

HB-725

"An Act relating to exemptions from municipal property tax; and providing for an effective date."

# COMMITTEE REPORT

2/11/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date X 3-29-76

The Committee on COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had HB 725

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 HB 725 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:

<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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

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

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[Signature] Chairman

HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 29, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Chairman Cotten for discussion of HB's 797, 798, 725 and 816. Present were:

Rep. Cotten  
Rep. Freeman  
Rep. Rudd  
Rep. Ostrosky  
Rep. Hackney  
Rep. Davis

Rep. Urion  
Alan Latham, Legislative Affairs  
Jerry Sargeant  
Jerry Rhinel, Dept. of C & R A  
Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff  
Vicci Hansen, Staff

0014 Rep. Cotten said that last weekend he and Rep. Rudd had gone to Anchorage and he had a talk with a man named David Hickock from the Alaska Environmental Information and Data Center. Mr. Hickock suggested that he could use the contract and could put to use \$75,000.00. He suggested \$50,000.00 for people to gather the research and the remaining \$25,000.00 to be used for publication and for holding a conference in Anchorage. He suggested that the benefits of having people coming in from different countries would be probably pretty slight. He also suggested that there probably wasn't a lot of new information that would be found through a study like this or as the result of any conference.

00 Cotten asked the Department if they would care to comment on this.

The Department, Jerry Rhinel, said that they really haven't had a chance to discuss this but his reaction was that they would pretty much have to concur with Mr. Hickock's comments. He wonders what they could get for \$75,000.00. He was skeptical about what they get for \$75,000.00.

0111 Cotten said that the point was made that "what do you have right now" -- what if they came to the Dept. and said that they would like to see what their options are for putting in a sewer disposal system up in a certain place, is the Department able to provide a work book of different plans that they might want to use or what their alternatives might be. Is the Department able to provide them with some hard data like that right now.

0127 Sargeant said that they have all kinds of data and you can't put everything into a little pamphlet. There was discussion on this.

The committee discussed the cost of hiring an engineer, the interest of people in having a conference.

It was discussed that on HB 797 the CS should be amended to switch 1 and 2, to amend lines 17 and 21 to delete arctic and sub arctic and insert "Alaskan" on line 21 to delete arctic and insert "Alaskan".

CSHB 797 and 798 were passed out.

0921 Cotten brought up HB 816 which was sponsored by Rep. Urion for changing the home rule power to not allow them to charge over 25%.

Rep. Freeman commented on this. He said that he checked any definition of the home rule authority and come to find out that when you get right down to it the community in question, Homer, is not a home rule city and they are violating the law. Mr. Freeman objected to the bill and said that it wouldn't do anything to accomplish. The committee concurred with Mr. Freeman and the bill was dead.

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HB 725 was briefly discussed and was passed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

AS 29.53.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(7)land of a nonprofit organization committed exclusively to agricultural purposes. In this section agricultural means the use of the land for raising vegetable and fruit crops and does not include the raising and harvesting of grains and forest products. Land zoned for industrial or commercial purposes by the appropriate local municipal or borough zoning authorities shall not be exempted under this paragraph. The purpose of this paragraph is to shelter small nonprofit organizations committing land for agricultural subsistence use and nothing in this paragraph prohibits a local zoning authority from denying the exemption should ~~there~~ there be a written finding that this exemption is being used for land speculation. Local municipal or borough authorities may establish the following zones of restriction on this exemption:

(a)municipal zone-this zone shall reasonably circumscribe the urban area of any first or second class city or village or unified municipality. Within this zone the local zoning authority may establish reasonable limits to the size of any one parcel of land exempted. Should the use of the land exempted within this zone be committed to a different use the owner is liable for the years exempted.

(b)intermediary zone this zone shall reasonably circumscribe that area between urban and rural land and in no event shall it exceed 15 miles distance from the post office closest to the center of any first or second class city or unified municipality, nor exceed five miles distance from the post office or recognized urban center of a village. Should land exempted within this

zone be committed to another use the owner is liable for the years exempted, not to exceed 10 years.

(c)rural zone-this zone may circumscribe the entire jurisdiction of the local zoning authority, excluding the municipal and intermediary zones. Should land exempted within this zone be committed to another use the owner is liable for the years exempted, not to exceed 5 years.

Notified

Att.

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✓ Rep. Parker

✓ At Municipal League (Palmer, McCarter & Doster) X

✓ Dept. C & RA X

✓ Lee Sharp, C & B Tuncan X