIND OF BUILDING

Many types of buildings have served happily as youth hostels. There have been hostels in barns, barracks, homes of retired couples, schools, camps, lodges, community centers, church buildings, old mills, college dorms, coast-guard stations, ships at anchor, mansions, castles, and ancient inns. Most buildings will require some changes and additional facilities. A standard AYH triangle sign should mark the hostel, and one will be furnished to duly chartered hostels.

WHAT SIZE IS BEST

Room for ten boys and ten girls is about minimum. Key hostels that receive use from several Councils and National AYH groups should aim to accommodate at least 40 people. Some hostels achieve flexibility by having bunks for 20 or so, and folding beds of some sort for the overflow. If circumstances permit, accommodations should be provided for family groups too.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hostel facilities need not be elaborate, but must be safe and sanitary. Certain minimum standards of health and safety, established by AYH, must be met: the maximum should be the goal. State approval of water is necessary and state health rules and building codes must be followed. A list of the Minimum Standards for Health and Safety will be found attached to this document.

WHO PAYS FOR WHAT

In general, all capital improvements are paid by the owners. Sometimes nearby AYH groups will organize work parties to help with general clean-up, carpentry, painting, sewing, and landscaping projects. The outfitting of the hostel with bunks, mattresses, mattress covers, blankets, cooking pots, furniture and sports equipment can be done or shared by the owners, a local AYH group, a local hostel committee, or the National organization. It is best to agree and set down in writing all of these arrangements in the beginning. This eliminates much confusion later on. The overnight fees are the main source of income from a hostel, however, additional income can be realized by renting bicycles, skis, boats, or horses to visiting hostelers. A hostel is not primarily income producing, but the fees will generally cover operating costs, and if the region is interesting, and the hostel proves popular, it will develop financially. **OTHER POSSIBILITIES:** In some instances, individuals have built hostels from scratch (it takes quite a bit). The national AYH organization can furnish approved plans for hostel buildings, which might cost from \$5,000 to \$25,000 depending on local prices, labor, donated services and equipment.

WHEN OPEN

The busiest time for most hostels is during the summer months and on weekends. Thus most regular hostels should be open at these times. A winter sports hostel would naturally be open during the months of snow. Supplementary hostels can be open as long or short a time as the house-parents choose; the hostel can also be open on a reservation only basis.

FORMS AND FEES

If, after reading this you feel your facilities are suitable for a hostel, please write to us. You will receive the hostel charter application blank, and you may be visited by an AYH Regional Director, or an officer or a nearby AYH group. The charter fee of \$10.00 includes charter, AYH Liability Insurance, which covers the hostel with a liability insurance protection of up to \$500,000 in case of a lawsuit arising out of the use of the hostel by members, and one Overnight Registration Book.

AFTER CHARTERING

Once a building has been converted and chartered as a Youth Hostel, many wheels start to turn to improve the facilities and to bring people to the door. First, the location and details about the hostel are published in the AYH HANDBOOK that goes to each of the over 80,000 members, and in the International Youth Hostel Guide Book. Second, nearby Councils and Clubs will be invited to use the hostel. Third, the hostel may be included in a printed trip plan that shows novice hostelers an interesting one or two week trip. Fourth, a one page information sheet about the hostel, including a picture or sketch, may be published by the National Office. Fifth, the local newspapers, radio and TV stations will be told about the facility as they may wish to do a story about it. Sixth, the local AYH groups will do their best to add the many small things that make a hostel more efficient and enjoyable, such as local maps mounted under plastic, bulletin board with local information on points of interest, church services, etc. and sports and game equipment.

AND, FINALLY

If you are interested in seeing the citizens of tomorrow as self-reliant, strong, intelligent individuals, then we urge you to establish a hostel. In this way you will be doing your bit to insure that the youngsters of today have a chance to turn out just that way.

Box 5
Chugiak, Alaska 99567
February 1, 1975

Hello Randy--

Things happen in strange ways. Over the past few years I have been trying to get something going about Youth Hostels for both hiking and cycling. Once someone did mention that Helen Beirne was interested, but I never contacted her. What a neat surprise to open your letter today and find that something is really in the brewing.

