

H/B - 595

"An Act relating to the Village Safe Water Act."

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

1/16/76

Mr. Speaker:

Date

1/16/76

The Committee on COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had HR 505

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 _____ 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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<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
_____	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ Chairman

Committee Minutes for
HOUSE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

February 2, 1976

The Committee was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Cotten for discussion of HB 595 and HB 610. Present were:

Rep. Cotten	Latham, Legislative Affairs
Rep. Hackney	Commissioner Gallagher
Rep. Freeman	Ernie Mueller
Rep. Ostrosky	John Schribner, Environmental Cons.
Rep. Davis	Jerry Sargeant, Environmental Cons.
Rep. Ose	Bill Wolfe, MINY
Rep. Hershberger	Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff
	Vicci Hansen, Staff

0000 Commissioner Gallagher was the first to testify on HB 610. He said that the Bond Committee thinks that the money spent on water supply and sewerage is one of the best money that can be spent and what they did was fully fund the total request for the water and sewerage grant program. The department asked 2 million dollars for village safe water and they put one in because that program hasn't been a very successful program. He stated that there are six states who have a water grant program to match monies with local communities & water projects and Alaska is one of those six states. We presently match 25 %. The Governors bill that was introduced would raise it from 25% to 50%.

192 There were specific questions from the committee and the Commissioner answered them.

253 Ernie Mueller spoke next and answered questions.

265 Cotten asked if Mueller anticipated any changes in the eligibility requirements as far as the 30 million dollars were concerned. He asked Mueller to give a brief review of that.

278 Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, there is a federal grant funding program for sewerage treatment works and certain elements of sewerage systems. John Scribner would have details of this program.

It was decided to have further discussion on this bill on Friday, February 6, 1976.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Committee Minutes for
HOUSE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

February 3, 1976

The Committee was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Cotten for discussion of HB 539. Present were:

Rep. Cotten	Sharon Miller, Keith Speckings Aide
Rep. Rudd	Rep. Beirne
Rep. Ostrosky	Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff
Rep. Ose	Wicci Hansen, Staff
Rep. Hackney	
Rep. Hershberber	
Rep. Freeman	
Rep. Kelley	

1320 Barbara Englert Thomas gave a presentation on some data that she felt would be helpful to the committee on discussion of HB 539. She explained two opinions from the Attorney General which were passed out to the committee.

1458 Chairman Cotten provided a break down which was given to him by the Department.

Cotten also pointed out that HB 539 also deals under section 040, with construction monies for hospitals.

1479 Doctor Beirne gave his opinions as to how HB 539 affects him. His interest in the bill stems from the fact that a non-profit corporation in Anchorage for which he is president, has been working on a development of a hospital for the past several years. He answered questions regarding the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Committee Minutes For
HOUSE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

February 4, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Cotten to discuss HB 595 and 610. Present were:

Rep. Cotten	Rep Hershberger
Rep. Ose	Jerry Sargent, Environmental Cons.
Rep. Davis	Bill Wolfe, KINY
Rep. Rudd	Jerry Reinwand, Environmental Cons.
Rep. Ostrosky	Jon Scribner, Environmental Cons.
Rep. Freeman	Alan Latham, Legislative Affairs
Rep. Mackney	Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff
	Vicci Hansen, Staff

(Due to a malfunction in the tape recording equipment, the meeting was not taped.)

House Bill 595 was passed out with a DO PASS recommendation.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing HB 610.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

H/B 595 - Village Safe Water Act.

Changes eligibility requirements for the purposes of the Village Safe Water Act.

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The Act authorizes grants to villages of between 25 + 600 people ^{AWA} ~~1st~~ ^{2nd} class cities.

Originally the act applied only to villages up to 600 + 4th class cities. ~~those~~ ^{1st} class cities ~~became~~ ^{became} 2nd class ^{1972 71112} ~~4th~~ ^{1st} The revision of statutes ^{Bill} ~~amended~~ ^{amended} the language in the Act.

Some problems occur now as there are some ^{2nd class} second class cities of populations well over the 400 required to become 1st class & not being required to do so leaves them in this class.

Inappropriate for these larger communities to be covered, Basic central systems ^{for small} & relying the needs of the larger communities would severely drain the ^{limited} Budget.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE
 Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. _____
 Title: Village Safe Water
 Requested by: Rules at request of Governor Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: ASAP
 Agency: Environmental Conservation Program: _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

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.						
TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

See attached memo

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: _____ PREPARED BY: _____

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

JAN 10 1978

14B 595

The Honorable Mike Bradner
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with AS 24.30.060(b) and the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am transmitting to you a bill to amend the eligibility coverage for the Village Safe Water Act (AS 46.07).

The Village Safe Water Act currently authorizes grants for water supply and sewerage treatment facilities for villages of between 25 and 600 people and for second class cities. The grant program is designed to provide centralized sanitation facilities in only the smallest villages, where conventional water supply and sewerage systems are impracticable. Systems funded under this Act are unconventional in nature and are designed to provide only the most rudimentary forms of sanitation.

As originally enacted, the Act's benefits extended only to villages of up to 600 people, and fourth class cities. (Section 1, ch. 186 SLA 1970.) However, when Alaska's municipal law was comprehensively revised in 1972, the fourth class city classification was abolished. (See Section 2, ch. 118, SLA 1972 and AS 29.08.030.) All former fourth class cities were statutorily reclassified as second class cities (AS 29.08.050(b)), and a revisor of statutes bill implemented the reclassification throughout the Alaska Statutes (ch. 53, SLA 1973, specifically Section 53).

Under AS 29.08.040, a second class city may petition for an upward reclassification if its population reaches 400. However, as with former fourth class cities, there is no provision for mandatory reclassification, regardless of the population rise which the community may experience. (Also see AS 29.18.020.) Whether this would have created problems under former law is problematical; prior statutes did describe fourth class cities only in terms of small villages. (See Section 2, ch. 150 SLA 1957.) However, there exist certain second class cities, such as Bethel and Kotzebue, which have not sought reclassification despite having populations significantly in excess of the 400-person threshold

for becoming first class cities (AS 29.08.040 and 29.18.-010), and well in excess of the otherwise applicable 600-person maximum for participation in the village safe water program. These cities are inappropriately covered under the Village Safe Water Act. Not only is the village safe water program inappropriate for these larger communities, but a grant to such large communities sufficient to meet the full population's needs would severely impair the program's limited budget.

Therefore, I urge passage of this bill to assure that the Village Safe Water Act serves its basic purpose.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Notified

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Dept C & RA

AK Municipal League

Dept. Environmental Conservation (Maria Garcia 2600)