

HB-111

"An Act relating to state-operated spay clinics for dogs and cats; and providing for an effective date."

2/3/75

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 1, 1975

The Committee on HESS has had HB 111

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS ✓

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH Individual fees 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:

Susan Sullivan _____

James J. Dan, No Rec

Bill Ose No Rec

James Jackson, DO PASS

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

House

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Ose	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

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Romana Kelley was the prime sponsor of the bill. Gave a briefing of bill. This bill sets a flat fee. Did not include an appropriation to the bill as it would be better to pass the bill as it now stands first. The revenues from the bill would be approximately \$43,000. The financial statement along with this bill was not correct because it did not take this particular bill into consideration. For example, in Anchorage last year there were 700 - 900 animals put to sleep per month because of the inability of the pounds to care for all the animals turned over to them. All inoculation shots would also be included in the spay fee of \$18.

Hackney What is the present situation? Are they spaded by the clinics now?

Kelley No, they are put to sleep after a weeks time and no one claims the animal. They don't have the facilities to keep them any longer than that.

Sullivan If, by chance, when a person was getting a dog from the pound, under this bill it would be feasible for the keeper to suggest the animal be spaded.

Kelley The only opposition I have heard pertaining to this bill is by vetermarians. I have recieved a considerable amount of correspondence in favor of such legislation. Presently, to have an animal spaded, the cost is anywhere from \$45 to \$115. In this bill it is only \$18. Many more people will be able to afford this service.

Ose I move this bill out of Committee with a 'do pass'.

Swanson Second the motion.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so orderd.

MEMORANDUM

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State of Alaska

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

DATE: March 7, 1975

TO: Chairman
HESS Committee
State House of Representatives

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Fred S. Honsinger, D.V.M. *FHS*
State Veterinarian

SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources -
Agriculture - Position Analysis on
HB 111

HB 111 in the Ninth State Legislature is identical to HB 336 in the Eighth State Legislature and HB 637 in the Seventh State Legislature.

Our position on HB 111 remains the same as the testimony presented on the two identical previous bills, and that is that we recognize the overpopulation animal problem in many areas of the State, primarily the urban areas.

Spay clinics will be a partial solution to the areas served, however, as only a percentage of the animals in any given area served will be neutered, there still will remain a large percentage of untreated animals in the area to continue the problem.

We are not aware of any State sponsoring a Statewide Spay Clinic concept. There are, however, throughout the lower 48 States an increasing number of municipal sponsored local Spay Clinic Programs.

In past testimony, we have recommended this type of local concept be followed in Alaska as outlying areas have questioned their tax dollars paying for selected areas receiving the Service.

It might be that local communities could work something out with the local veterinary practitioners for a subsidized clinic program as the four communities mentioned in amending Section 2 AS 03.25.020 have available practitioners and clinic facilities.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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333-6412

POUCH V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801
465-3797
RESIDENCE 886-6159

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 15, 1975

Ms. Charlotte Calhoun
Box 927
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Ms. Calhoun:

Thank you very much for your letter pertaining to HB 111, in which you suggest that the proposed spay clinic be expanded to service rural as well as urban areas.

I agree that the dog population is a problem statewide, and that both rural and urban communities require means with which to alleviate it. Our limitation, however, is budgetary, with resistance being offered to the bill even as it presently reads.

For this reason, you would probably do best to write to Hugh Malone, Chairman of the House Finance Committee, Pouch V, Juneau, stressing the rural need. HB 111 is presently in this committee.

I hope that your efforts meet with success, and again express my appreciation for your letter.

Yours truly,
Susan Sullivan
Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

SS:la

Box 927
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Representative Susan Sullivan
Alaska House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

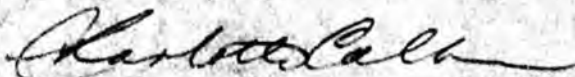
Dear Ms. Sullivan,

I understand that House Bill 111 which provides for spay clinics for cats and dogs has been referred to your Health, Education and Social Services committee. I noticed in reading the bill that the clinics are to be are to be in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan, at least four times a year. I realize this is proposed this way because of the population concentrations, however, there is none-the-less a very real need for such clinics in the rural communities many of which do not have any veterinary services at all, consequently the dog and cat population continues to grow at a high rate.