I enclose copies of two letters -- one to the Youth Hostel Association and one to the International Bicycling Touring Society (which sounds like a rather sophisticated organization that clips off a good 50 miles every day -- old tho many of them are).

I am also sending you the address of John and Barb Shaffer whom I know you know. John ran the Youth Hostel in his church in Juneau for the past few years with considerable care and quite a bit of frustration to the community (some of the community) about dope, etc. I think it mite be of bennefit to contact him as he has a deep interest in it:

Rev. John Shaffer
Box 907
Nome, Alaska 99762

Since I stopped coaching track two years ago I have been taking students on bicycle trips in the spring. We took two last year -- a 60 miler to Palmer and then a 100 miler to Old Knik and back. 26 kids (9-12) made the 100 miles and got the CENTURY CLUB PATCH (enclosed). This spring we plan a bicycle trip to Lazy Mountain, hike to the top and horse around some before coming back, eating too of course -- ie more than just peddling all day. Later we will again try 100 miles. We are also contemplating taking a bicycle trip after school to Mt. McKinley.

Randy, I am so glad you contacted me. Please keep me informed. Please let Ms. Beirne know that I would be glad to help in any way that I can. It is one of my dreams to take some Youth Corpse kids or whatever out in the woods and construct several cabins for a chain of youth hostels so that kids could walk the 20 or so miles a day and spend several days hiking on the system. Or the same thing building several hostels along the highway to McKinley Park from Anchorage for both hiking and/or cycling. I am available this summer.

As always,

Randy

American Youth Hostels, Inc.
20 W. 17th Street
New York, New York

Dear People:

I am a teacher and social studies department chairperson at Chugiak Jr/Sr High School in Chugiak, Alaska (half way between Anchorage and Palmer).

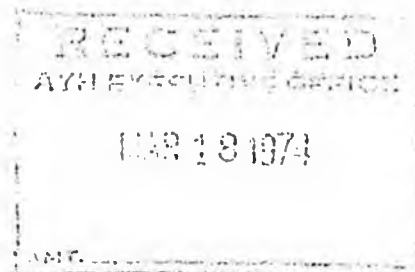
I spent the happiest two years of my life youth hosteling in Europe back in '54, '55, '56. What a great movement.

Many students ask me what the story is now. Are there any in Alaska? Where in the rest of the US. Europe now. Please send me the information. I would be interested in starting a chain here in Alaska. I sponsor hiking and cycling clubs. Please send me any and all the information.

Sincerely yours,

Andy Kirk

Andy Kirk
Box 5
Chugiak, Alaska 99567



3/19

Thanks for writing -- we like to hear from people who are as enthusiastic as we are! We have two hostels in Alaska, both supplementary accommodations (meaning not separate hostel facilities) -- one in Juneau and one in Ketchikan.

Hope the enclosed info helps you. If not use the envelope enclosed to request what else you need.

Again, thanks,

Kate Moran
Kate Moran, Publicity, AYH

Tours with a Purpose

Secretary

Rosalyn Smyth

Rosalyn Smyth

Your tour of Alaska sounds interesting and we have certainly never had one like it. It is too late for this year, but we could list it for 1975. I will pass on your idea to Dr. Graves and if you are willing to scout out the route and lead the tour, I am sure he would be very happy. Let us know more later.

Thank you for your check and I enclose your membership card and information.

Dear Mr. Kirk,

5 April, 1974

International Bicycle Touring Society
846 Prospect St. La Jolla, California 92037





United Methodist Church

Box 907 -- TELEPHONE 443-2865

NOME, ALASKA 99762

February 20, 1975

Representative Helen D. Beirne
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Beirne:

Thank you for your letter of February 18th regarding an Alaska youth hostel system. Accidentally, your secretary neglected to enclose a copy of HB 68, but I had just sent a letter asking for a copy, so I should get that from the editor of the Legislative Newsletter of the Alaska Christian Conference of Churches, where the bill was mentioned.

Here in Nome, the Community United Methodist Church has been officially designated as a Youth Hostel by the local church officials and we affiliated with the American Youth Hostel system for publicity in 1975. Last fall, we found many European students who planned a three hour visit, due to finances, and some decided to stay overnight with us. I feel it is a real service to international understanding to provide such accommodations. Twice the local hotels have called upon us to rescue someone either short of funds or when the hotel was filled to capacity.

