

HCR

105

COMMITTEE REPORT

2/17/76

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date _____

The Committee on H E S S has had HCR 105

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS AS AMENDED

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:

[Signature] _____

[Signature] DO PASS _____

[Signature] _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE:

By: House HESS

To: _____ HOUSE BILL No. HCR 105

SENATE BILL No. _____

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LINE: 21

after the word services, add "within existing resources"
delete "prepare and submit an application for"
add "seek information on"

line 22 - after the word eligible put a period
delete "under designation as a medically underserved area"

add new paragraph that reads: "Be it further resolved, that before the
Department submits an application for Federal grants or any other, the
application be approved by Legislative Budget and Audit Division of
Legislative Affairs."



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HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 19, 1976

Present: Parr Hackney Davis
 Ose Swanson Sullivan

Testified: Janice Gates, Planning & Research, Dept. H&SS
 Noel Smith, Office of Aging
 Russ. Gentle, Div. of Pub. Assistance
 Roslyn Reeder, Div. of Pub. Assistance

HCR 102 - Availability of health services to public - Ostrosky

Janice Gates, there is already a Directory publication being printed right now, would be for everybody, not just recipients, doctors, etc. Maybe this would qualify for this bill. Will have one put in everybody's box next week.

Committee feels that they should postpone any action until they have an opportunity to read the directory from H&SS. HCR 102 tabled for one week.

HCR 104 - Support for existing health facilities - Ostrosky

Janice presented dept. position paper, agrees with resolution

Ose - motion to table HCR 104, passed

HCR 105 - Funds/ programs for medically underserved areas - Ostrosky

Janice - dept. supports the concept.

Hackney - doesn't want us going after any fed grants without going through some sort of state, in house committee. Also would like dept. to research available grants, but not go after them till somebody can decide. State ends up with all these fed grants and as their phased out, state must pick up tab.

Committee discussion related to all resolutions seemed pretty negative because of what Hackney just stated.

Parr , amendment line 21, insert after services, "within existing resources" this would delete any fiscal implications from dept. They would have to utilize existing personnel.

Amendment passed.

Hackney - amend line 21, delete "prepare and submit an application for" insert, "seek information on"



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Hackney amendment - line 22 period after eligible. Add "be it further resolved, that before the Department submits an application for federal grants, or any other, the application be approved by Legislative Budget and Audit Division of Legislative Affairs."

Amendment passed

Move to pass HCR 105 out, moved out with individual recommendations.

HCR 103 - Eligibility for admission to pioneer homes - Ostrosky

Sullivan moves that we hold till we find out if there was a study in 1972 concerning this issue. This was suggested by member. David Freer will get back to us on this issue.

HCR 106 - Health care reimbursement mechanisms - Ostrosky

Russ Gentle, dept. currently looking into this, so they do not feel this resolution is needed

Committee referred to the fact that this resolution is once again asking for more grants, referred to Hackneys problem with this that state usually ends up having to take over.

Committee decided to hold this for awhile/

HCR 101 - Uniform acct and reporting of health institution - Ostrosky

Dept. presented position paper on this.

Committee feels that dept. of admin. should provide a fiscal note on this (contacted dept. of Admin for fiscal note)

Parr amendment, page 2, line 2 "comma" after 93-641 add "to", delet "and"

motion passes

Parr amendment page 1, line 26, after administration , add ,"Comma" add "within existing resources",

Passes

Committee decided to hold bill over.

HB 742 not heard, will hold over

POSITION PAPER

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

"Requesting the submission of applications for funds or programs for Alaska under designation as a medically underserved area."

This Resolution urges application for grant funds available in support of demonstration and research in health care delivery to underserved rural areas. Grants are funded at a maximum level of \$200,000 per year, decreasing in amount for two successive years. It is questionable whether the Department could participate in this grant program this year, as the deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 1976.

National concern with the maldistribution of health care personnel and facilities and with the escalating costs of primary health care services has led to an interest in the demonstration or pilot project as a test of innovative methods of delivering and financing health care services. With the advent of national health insurance on the horizon, it is not unrealistic to assume that more such grant programs will be offered. For this reason, the Department of Health and Social Services favors maintaining a posture receptive to grant program application opportunities.

Specifically, the Department would favor creating a current library of grant information, with responsibility for the dissemination of materials throughout the Department and for technical assistance in the preparation of grant applications attached to it. The proper maintenance of such a library and the coordination of resource materials with appropriate departmental offices and divisions would require a position, at least on a part-time basis, preferably within the Office of Planning and Research in the Commissioner's Office. In this way, the underlying intent of HCR 105, as interpreted by the Department, would be met to the potential benefit of the state as a whole and particularly of the medically underserved areas contained therein.

Although the Department generally favors the concept presented in HCR 105, fiscal implications (as in the attached Fiscal Note) would place the measure outside the Governor's Budget. The Department cannot, therefore, endorse HCR 105.

Recommended by: Richard Renninger
Richard Renninger, Acting Coordinator
Office of Planning and Research

March 2, 1976
Date

Approved by: Francis S. L. Williamson
Francis S. L. Williamson, Commissioner

3/8/76
Date

I. REQUEST
 Bill No. HCR 105
 Title: Requesting the submission of applications for funds for Alaska
 Requested by: Commissioner, Department Health & Social Services
 Return Date Requested: February 26, 1976
 Agency: Dept. Health & Social Services Program: Planing & Research

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

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	12.5	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
200 TRAVEL		3.5				
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	18.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	18.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/ 1	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/ 6	/	/	/	/

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

Part-time position, range 17.

Inflation factor of 10% used for succeeding years.

Travel and telephone charges-to confer with service delivery organization to be included in the applications.

We support the concept, but cannot recommend an increase in the Governor's budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 2, 1976 PREPARED BY: Richard Ringer

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