I would like to recommend that the bill be amended to provide that the clinic be sent to other communities, if the local governing body should request it. I realize cost could be a problem and possibly it should be required that the community pay the transportation costs to get the clinic to their area. I believe allowing this clinic to get into the rural areas would be doing a great service for them, and I believe the local Council's would be willing to pay such travel expenses to have such a service available. I have heard the Homer Council discuss the need for spay clinics more than once.

I certainly hope this legislation receives favorable action by the legislature. It is badly needed.

Yours truly,



Charlotte Calhoun

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 23, 1975

Marie I. Ginsin
225 W. 23rd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Ms. Ginsin:

Thank you for your petition showing support of House Bill 111, pertaining to state-operated spay clinics for dogs and cats.

In recognition of the need to control the dog and cat population, our committee passed this bill out to the Finance Committee with a unanimous "do pass" recommendation on April 1.

It is unlikely that the bill will come to the House for a vote until next year, but I will watch its progress closely and do whatever I can to expedite its passage.

Yours truly,

Susan Sullivan

Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

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same sent to list of names on petition

HB 413?

Anchorage, Alaska
February 10, 1975

State Legislators
State Office Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Legislator:

I am writing to ask you to enact or support legislation to require Distemper shots for domestic dogs and cats in much the same way that Rabies shots are required. As Distemper is an airborne virus it is imperative that all dogs and cats be inoculated in order to lessen if not end this disease that affects so many animals.

Also, will you please support House Bill No. 111, introduced by Representative Kelley to operate spay clinics in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan for the spaying of domestic dogs and cats of private owners, the fee for which may not exceed \$18 an animal; the fee shall include inoculations against distemper and rabies, etc. Many people would be more than glad to have their animals spayed but cannot afford the exorbitant charges for this service.

Any support you can give will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fay W. Malone

Fay Malone
406 East 5th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Susan Sullivan

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 22, 1975

Fay Malone
406 East 9th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Ms. Malone:

Thank you for your letter pertaining to spay clinics for cats and dogs. The House HESS Committee has passed out House bills 111 and 435, dealing with this subject, both with a "do pass" recommendation. Both bills are now in the House Finance Committee.

I do not believe that any bills have been introduced requiring distemper shots for domestic dogs and cats.

Please feel free to contact me in the future on matters that concern you. These letters better enable me to dispense my duties as legislator.

Yours truly,

Susan Sullivan

Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

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TOM BRADLEY
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
ANIMAL REGULATION

ROOM 410, CITY HALL SOUTH
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90012

485-5771

ROBERT I. RUSH
GENERAL MANAGER

February 20, 1975

Ms. Betty McKean
Box 19943 Klatt Station
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Ms. McKean:

Your mailgram requesting information regarding the Los Angeles City public low cost Spay and Neuter Clinic program reached my desk this morning for response.

I am enclosing our 1974¹ progress report, the latest we have compiled on the program. I am also enclosing two more recent press releases providing statistics relative to the program.

The press release, dated September 4, 1974 provides late statistics--the latest I have compiled--on the impoundment and destruction of animals since the inception of the spay-neuter clinic program.

We have five veterinarians working in the three city clinics. Each veterinarian averages ten surgeries per day. The number of fatalities is less than one per cent. The animals are thoroughly examined and must be in good physical condition before they are accepted for surgery.

All necessary inoculations pertinent to the operation are included in the cost of surgery--\$17.50 for spaying and \$11.50 for neutering. Type of inoculations: See enclosed brochure.

Cost factors, as they developed last year, are cited in the 1974 Progress Report.

The clinics are considered to be very successful. They are not financially self-sustaining at this date, but are providing a needed service for city pet owners who can not pay the higher fees charged by private veterinarians. Because of public participation at the public clinics, there are less unwanted stray dogs and cats to be impounded and eventually destroyed.

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The ultimate hope of the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Regulation is to have a spay-neuter clinic at each of its six animal shelters. Our next step involves the expansion of one of the existing clinics in a new animal shelter which will replace an outmoded shelter.