Here is a review of usage at Juneau, according to my brief records:

year	individuals served	total overnights	states represented	other nations & overnights represented
1970	403	1,735	36	16 & 135 overnights
1971	383	1,377	36	9 & 128 overnights
(here we lost our facilities to the court house & operated from our home)				
1972		606	31	9 & 42 overnights
1973	60			
1974	150	857	35	15 & 123 overnights.

Countries from which travelers have come: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland. (1974)

Ketchikan has had a hostel for at least the last two summers. Cordova was working on having one.

Attached is an article about a church in Portland that had a good experience with youth hostels, plus a news release I prepared last fall after the designation was attached to our church here in Nome.

Sincerely,

John J. Shaffer
John J. Shaffer, pastor

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Youth Hostel Is 'Unique Ministry' For Small Portland Congregation And Others

Oct 74

How do people "on the road" get a sense of community? If they stay in Portland, they might get it at the Portland Youth Hostel, a two-story gold house at 8366 SW 23rd St.

The hostel was set up two years ago with funds from the national denomination of the Presbyterian Church, and received \$500 from the United Methodist Fund for Reconciliation. More funding may be forthcoming in the proposed Metropolitan Church Extension Society budget.

The hostel is now a project of four churches: Capitol Hill United Methodist, St. Clare's Catholic, St. Mary Presbyterian and Mt. Carmel Lutheran churches.

According to Chris Ward, director, the hostel has two objectives.

"We want to meet the needs for food and lodging of young people who are travelling, and we want to try and bring members of the church into contact with these young people," he said.

Laron Hall, Capitol Hill minister, said "It's involved this church in a very unique ministry. This is the only hostel in the nation operated in a cooperative effort by churches. And kids are amazed to find such a service offered by a church. At the time we started, there was a lot of mutual suspicion between long hairs and church people," he said.

Hall estimated that at least a third of the 200 member congregation has been involved in some way with the hostel.

"Surprisingly, it's not the very young members who are most active at the hostel. It's the forty to sixty age group, those old enough to be the parents of the travelling kids, who have been involved the most," Hall said.

The Capitol Hill congregation is responsible for one week of each month's operation. Members visit with the young people, bring desserts, and help with dinner.

The contact is in a social, not religious, sense. Ward said, "We just try to give a sense of community, by having a meal together and sharing chores."

Hostel meals are vegetarian and some food comes directly from a garden behind the house.

Ward lives at the hostel, and started with it when it opened as part of his internship from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is helped out during the busier summer months by three members of "Volunteers in Mission," an interdenominational church project. Also helping at the hostel is James Pechacek, who works through Youth Manpower Services to help young people find jobs, and also serves as a general resource person.

Ward says about two thirds of the travelers have been men, and there have been people from 15 different countries. Currently studying German at Portland State University, Ward says jokingly, "If I stay here long enough I should be able to pick up many languages."

He says some travelers are hard to reach, and the ones he finds most responsive are those who are "out experiencing things, looking for different experiences."

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COMMUNITY MEAL at Portland Youth Hostel is prepared by Mitsuaki Indo, left, Tokyo, Japan, and summer staff member Scott Smith. Travelers from 15 countries have stayed at hostel since it opened, help prepare evening vegetarian meal.

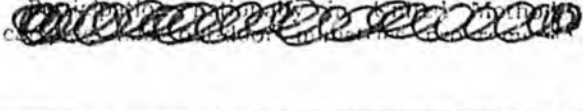
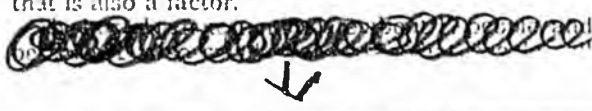
Camping Trend Improves

Figures for the Oregon-Idaho Conference 1974 camping season are not yet compiled, but camping director Bob Harvey said, "We had a good season with registrations generally high."

Harvey said one aspect of camping that sometimes gets little notice is the offering or service project supported by campers.

This year, several senior high camps made Youth Service Fund offerings, and one sent \$172.86 to the United Methodist Home in Salem, Oregon. White Bird Clinic, Eugene, Oregon and Portland's Life Center were fund recipients as were scholarship funds to Malaysia and Chili. The Easter Seal, Heifer Project, and African Drought Relief funds were helped by the young campers.

