

HB-903

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HB 903
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Mr. Sam R. Cotten
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Dear Mr. Cotten:

I highly support HB 903 as this directly affects our seniors. Our seniors are Native and are subsistence living speaking mainly Eskimo. The senior citizens located in different regions in the state also have different needs and are in need of services for them to remain independent and to continue to live in their own homes. Our area is now in the process of losing long-term care facilities available thru the local hospital and if this happens our seniors will have to be shipped to Anchorage where the life is unfamiliar to them with no visitors, diet is different, life is too fast.

There is a great need for statewide coordination between services that are available for seniors. Representatives need to meet at least once a year to discuss needs of the elderly in Alaska. These representatives would be able to compare and discuss all needs of seniors to a greater extent and come thru with more impact.

This is the best proposal and I do hope it will be considered for next year. It is needed to fully serve our seniors.

Please keep me informed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rose Ann Timbers

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Director

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 903
 Title: An act establishing the Division of Senior Citizens
 Requested by: House, C&RA and Finance Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Community & Regional Affrs. Program: Social Services

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Office of the Aging

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		216.9				
200 TRAVEL		45.3				
300 CONTRACTUAL		35.0				
400 COMMODITIES		3.1				
500 EQUIPMENT		2.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		1,288.8				
TOTAL		1,591.1				

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND Match		59.4				
FEDERAL FUNDS		1,466.5				
OTHER General Fund		65.2				

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	8 /	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	96 /	/	/	/	/

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

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Federal guidelines for Title III and VII Programs require quarterly program performance audits of individual sites.
2. Federal guidelines for Title III and VII Programs do not require annual financial compliance audits.
3. All Senior Citizens, over the age of 60 years as defined by the Federal guidelines, qualify for the programs regardless of economic status.
4. The noted changes would be in compliance with Federal Regulations.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: April 19, 1976 PREPARED BY: Lynn A. Wegener

Lynn A. Wegener, Admin. Officer

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

ANALYSIS

If HB 903 became law and the Office of Aging was allowed Divisional Status within the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, the structure of the agency would remain basically the same as it is currently operated within the Department of Health and Social Services. The Program Coordinator of the Title III Program and the Clerk Typist II would be transferred to Anchorage as a large portion of their responsibilities are located in the Northern regions of the State. The Accountant would be assigned to the Administrative Services Fiscal Section which provides the centralized accounting and control functions for the Department. It is felt the duties of the Accountant Clerk II could be absorbed by the existing positions within the fiscal section, therefore deleting this position. The pay grade of the Office of the Aging Coordinator would be raised to a range 24 consistent with the other Division Directors within the Department. The Nutrition Program Coordinator would continue to administer the Title VII projects. The activity level of the Division and the functions of the staff would be monitored before additional structural changes were made.

As the operational costs requested in the FY '77 budget are based on historical trends, the budget requests serves as the basis for our projections. The Grant fund request will remain the same.

OPERATIONAL COSTS-DIVISION

<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>		\$176,592	
Merit increases @ 1 1/2%	<u>2,648</u>		
subtotal	179,240		
Benefits @ 21%	<u>37,640</u>		
Total			\$216,880
<u>TRAVEL</u>			
Monitoring and administration of Aging programs and travel support for Governor's Advisory Council of Aging			45,300
<u>CONTRACTUAL</u>			
Communications	\$ 6,000		
Printing and advertising	2,500		
Rent	18,000		
Repairs	400		
Transport. of personal effects	3,000		
Equipment rental	3,500		
Professional fees	<u>1,600</u>		
Total			35,000
<u>COMMODITIES</u>			
Office supplies and reference materials			3,100
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>			
Office equipment			<u>2,000</u>
 TOTAL			 \$302,280

ALTERNATIVE TO HB 903

An alternative, we feel, should be considered is establishing the Office of Aging as a section within the Community Services Division. Advantages would be freeing the Coordinator of much of the administrative activities, allowing more time to monitor the operation and effectiveness of programs. As this division currently has out-reach into the majority of locations of senior citizens program sites, much of the field monitoring and administering could be combined with other divisional activities.

Under this alternative, a Program Coordinator would retain responsibility for the Title III programs and would be transferred to Anchorage along with the Clerk Typist II position for clerical support. The Nutrition Program Administrator would remain in Juneau and continue responsibilities in the Title VII programs. The Accountant would be assigned to the Administrative Services section, the Clerk Typist III would be retained, the Accounting Clerk II and the remaining two Program Coordinators would be deleted. The functions of preparing the State Wide Plan on the Aging, researching of legislation and statutes and conducting hearing on the State Wide Plan would be performed by a new Research Analyst II position. The Office of the Aging Coordinator would be reclassified to a range 21 consistent with other Project Coordinators within the Department.

OPERATIONAL COSTS-SECTION

<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	\$146,520	
Merit increases @ 1 1/2%	<u>2,198</u>	
subtotal	148,718	
Benefits @ 21%	<u>31,230</u>	
Total		\$179,948

TRAVEL

Monitoring and administration of Aging programs and travel support for Governor's Advisory Council of Aging		45,300
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CONTRACTUAL

Communciations	\$ 4,500	
Printing and advertising	2,500	
Rent	18,000	
Repairs	400	
Transport. of personal effects	3,000	
Equipment rental	3,000	
Professional fees	<u>1,600</u>	
Total		33,000

COMMODITIES

Office supplies and reference materials		2,500
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EQUIPMENT

Office equipment	<u>2,000</u>	
TOTAL		\$262,748

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HB 903

Div of Senior Citizens

(rel/state)

old American Act

Fed funding grants - State \$60,000 Admin match (75/25%)

Authority & respons - Federal - in State Auth

Admin - ~~roughly~~ \$ 200,000

- 10 persons: 3 assoc. coord, 3 acct'g
1 nursing home devel specialist

Title 7 - needs on wheels

Gov's Advisory Committee

Place to C&R - to avoid stigma of "welfare"

Fed law - would let office be subverted into another div - must
be a single planning unit

Objection: of Pioneers Organiz. ^{to putting off a job at Gov.} - not a social problem

Bob Gore - Gov's Advisory Committee member

~~is~~ Poss. the politicality

Don't want any Fed \$ in Pioneers home - would mean Fed control

Fred deferred comment on Div. status until fiscal vote completed

ul's 1st/2nd know - is receiving attention, under City Council
State Dir. Alk Home makers

covered, 231 over 65 in own homes

More need for in-home care

Comm. has approved Cath Ward & built again in NYC. Cond

reg aging groups AAAP, Richard Ketchum

to learn & bring back info of programs of help making

business to be older peo

Fed's Tom in Williamson doing since 11/55 gave it

glaring up to meet the needs

feels Rajiv ought to remain under IITSS

Eliminated employees to much of problem

Div of Health, Mental Health & Social Services ^{and services} all there

Using resources of health & mental health

Can start to work on it

Under whole state, outreach into villages

Legis should appropriate more \$ to keep old people
own homes