

CSSB-43 Am



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Mr. Alan Judson  
Chairman, Legislative Committee  
Alaska State Firefighter's Association  
145 Admiral Way  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Alan:

This letter is to confirm our conversation of May 3, 1975 regarding fire protection and insurance costs.

It is my opinion that insurance costs could be reduced on a state-wide average.

This opinion is based on the theory that the number of approved Fire Departments with approved water supply be substantially increased state-wide.

The rationale for this is if a substantial portion of the insurable property in the state were protected by approved fire services the rating base would be reduced. The key to this is, in my opinion, the coupling of approved fire services and approved water supplies. Minor reductions have been realized in certain areas by merely providing approved Fire Departments. However, these reductions on a general basis are relatively minor.

As mentioned before these are my personal thoughts from experience gained as an insurance agent and broker in Alaska for approximately 10 years. If I can be of any further help to you, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

  
William A. Baker



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The only real difference  
between HBIS & CSSB 43 am  
seems to be Sec. 3; which  
appears to be a housekeeping  
measure, allowing hospitals  
outside ~~the~~ municipalities to  
receive, as well as expend,  
health revenue sharing funds.

House Committee on  
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 to discuss HB 15, CSSB 43am.

Rep. Cotten	Gordon Brunton, Regional fire Chief
Rep. Freeman	Allen Judson, Ak. St. Firefighters Assoc.
Rep. Davis	Rep. Duncan, Sponsor
Rep. Hackney	Bill Hagby, Fire trainer
Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff	Don Berry, Municipal League
Andrea Guernsey, Staff	Jack Chenoweth, director, Local Gov't

ALLEN JUDSON

Mr. Judson said the Alaska State firefighters were in support of CSSB 43. Over the last three years fire money is being spent for other things. For example Hoonah has been using it for their generator problems. he read a letter from Dawson and Company stating that if the fire facilities across the State were upgraded it would reduce insurance rates. The fire underwriters grade each community for insurance premiums but the overall picture is taken statewide.

HOONAH

Hackney asked what sort of equipment Hoonah has? and what their fire loss is? They have a 500 gal pumper but don't know the fire loss in dollars. Rep. Hackney thinks the people in the communities should set the priorities instead of having the State step in and say how to spend the money. Cotten pointed out that SB 43 says the money could be spent elsewhere if the community can show adequate fire protection. Mr. Brunton said Hoonah has 5-10 working fires each year. 80% of these are total losses. This is typical of the rest of AK. in that it is double that of the rest of the U.S. Rep. Freeman asked if Hoonah had a tax base? They have sales tax. He also asked what the city council thought. Judson said they were opposed to the bill because they want to use the money for the electrical system. Cotten said the community had to make its priorities.

M.L. POSITION

Freeman asked Mr. Berry for the Leagues opinion. Don said they were in opposition. It was not originally an idea of shared revenue to earmark the funds. They compromised with SB 43 by saying that the funds could be used elsewhere in original which was later amended out.

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HB 15, CSSB 43  
May 5, 1975

C&RA POSITION

Jack. said hs dept. was in favor with the League's position.

Mr. Brunton suggested disqualifying the title of "fire protection". Don't want to increase fire money to be spent on something else. But some communities only get fire shared revenue, Cotten said.

After further discussion meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

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Choweth  
Don Tandy  
Allen Johnson

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Rating Bureau - Insurance Rates

(Statewide Impact of Ins Rates?)

~~RJDA~~  
RJDA     \$ 64,000 , 76,000

unless the council had an overriding reason to spend it elsewhere.

what reaction from committee

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3,150  
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