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hostel can accommodate about 17 people, and because it is so small Ward asks that people call first to be sure there is room. The charge is \$1.50 for a bunk (no bedding) and the meal, quite reasonable for a traveler's budget, Ward says.

The hostel is complementary to other services in the area, and Ward says he'd like to see it stay small. "We've really decided a small facility is good for that feeling of community," he said.

There are other hostels in Oregon under different auspices. The Portland hostel is affiliated with the American Youth Hostel Association. Ward says a group called the "People's Accommodation Network" is trying to start a whole series of low-cost accommodations around the U.S.

The Portland Youth Hostel is located near the corner of SW 23rd Ave. and Barbur Blvd. in the Burlingame area. It takes travelers from 5 to 11 p.m. and closes for the day at 9 p.m. Two meals, at 6:30 p.m. and 8 a.m., are provided, as are washing facilities and bunks. Travelers should call 244-0745. There is a three-night limit. (Story and photos courtesy The Valley Times, Beaverton. Additional material supplied by The United Methodist.)

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Participation nationally in United Methodist camping and out-door ministries programs increased significantly in 1973, according to Melvin A. Moody, Board of Discipleship Consultant to Camping and Christian Education Outdoors.

In 1973, he said 167,917 persons participated in annual conference and district camps, an increase of 23 per cent over the previous year. While complete statistics are not available on local church camping, Mr. Moody said all reports show they too are gaining in popularity. For several years the traditional camping program of the church was in a slump, but Mr. Moody credits an emphasis on creative leadership development and exciting out-door learning experiences with the renewed interest.

Marji Tuell will have an article printed in the November response magazine, for United Methodist Women. It will be a Christmas program suggestion called, The Three Seasons of Christmas. The basic part of the program is about Christmas hymns and carols.

Mrs. Tuell has a certification as a Director of Music in The United Methodist Church and has a special interest in hymnody. She has served as vice president of UMW of First Church, Portland.

Community United Methodist Church In Nome has voted to formally register as a location for an American Youth Hostel in 1975. Motivated in part to be better stewards of the fine facility which exists in Nome, the members also were inspired by the service provided to others in such places as Portland, Oregon, and by some awareness of the international hostel system in other countries.

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NEWS RELEASE

11/24/74

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Cordova Youth Hostel
Box 342
Cordova, Alaska 99574
February 25, 1975

Representative Helen Beirne
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Ms. Beirne:

It has been called to our attention that you have introduced bill #68 in the state House of Representatives proposing a system of youth hostels in Alaska. I represent the Youth Hostel Committee of Cordova, Alaska and we are very pleased to hear that you are interested in setting up a hostel system.

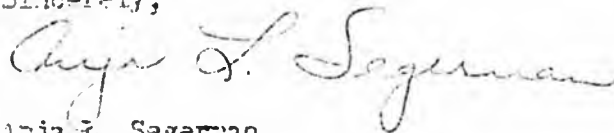
Our group here in Cordova was organized by the Reverend Leslie Fairfield in the winter of 1974. The committee obtained American Youth Hostel membership and we opened for operation on June 10, 1974. We chose the Baptist Community Center for the hostel site because of its size and location downtown near the library and stores and within easy walking distance of hiking trails and Eyak Lake. The building, which we rented, provided two bathrooms and two separate sleeping areas but no shower and no kitchen privileges. The kitchen was open only to the houseparents. Based on just one summer of operation, we feel this was a good location and will probably use it again this year. We are open from June 10th until September 4th. The nightly fee is \$2.00 and we function within the rules set up by the AYH charter.

Last summer our funding came primarily from the city council and partially from private contributions. We paid the houseparents a grocery stipend of \$200.00 per month and provided them separate sleeping quarters. We are hoping to obtain funding again from the city because the hostel did not bring in enough income last year to be self supporting.

We had a total of 109 hostel nights which is a fair turn out considering this was our first year of operation. We're hoping to be included in the AYH directory this year, thus increasing awareness of our existence. Motel and housing facilities are limited here in Cordova and we really felt the hostel filled a need.

