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"An Act relating to child care centers in state office buildings; and providing for an effective date."

5/6/75

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date

5/6/75

The Committee on HESS has had SSHB 349

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:

Susan Sullivan _____

John P. Peterson _____

John J. Peterson _____

Thomas J. ... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

Lawrence D. ... recommends: no Rec

John P. Peterson recommends:

John J. Peterson recommends: DO NOT PASS

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
House

SSHB 349

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 1975

Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

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

HCR 49

Parr Explained purpose of the Resolution.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous 'do pass'.

Chairman No objection, so ordered.

SSHB 349

Sullivan - Drew up sponsor substitute per the Committee's recommendation.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 465

Mr. Spazianni Vocational Rehabilitation

There is available 1/2 million dollars in Federal funds for this program.

Parr Is this to be matched by the State?

Spazianni - No.

Ostrosky What is the \$160,000 for?

Spazianni - To bring on staff and get the program off the ground.

Beirne - Move out with a 'do pass'

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 461

Swanson - I don't expect to do anything with this bill until next year.

Chairman - If there is no objection, I'll move this bill out with individual recommendations. No Objection, so ordered.

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SSHB 376

Beirne Gave briefing of the bill. The Interim Committee Bill had been cut by the administration to \$283,000, then the Governor cut it to \$57,000. This bill is asking to have more monies put back into the bill to make it workable. Back to \$571,295.00.

Chairman Asked for a motion to the bill.

Beirne Move out with a do pass recommendation.

Chairman Hearing n o objection, so ordered.

Adjourned.



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HB 349

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
Davis Swanson
Hackney
Ostrosky

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

HB 443 Correspondence Study

Commissioner Lind spoke against the bill as such. (See position paper) Also spoke briefly to SB 367. The state should be responsible for the correspondence study program. We don't see any problem with the present operation. 367 speaks to the development of a division. Adult education and correspondence study should perhaps be merged.

Hackney What has been the feed-back from the school districts themselves and also from the individual from the correspondence homes?

Lind Response from parents has been negative to any change. they are happy to the present system.

Beirne Line 21 (SB367) Isn't this saying that the borough will pay back into the Dept. At the present time, how much are they giving back?

Lind Yes, 500 out of 15. a-1 this would do is raise the amount going back to the Dept. It has been completely a State program but depending on the location they may need more than \$1500. The entire amount given to them for correspondent study must be spent only for that purpose.

Beirne I read it to say that the 1/3 will be returned to the Dept.

Lind I think this is true in the unorganized boroughs. All this will be altered with the passage of HB 24.

Hackney Would you consider it necessary to have that handled on a division basis?

Lind No. building all the components together, I think you would be taking up division justification, I don't recommend the establishment of division.

Williams Dept. of Education.

Sullivan What kind of functions would be handled with the local level?

Williams Options, depending on the readiness, the total responsible would mean the delivery of study to students, this covers correspondence with the parents, training teachers, home visitations, providing own curriculum materials.

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Sullivan Why would this be helpful?

Williams Places the operation closer to the people receiving the services. More sensitive to the needs of the students in their area. The program operates with it doing home visitations and one to do the study services. There isn't enough coordination of student needs. Provides a unified service to the students. Concerned with the quality of the program to the student in the home.

Lind The School Districts only provide so much. A smaller village or town would be provided for by the State until they are ready or the closest borough is ready to help themselves. This could take quite sometime.

Hackney This is my concern, if Fairbanks would be able to handle the outlining areas.

Margaret Justice I think HB 443 is very farreaching. Preschool should be encompassed and also post-secondary until the government decides to fund such levels. Something great happens when parents teach their youngsters. The state has a choice to develop a system called home study and this is a unique and important change. We must have a choice for our children, at the present time we don not have this choice, they are required by law to go to public school whether they are learning or not. We would like to have the opportunity to prove to you that a centralized correspondence study is the right of the individual and hopefully this trend would spread to other states.

Beirne ASked that the bill be held over until a work study could be done in this area and prepare the members to vote.

Chairman It was unanimously agreed upon, bill held over.

HB 349 Everett Simpson, Chief Architect for the Div. of Bldgs.
Almost impossible to come up with the total costs for such construction. Based on 12 child capacity, it would require 800 sq. ft. or 80\$ per sq. ft = \$64,000 for new facilities.

Sullivan Point of contention here, I am under the understanding that \$35 sq ft was the licensed rate we used in Anchorage, including restrooms corridors etc.

Simpson According to 1973 Building Code it is 50\$ per sq. ft.

It was decided that Mr. Simpson would do further study in the area and study a re estimated cost of expenditure to the state.

Meeting adjourned.



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JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-26-75

Members Present:

Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. to take up DAY CARE bills.

Rick Davidge-Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks

The need is great for child care on the Fairbanks Campus. (Handed out material) The problem once again is due largely to pipeline impact. There are presently six facilities in the Fairbanks area, 162 children is the total capacity and there is a waiting list that is endless. We have taken a survey and come up with 300 children who are related to the University, and if they were to be taken out of the community centers and put in U of A centers, this would allow for the low income families to take advantage of the present centers. Three things we are trying for are: 1) money, 2) authorization, 3) cooperation. In the area of money, operating costs, capital improvements, and revenues, which would be put back into the program. We primarily interested in 3 year olds and up.

Ose What will this cost per child per day?

