

# COMMITTEE REPORT

3/29/76

SENATE

Mr. President:

Date 3/23/76

The Committee on Finance has had SB 590  
instructional units for reading specialists under the public school foundation  
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 SB 594 AND THAT  
CS FOR SB 594 DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>Bill Ray</u>	<u>T. ...</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  
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Bill Ray Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CS SB #599  
 Title: Providing for instructional units for supplementary programs.  
 Requested by: Senate Finance Date: 3-19-76  
 Return Date Requested: ASAP  
 Agency: Education Program: Pre, Elem. & Secondary Education

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.		900.0	985.8	1,078.4	1,178.1	1,285.2
TOTAL		900.0	985.8	1,078.4	1,178.1	1,285.2

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		900.0	985.8	1,078.4	1,178.1	1,285.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

Estimated 30 Units x Average unit value of \$30,000 = 900.0  
 Assume 3% growth in units in succeeding fiscal years.  
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IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 23, 1976 PREPARED BY: William A. [Signature]

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

Bill Thompson, Dept. of  
Education, called 3/23/76:

\$900,000 of General Fund  
money in the fiscal note  
should be put into a line  
item or unit labeled  
"supplementary programs."

Senator Ray said they would go on to SENATE BILL NO. 599 (Instructional units for reading specialists under public school foundation). He asked Commissioner Lind of the Department of Education for his comments.

Commissioner Lind stated that the bill started out as an effort to assist school districts by providing for reading specialists. The School districts are in need of special educational monies, and part of the reason is that they are tightening the meaning of "special education". However, the original bill calls ~~for~~ <sup>only</sup> ~~for~~ For

Reading Specialists. The Department was opposed to that because they don't want to see the State allocating money for specific kinds of teachers. The Committee Substitute is broader and allows the school to use the money as they see fit in order to get at their special needs.

Senator Ray noted that the fiscal note was for \$900,000. He asked how this would be funded. Commissioner Lind replied there was an area in the Foundation Program which speaks to the supplementary portion of it. The Commissioner felt this was the easiest way to do it.

Commissioner Lind went on to say that he was not really sure how many districts would use this additional kind of money. They had tried to estimate by what some of the school districts were already doing, but \$900,000 was probably a conservative estimate. He felt this was the best way to start.

Commissioner Lind pointed out that they haven't always been able to provide help for special cases, and their efforts at remedial education haven't always been too good. This bill would allow for the school districts to develop preventative programs.

The Commissioner concluded by saying the Department recommends that CS SB 599 Pass.

Senator Ferguson moved that they put out CS SB 599 with a "Do Pass" Motion recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

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5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for instructional units for supple-  
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8 program; and providing for an effective date."

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15 may be recommended by the commissioner.

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