Please consider our hostel as part of the system you are trying to establish in Alaska. It is true that Cordova is an isolated community, but it has much to offer in the way of scenery and recreation. If you have any questions about the hostel please feel free to contact us. We would be very happy to support your bill if you should need any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anja L. Segerman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Anja L. Segerman
Secretary

1531 Mill Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

24 February 1975

Rep. Helen Beirne
Alaska House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801


Dear Rep. Beirne:

As a law student interning with the Oregon Legislative Counsel I was made aware of your sponsorship of HB 68. I am an Alaskan and an avid supporter of the youth hostelling movement, having hostelled in Europe, served on the organizing committee of the hostel in Juneau, and having directed hostels in Ketchikan and Salem. I wish to, therefore, express my support for your activities in initiating a state-run program for Alaska.

Hostelling is ideal for Alaska because it encourages people to use the out-of-doors, reduces the expenses for the younger traveller who wants to know his or her country better, and introduces people using such facilities to friendships state, national, and international boundaries cannot limit. These facilities might also well serve to reduce the pressure on communities which otherwise have no accommodations for the young transient worker who can ill afford the prices of tourist accommodations.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation publication "Outdoor Recreation Action", No. 34 has some helpful information on hostel facilities. U.S. Governmental facilities, not otherwise in use, may, under certain circumstances, be developed for hostel accommodations. Mr. Charles G. Ellington, West Coast Regional Director, Office of Economic Adjustment is the federal representative for the West Coast on these matters.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Should the bill be enacted, I would also hope to give some input to the commission on our experiences in hostelling, especially in terms of management and facilities.


Bruce Botelho

Railroad Cars To House Youth Hostel At McKinley

Use of Alaska Railroad renovated cars as housing facilities seems to be contagious these days.

In addition to providing hotel facilities at Mt. McKinley National Park, railroad cars may be used for the 49th state's third youth hostel, officials of the federally-owned line reports.

Plans by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation now call for establishing with four cars the first youth hostel in central Alaska at the Railroad depot inside Mt. McKinley National Park.

Walker Johnston, manager of the railroad, confirmed that four cars, each sleeping 26 people have been set aside for the venture planned to get under way sometime this summer.

Stan Young, a planner out of Seattle's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, explained that while plans are not finalized yet, federal support is forthcoming in the youth hostel.

While not yet affiliated with American Youth Hostels, the new venture would probably honor the international identification hostel card which

allows free use of such facilities.

Young said that a very nominal fee would be charged to those without the card. Negotiations with the con-

cessionaire that now runs Mt. McKinley Lodge are beginning, said the planner, and there is a chance that the hostel will be run by the same concessionaire.

STATE OF WISCONSIN



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February 11, 1975

Rep. Helen D. Beirne
Pouch V
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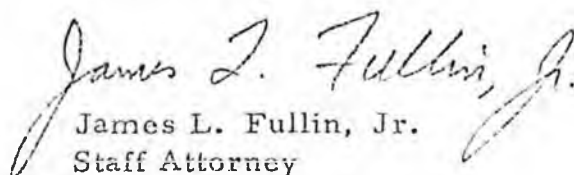
Dear Rep. Beirne:

Wisconsin has never had and has no plans for a system of youth hostels in the state parks. Public funds have not commonly been spent to provide recreational services which the private sector is capable of providing. Although the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources does operate several campgrounds, one golf course and one swimming pool, it has not constructed lodges or cottages for private use in the state parks and forests.

The state is just beginning to develop a system of state trails, but there are no plans to construct overnight accommodations for the users thereof. The 300-mile Wisconsin Bikeway, for example, passes through numerous communities in which trail users can find food and shelter. These establishments, including privately-owned youth hostels, are listed in the state guidebooks.

Please advise us if we can be of further assistance.

Yours truly,


James L. Fullin, Jr.
Staff Attorney

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February 7, 1975

Representative Helen D. Beirne
Alaska State Legislature
House Representatives
P. O. Box 4-BB
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

Dear Representative Beirne:

Thank you for your query about youth hostels in Delaware and the copy of the Alaska legislation. Fact is we have nothing like this in Delaware but the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Philadelphia office, is surveying the state to see if there are feasible locations. When the survey is completed it will be given to the Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, for review. We trust this is useful.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Gibbons".