Davidge\$1 per hour per child per day. It is pretty much in line with the costs of the State Day Care Center operations now.

Ose Will this be for low income groups?

Davidge No, this will be for students, student families, and staff at the U of A.

Ose Have you looked into the possibilities for Federal support of this?

Davidge Our major problem is in the area of the facilities on or near the Campus to meet state requirements. (gave breakdown of financial aid, see attached) Childcare is not a new program to the University, We have requirements in childhood and early development and this would be extending our academic program that would also function as a campus service.

Hackney I am questioning the \$29,000 yearly salary for the coordinator?

Sullivan I agree with you Mr. Hackney, that sounds too high.

Davidge \$14,000 to \$20,000 is presently being paid in the local Fairbanks area for this service. This person would also be a registered nurse.

Sullivan Is there anyone who is going to introduce this Legislation for you?

Davidge Yes, the Fairbanks delegation of both houses will be putting together a bill after reviewing this material. Everything here has been developed by the students and this is the first time in 20 years this has happened. I think you have a very good point on the salary level for example and I'm sure changes will be made with the introduction of a bill.

Sullivan Thank you Mr. Davidge and we will continue discussion on this presentation when we have a bill to work with.

HB 161 & 162

We have had previous discussion on these bills. They should be going to CRA and I would like to get these two bills moving and on to that Committee. The basic thrust of -these bills is to make day care available on a sliding scale to people who prefer not to receive AFDC monies.

Swanson We should move these bills on to CRA, and I make a motion to that effect.

Without objection, So ordered.

HB 349 Ms. Sullivan gave Committee a few minutes to read over bill.

Hackney How big and How many? In section 'C', I wonder if we aren't setting up a privledged class?

Sullivan I see your point, what would you suggest?

Hackney Again your giving state employeed something the general public isn't getting. It would almost have to be a condition between wage and state employees. I would like to hear from the AG on this matter. SEC. G may be a conflict with competitive day care centers.

Senator Chance Other employees could start providing these services, it could be by Federal Regulations tax deductible to the business. I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce as to this idea.

Swanson I think what we are trying to do is to add space or construct new space in new buildings for these services. Maybe we could contract its operation out o run the actual day care centers. All we are doing here is to put the facility in the buildings. If we kept it on a business basis it would be alright.

Senator Chance Back in WWII this was common practice as men went to war, to attract women to come to work, facilities were placed in many businesses. When the war was over, day care was dropped in these businesses to get women back into homes and let the men have the jobs.

Sullivan I think this bill has significant payback possibilities.

Hackney I would like to get the AG's opinion.

Ann from LAA I don't think you are going to have any Constitutional problems here.

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Day Care

Susan Clark The Federal people are providing day care, I can get the backup material on that for you.

Ose Who will make the Study?

Sullivan That's a good question and I wanted to bring this up for suggestions.

Hackney I al so think it would be important to define 'renovation' also a survey as to how many children will be involved per building.

Susan Clark I have just completed a survey in the Federal Building. Sent questionnaires out and will make a report available to the Committee on my findings.

Sullivan This will also take the pressure off of local day care centers to let low income families have these services available.

Meeting was adjourned and work session was continued on the bill.

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January 7, 1976

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Thank him
for letters -
sorry about
slow answer*

Dear Representative Sullivan:

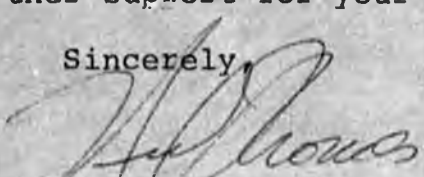
Your substitute for House Bill 349 creates a welcome opportunity for all State employees who have difficulty in obtaining child care services. Since women in our society generally accept most of the burden for caring for children, the failure of the State to provide day care services almost rises to the level of sex discrimination.

It also strikes us as good public policy to provide such services, because our employees will likely be more efficient and productive if their children are easily accessible to them. We now have situations in which employees constantly must be leaving work to attend to various types of emergencies all over our cities, when such things could usually be attended to in the same building.

Your approach of contracting such services to local organizations and putting the entire cost on State employees is probably the most wise start. Perhaps subsidy in the form of fringe benefits for such care is a step farther in the future. But for the moment, it should be relatively easy to convince legislators to take the first step contemplated by your bill, since nothing more than the type of arrangement which we have for food service presently is proposed.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything you wish us to do to express further support for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Niel Thomas
Executive Director

NT:mdd
cc: Commissioners

Enclosure: HB 349

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HB34?

May 6, 1975

Re: Legislative Correspondence
131-08

The Honorable Susan Sullivan, Chairman
Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Sullivan:

Pursuant to Everett Simpson, Chief Architect, Division of Buildings, appearing before your committee on May 1, 1975 regarding House Bill 349, Day Care Centers, the following cost estimates are submitted.

These estimates are all based on 40 children at 50 square feet per child or a total of 2,000 square feet.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost Breakdown</u>	
Anchorage	Construction $80/\#$	\$160,000
	Design	12,000
	Division of Buildings' Administration	3,000
	Division of Buildings' Inspection	3,200
	Contingency	9,600
	Total	\$187,800
	Fairbanks	Construction
Design		15,000
Division of Buildings' Administration		3,750
Division of Buildings' Inspection		4,000
Contingency		12,000
Total		\$234,750