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STATE
of ALASKA**MEMORANDUM**TO: Fran Ulmer, Special Assistant
Office of the Governor

DATE : March 3, 1976

FROM: Francis S.L. Williamson *FSW*
Commissioner
Department of Health and Social
ServicesSUBJECT: Proposed legislation relating to
the funding of areawide health
planning and development activities.*8/4*
HB 879

Attached is a proposed bill relating to state funding of Health Systems Agencies established in Alaska under PL 93-641.

Under terms of PL 93-641, Health Systems Agencies (HSA's) will be responsible for health planning and development activities on a regional basis throughout the United States. Three such agencies are to be conditionally designated in Alaska: in the Southeastern, Southcentral and Northern areas. It is anticipated that some \$115,000 per HSA will be available from the federal government. The legislation attached proposes to grant "seed" money from the state to each agency, beginning with \$100,000 the first year, and declining each year thereafter by \$25,000, so that in the fifth year of operation no additional funds will be granted by the state.

In addition, the state will offer an incentive to the regional areas concerned to contribute to the costs of health planning and development activities. Local contributions will be matched on a progressive scale, beginning with \$25,000 and increasing each year thereafter by \$25,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 in the fifth and succeeding years of operation. The objective is to involve the larger municipal areas (such as the Municipality of Anchorage), the native Regional Corporations, the AFN, and other groups with an interest in comprehensive health planning, in the planning efforts of the HSA. This is an important provision in that it encourages all entities engaged in health planning within a region to cooperate in the planning activities of its respective Health Systems Agency.

Attachment

_____ BILL NO. _____

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to planning grants for areawide health planning and development activities."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*Section 1. AS 18.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

ARTICLE 2. HEALTH SYSTEMS

AGENCIES.

Sec. 18.07.110. PLANNING GRANTS TO HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCIES_ (a) The department shall award grants to health systems agencies established in Alaska pursuant to PL 93-641 in amounts determined in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) \$100,000 during the initial year as a designated health systems agency and in declining amounts of \$25,000 for each succeeding year as a designated agency such that in the fifth year of operation no additional funds will be forthcoming except that

(2) from the initial year of designation, matching dollars shall be provided equal to the contributions provided to the designated health systems agency by local sources as allowable under PL 93-641, but not exceeding:

\$25,000 the first year of operation;

\$50,000 the second year of operation;

\$75,000 the third year of operation; and

\$100,000 each succeeding year of operation.

(b) The department shall promulgate regulations governing the administration of these grants consistent with state accounting procedures.

I. REQUEST
 Bill No. HB 879
 Title: An Act relating to planning grants for areawide health planning & development
 Requested by: _____ Date: _____ activities: _____
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Health & Social Services Program: Comprehensive Health Planning

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Planning and Research

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.	0.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	300.0
TOTAL	0.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	300.0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	375.0	300.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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

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

These grants are determined by a specific formula relating to local contributions to health systems agencies. The fiscal detail above assumes maximum local participation in funding of health systems agencies, of which Alaska will have three. The formula mechanism is designed to allow survival of health systems agencies until local funding sources are developed with the portion encouraging this development.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Health systems agencies are a requirement of PL 93-641, the Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974. The function of the agencies is to provide greater local participation in the health planning process and greater participation

IV. ATTACHMENTS

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V. DATE: March 3, 1976 PREPARED BY: _____

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

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IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Continued):

in the distribution of health resources provided by the federal government. Plans developed by these agencies are incorporated into an overall state health plan by the designated state agency to ensure consistency at the statewide level. PL 93-641 specifically mentions the inclusion of HSA's in the allocation process for programs funded under the Public Health Service Act, the Community Mental Health Centers Act, and the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970.