Jack Gibbons
Research Analyst

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STATE OF OREGON
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL COMMITTEE
February 11, 1975

Dr. Helen D. Beirne
Alaska House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Beirne:

This letter is in response to your communication of 3 February 1975 respecting the creation of an Alaskan youth hostel system.

The State of Oregon has no legislation on the subject and none has, to this date, been introduced in this session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. However, the Oregon Department of Transportation has begun investigation of the matter generally, in conjunction with a proposed Mexico-to-Canada bicycle path sponsored by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of Interior.

I would refer you to two other sources of information with regard to legislation in this matter: Mr. George Tiedemann, Director of Hostels, American Youth Hostels, Inc., Delaplaine, Virginia 22025, and Representative Jess Unruh, of the California Legislative Assembly, Sacramento. The California Assembly recently enacted legislation introduced by Representative Unruh providing for state-operated hostels in California state parks.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS G. CLIFFORD
Legislative Counsel

By *Bruce Botelho*

Bruce Botelho
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The Honorable Helen D. Beirne
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Ms. Beirne:

The Columbus, Ohio chapter of the American Youth Hostels, is historically one of the "pioneer" chapters in the hosteling movement in the United States. The Columbus group began its activities in the 1930's. One of its founders, Dr. William C. Batchelor, is still a very active octogenarian and hosteler. Dr. Batchelor said that in the late 1930's, the Columbus Chapter operated some 12 or more hostels. He said a \$500 matching grant from the Columbus Foundation, awarded in 1937, was instrumental in developing these hostels. The original hostels were built or acquired and maintained by volunteer efforts, without state assistance. The members of the local chapter raised the other \$500 themselves to match the Foundation grant.

Following World War II, the hostel buildings in Ohio were abandoned and disused. One hostel remains usable, near Ohio's "Buckeye" hiking and horseback trail, in Athens County, but no one maintains it.

With the current renewal of interest in bicycling, backpacking, and similar forms of recreation, Ohio has recently enacted two laws that may be of interest to you: a 1971 law providing for all purpose vehicle and snowmobile trails and licensing, and a 1972 law providing for a state system of nonmotorized recreation trails. Copies of the principal sections of law and an analysis of each are enclosed.

Present state trail development plans under these laws call for the establishment of campsites and associated trail facilities, rather than hostels, Adirondack-type trail shelters, and other more elaborate improvements. Ohio's large population already allows the long-distance recreationist a wide choice of motel accommodations, even though they are more expensive than hostels. Farmers who seek additional income from "farm vacations" and private campground developers have sometimes built recreational improvements near trails in Ohio, and may qualify for loans through the Federal Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, or Bank for Cooperatives. A spokesman from the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy told me recently farmers

The Honorable Helen D. Beirne

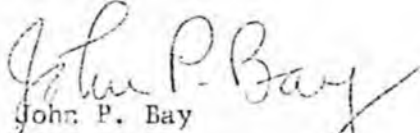
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are helping build commercial campgrounds and hostels along trails in West Virginia with such aid.

This year, bicycling and hosteling interests in the General Assembly will probably focus upon bills designed to use part of the gasoline tax or motor vehicle registration fee revenues for bicycle trail development purposes, and to involve the state Department of Transportation more actively in the development of bicycle and recreational vehicle trails and related facilities.

Sincerely,


John P. Bay
Senior Research Associate

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The Honorable Helen D. Beirne
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Beirne:

We have received your letter of February 3, 1975 relative to youth hostels in Pennsylvania.

May we say there is no specific state law on this subject. In two state parks, namely Ridley Creek in Delaware County and Nockamixon in Bucks County, (both outside of Philadelphia), the Department of Environmental Resources rents a youth hostel to the American Youth Hostel Association. The Department has such authority under the Administrative Code of 1929 as amended to lease to any association a portion of any state park as may be suitable as a site for buildings and facilities to be used for recreational purposes.

A copy of the section of The Administrative Code on parks, 71 Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated, 510-6, is enclosed for your review.