From the inception of the clinic program February 17, 1971 (when the first of three clinics was established) 23,020 cats and dogs have been altered. Following the opening of the first clinic in 1971, two other clinics were opened in May and June of 1973.

I hope the enclosed information assists you in your planning.

Very truly yours

James McNamara

James McNamara
Public Relations

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. H.B. 111

Title: State Operated Spay Clinics

Requested by: Hess Committee, House

Date: 3-6-75

Return Date Requested: ASAP

Agency: Natural Resources

Program: Agriculture

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Agricultural Inspection

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	32,000	34,000	36,000	38,000	40,000	42,000
200 TRAVEL	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,000
300 CONTRACTUAL	21,000	21,500	22,000	22,500	23,000	23,500
400 COMMODITIES	5,600	5,600	5,600	6,000	6,000	6,000
500 EQUIPMENT	7,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	25,000					
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	95,600	69,100	71,600	72,000	78,000	80,000

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	95,600	69,100	71,600	72,000	78,000	80,000
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	24/	24/	24/	24/	24/	24/

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

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Budget attachment is one submitted in 1972 by Mercy Crusade the prime sponsors of an identical bill in the 7th State Legislature.

V. DATE: 3-6-75

PREPARED BY: F. S. Honsinger, D.V.M.
State Veterinarian

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

HB 111

REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN SULLIVAN
Pouch V
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

We are a group of concerned citizens who urgently advise a favorable consideration of House Bill No. 111, state operated spay clinics for dogs and cats.

At the present time, the GAAB Animal Shelter exterminates an average of 1200 animals per month. These animals are deserted, or a product of an unwanted litter. We strongly feel that if the spay charge was a reasonable dollar figure, more people would have their pets spayed and therefore dilute the over population of these creatures.

With the projected increase of population, we can assume the problem will increase with unwanted pets as well. House Bill No. 111 would be a preventative measure against this. Please, vote for the passage of this bill.

Maria J. Winters
225 W. 23rd Ave
Anchorage 99503

Barbara A. Cook
P.O. Box 1006
Anchorage, AK 99510

J. Rude
277 W 23rd Ave
Anchorage AK 99503

Andrea Miller
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Anchorage, AK 99503

Karen Porter
Gen Del
Bethel AK

Paul Wilms
4247 W 88th
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Collin Kutz
843 W 17th #210
Anchorage, AK

(Susan, I still have your sign on my front yard - Please see to it that this bill is approved - Dec)

Ms. D. L. Lane
4434 E. 5th Ave
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Ronda Conatser
SFA Box 201
Anchorage AK 99507

Kurt Rein
7524 Zurich St
Anch.

Linda My Jane
Anch, Alaska

Leryl Nutting
4003 Minnesota Dr.
Anch.

Judith J. Kalkins
P.O. Box 4-1215
Anchorage, AK 99509

Ronald E. Cooper
1711 W. 27th Ave
Anchorage

Jayne A. Mariner
225 W. 23rd Ave.
Anchorage AK 99503

Rosary J. Winters
5516 W. Maple Circle
Anchorage 99504

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Yah!

BUDGET - PROPOSED BY MERCY CRUSADE

10x40 Trailer - \$24,000

100	Veterinary Assistant	\$9,200.
200	Travel-Moving expense for trailer	2,000..
300	Contract-5,000 pmt on trailer	5,600.
	600 interest	
	500 heat	500.
	100 refuse	100.
	600 pad rental	600.
	3,800 Vet. Travel	3,800.
400	Veterinary Supplies	7,200.
	Office Supplies	3,600.
	Incidental	2,000.
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	TOTAL	\$59,600

No provision for hiring veterinarians - additional personal service cost if present State hired veterinarians can not be utilized.



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature House

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as not sent
& appropriate
Dept.*

February 4, 1975

Fred McGinnis, Commissioner
Dept. Health & Social Services
Pouch H
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner:

We have, in the Health Education and Social Services Committee, HB 107 which pertains to the possession of drugs, and HB 111 relating to spay clinics for dogs and cats.

We would like to place these bills on our calendar in the near future. If you have any background information that may be useful in our meetings, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Susan Sullivan

Susan Sullivan, Chairperson
Health Education & Social
Services

Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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