

COMMITTEE REPORT

3/13/75

SENATE

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMITTEE
- ( ) reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
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Members signing the Majority report:

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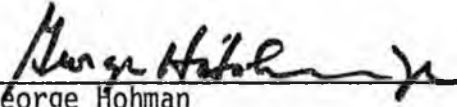
Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 50

Senate Bill 50 allows local schools an option in scheduling their school year. The Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee feels this option is necessary in many Alaskan communities, as fishing and other community schedules often make a standard school year an unnecessary burden to the local community. Therefore, the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee recommends Senate Bill 50 do pass.

  
George Hohman  
Chairman  
Health, Education and Social  
Services Committee

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Hob \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson \_\_\_\_\_

Brad Bradley \_\_\_\_\_

Genie Chance \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Colletta \_\_\_\_\_

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ recommends:
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George H. ... Chairman

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Introduced: 1/23/75  
Referred: Health, Education  
and Social Services and  
Finance

BY CHANCE, ORSINI  
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4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

NINTH... Legislature FIRST... Session

SENATE BILL NO. 50  
By CHANCE, ORSINI, AND WILLIS

"An Act relating to year-round school programs within local school districts."

year-round school programs

Introduced in the Senate 1/23 75, 19....

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

19 75

Read first time and referred to Committee on

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Health, Education and Social Services and Finance

Reported back with recommendation that *Pass*

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*do pass - in Finance*

Read second time and

Read third time and

PASS Effective Date  
Yeas Yeas  
Nays Nays  
Absent Absent  
Excused Excused

Reconsideration

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Reported correctly engrossed  
Signed by President  
Sent to House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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Signed by Speaker  
Returned to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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Received from House

Reported correctly enrolled

Sent to Governor

..... By Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No. ....

REVISED

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

REVISED

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. SB #50  
Title: Year Round School Program  
Requested by: Senate HESS Committee Date: 12-23-75  
Return Date Requested: ASAP  
Agency: Education Program: Pre-Elem-Secondary

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Financial Support Programs

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	-0-	8,100.0	12,757.5	17,860.5	18,753.5	19,669.1
TOTAL	-0-	8,100.0	12,757.5	17,860.5	18,753.5	19,669.1

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	8,100.0	12,757.5	17,860.5	18,753.5	19,669.1
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

Assume 5 per cent growth in Foundation.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Agency comments: Year-Round Schools

V. DATE: 12/30/75 PREPARED BY: William A. Thomas

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

FOUNDATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED FOUNDATION</u>	<u>% OF SCHOOL POPULATION</u>	<u>ADDITION TO THE YEAR</u>	<u>EST. COST INCREASE IN THOUSANDS</u>
77	162,000.0	x .20	x .25 =	8,100.0
78	170,100.0	x .30	x .25 =	12,757.5
79	178,605.0	x .40	x .25 =	17,860.5
80	187,535.3	x .40	x .25 =	18,753.5
81	196,691.2	x .40	x .25 =	19,669.1

1st year: .20 x .25 x 162,000.0 = 8,100.0 (in thousands)

2nd year: .30 x .25 x 170,100.0 = 12,757.5 "

3rd year: .40 x .25 x 178,605.0 = 17,860.5 "

4th year: .40 x .25 x 187,535.3 = 18,753.5 "

5th year: .40 x .25 x 196,691.2 = 19,669.1 "

## YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS

### Background (Nationally)

The term "Year-Round School" has appeared in educational publications for the past 100 years. Before the turn of the century several large metropolitan school districts operated their schools in excess of 40 weeks a year. In rural sectors of the country many schools were operating seven months a year. Somewhere along this time spectrum these two extremes merged to form what is commonly called the traditional school year or nine-month term.

Various attempts were made during the 1930's to restructure the school calendar. Today, school districts that operated on a compulsory or voluntary year-round school program in the 30's are now operating on a traditional nine-month program with educational opportunities being afforded to students for summer enrichment or make-up work.

### Background (Alaska)

Schools in Alaska have shown minimum interest in the year-round school to date. The Greater Anchorage Borough School District has been more active in the area than any other in Alaska. A special committee was appointed by the school board in August of 1971 to prepare a report on the feasibility of year-round school for Anchorage. A report was submitted in August, 1972, in which they recommended

That the Greater Anchorage Area Borough School District implement a school calendar based on the quarter year-round school system and that it move into a year-round school using all five quarters when and if the minimum feasible number of students voluntarily choose to enroll in the third quarter (see detail). Until such time as a volunteer enrollment makes year-round school scheduling feasible, one quarter should be used as an option program.

The Greater Juneau Borough School District Board of Education appointed a committee to study alternative approaches to education through a restructuring of the school calendar. A preliminary report was submitted in the spring

of 1973. No further action has been taken by the board.

### Rationale For Year-Round Schools

The rescheduled school year is generally considered as an economy measure. It can be, but some portions of the savings which can accrue to school systems will go to pay for the costs associated with the changeover. In some schools the rescheduling process may be a catalyst--one which accelerates or sets the stage for a new and more effective educational program.

Learning is a year-round, lifelong process in which the school compliments the home and a variety of other life-education experiences. Year-round schools can provide experiences to students not available to them within the traditional school term calendar because of time limitations and/or seasonal considerations.

Research seems to indicate that the two main reasons why year-round school programs have failed in the past were administrative inability to handle the complicated scheduling problems and public non-support for calendar revisions.

Today, February 1975, the computer age is here. The scheduling procedures which out of necessity were hand-done in the 30's have now been automated. Administrative problems associated with scheduling year-round calendars can now be greatly reduced through computer utilization.

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Name:

Kimberly M. DeLoe

Title: Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Date:

Feb 5, 1975

The Legislature of the State of Alaska  
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PREPARED BY: William H. Brown

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Richard M. Miller

Title: Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Date:

Feb 5, 1975

*Miss Lind*  
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January 27, 1975

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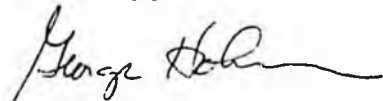
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
George Hohman, Chairman  
Senate HESS Committee

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Referred: Health, Education  
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