Very truly yours,

Donald C. Steele
Research Director

Enclosure

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STATE GOVERNMENT 71 §510-6

§ 510-6. (Adm.Code § 1906-A). Parks

The Department of Environmental Resources shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

(1) To supervise, maintain, improve, regulate, police, and preserve, all parks belonging to the Commonwealth;

(2) For the purpose of promoting healthful outdoor recreation and education, and making available for such use natural areas of unusual scenic beauty, especially such as provide impressive views, waterfalls, gorges, creeks, caves, or other unique and interesting features, to acquire, in the name of the Commonwealth, by purchase, gift, lease, or condemnation any lands which, in the judgment of the department should be held, controlled, protected, maintained and utilized as State park lands. Such lands may be purchased or accepted, subject to the conditions of any such lease and subject to such reservations, if any, of mineral rights, rights of way, or other encumbrances as the department may deem not inconsistent with such holdings: Provided, however, That the amount expended for the acquisition of lands for State park purposes shall not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for such purposes;

(3) To see that conveniences and facilities for the transportation, shelter, comfort and education of people shall be so designed and constructed as to retain, so far as may be, the naturalistic appearance of State park areas, surroundings and approaches, and conceal the hand of man as ordinarily visible in urban, industrial and commercial activities;

(4) To lease for a period not to exceed ten years, on such terms as may be considered reasonable, to any person, corporation, association, or organization of this Commonwealth a portion of any State park, whether owned or leased by the Commonwealth, as may be suitable as a site for buildings and facilities to be used for health, recreational or educational purposes, or for parking areas or concessions for the convenience and comfort of the public: Provided, however, That the department may, with the approval of the Governor, if a substantial capital investment is involved and if it is deemed in the best interests of the Commonwealth, enter into such leases for a period not to exceed thirty-five years;

(5) To study, counsel and advise in reference to gifts of lands or money for park purposes;

(6) To counsel and advise in reference to the development of park lands by concessionaries with facilities and equipment for the accommodation and education of the public;

(7) To appoint and commission persons to preserve order in the State parks, which persons shall have all of the following powers:

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(a) The City of Philadelphia or the parking authority agrees that the lands and interests and privileges therein shall be used by the city or parking authority, or any lessee or sub-lessee holding under either of them, pursuant to any lease or sub-lease granted by the city or parking authority as may be permitted by law, to promote the establishment of parking services and facilities, but portions of the street level or lower floors of the parking facilities may be leased for commercial use, including emergency automobile repair service and the sale by the lessee of any commodity of trade or commerce or any service except the sale of gasoline or automobile accessories; and

(b) The department, with the written approval of the Governor, determines that the lease or grant (i) will aid in promoting the public safety, convenience and welfare of the people of Philadelphia by aiding in the establishment of adequate parking services for the convenience of the public and otherwise promoting the public policy of the Commonwealth in authorization for the creation of parking authorities, and (ii) will not unduly interfere with the promotion of those public objects for which the State park area was acquired and for which it is held.

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175 P.S. § 191 et seq.
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The subject matter of this section was formerly covered by section 466 of this title. Cross References: Parklands payback pilot project, see 50 P.S. § 6605.

§ 510-7. (Adm.Code § 1907-A). Pennsylvania State Forest School

The Department of Environmental Resources shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 68
 Title: An Act Creating The Alaska Youth Hostel System
 Requested by: House Finance Date: March 3, 1975
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Division of Parks Program: Parks & Recreation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Parks & Recreation

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	28.0
200 TRAVEL		6	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
300 CONTRACTUAL		3	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
400 COMMODITIES		0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
500 EQUIPMENT		0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		25.0	25.0	25.0	30.0	30.0
TOTAL		55.0	56.1	58.0	65.1	68.7

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

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GENERAL FUND		55.0	56.1	58.0	65.1	68.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

It is anticipated that the Division of Parks would administer and regulate the hostel program by working with various non-profit organizations throughout the State. Funding would cover personal services in the form of a Ranger II and one half salary for a Clerk Typist II, travel and per diem for the Ranger and Advisory Committee, supplies and office furniture. In addition, funding is requested in the 700 object code to purchase bedding and supplies at a level of \$250.00 per person unit. The 700 object funding would serve as the initial capital and incentive to attract a non-profit organization into participating in the program. It is our hope that income would go directly to the participating organization and provide the necessary operating capital.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 3, 1975

PREPARED BY: Kathy Jacobson

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Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
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Also, question about the second half of (2) reading "however, nothing prohibits the division from contracting for the services required under this paragraph."

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