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# COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

3/10/76

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 2, 1976

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had HCR 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 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:

<u>Susan Sullivan</u>	<u>Do Not Pass</u>	_____
<u>Kathryn Ostrosky</u>	<u>" " "</u>	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>Gene Wadsworth</u>	recommends:	<u>Do not pass</u>
<u>Alvin Ostroback</u>	recommends:	<u>No peck</u>
<u>Charlie Plon</u>	recommends:	<u>Do Pass</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends:	<u>Do pass</u>
_____	recommends:	<u>[Signature]</u>

Susan Sullivan Chairman



# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HOUSES HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2, 1976

Present: Hackney Osterback Ostrosky  
Beirne Sullivan

Testifying: Kay Smith, Dept. of H&SS  
Larry Sullivan, Dept. of H&SS  
Jack Chenowith, A.A. Pat Rodey

### HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service - Rules

Ramona Kelley - explained reason for this resolution, predominately fiscal justification.

Committee - ~~no action~~. *passed out - do not pass rule*

### HB 790 - Contract Agreements/Adoption Service - Buchholdt

Buchholdt, explained why she introduced the bill and how it could save some state \$.

Kay Smith, representing depts. position. Dept. favors this bill for future needs. no \$ for FY 77.

### SB 511 - Adoption by step parents - Rodey

Jack Chenowith, representing Rodey,

Kay Smith presented dept. position. Would like to define step-parent with the child.

Move to accept Dept.s amendment.

Committee decided to pass bill out with amendment.

### HB 467 - Catastrophic illness aid - Beirne

Larry Sullivan, represent dept. position. In favor of concept and favor passage with fiscal note as presented with dept. position paper.  
Amend line 25 delete "who has suffered at catastrophic illness"  
line 26 & 27 delete "appointed by the gov."  
Unanimous do pass for CSHB 467 as amended.

### HJR 67 = Medicare and Hemophilliacs - HESS

DO pass, no objection, moved out.



# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

COMMITTEE MEETING HOUSE HESS

MARCH 26, 1976

Present: Sullivan Ostrosky  
Parr Beirne Osterback

Testifying:  
Elizabeth Shaw, NASW  
Janis Price, NASW  
Sister Andrea

### HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service Area - Rules

Sister Andrea - opposed to the bill- wants three HSA

Renninger, Dept. H&SS, also supports three HSA conceptually and fiscally

Bill not moved on,

### HB 367 -Social Workers Licensing - Beirne

Beirne spoke on revised version of the bill, revised with assistance of Sharon Andrews, director of licensing. Went over provisions of the bill with committee. Some changes made on the draft

Mr. Price, Dept. H&SS, discussed minor points of bill. Stated that the bill requires all new employees to have MSW or change their title or requirements of certain jobs to hire people. Dept. does not have to fire any S.W. who are employed now or don't have MSW

Discussion around fiscal implications of all these new licensing bills. Probably will add one more full time person to the licensing division.

Motion passed for individual recommendations on the work draft copy to be a Committee Substitute.

### HB 744 - Freedom of choice, medical procedures - Beirne

Mr. Heidersdorf, representing Alaskans for Life, not for the entire concept of the bill, feels there are some problems with it.

Committee discussion regarding suicide, also liability regarding disconnecting life sustaining measures, example Quinlan case.

Heidersdorf feels that people have the right to make this decision, but not 20 or 30 years before, people might change their ideas and minds. Also definition of extraordinary means, might change

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March 26, 1976

Beirne would like a chance to rework the bottom of p. 1, severe distress, etc. too difficult til revoke now. Will let Pat Rodey and Clark Grueing look at the proposed chances.

Committee points out various areas of concern for Helen to take a look at. P. 1. line 19, how about renewal every five years  
P. 3 line 27, need rewording, more specific  
Alvin suggests time frame, 1 year or so till individual can have a chance to recover.

Hold till middle or end of nexy week, when Helen has it reworked.

HB 772 - Licensure of counselors - HESS

Tabled - dead

SB 554 - Licensing of Phy. & Osteopaths - Croft

Beirne - Croft wanted to work this over with others, make amendments, Helen feels there wasn't enough time, want to make 1 change now  
Line 20, Add "the Department shall employ"  
Delete "The board shall employ"

Amendments passed

This bill belongs in malpractice, wants it to go to Jud. Recommend it is included in Malpractice package.

Bill - passed

HB 392 - Rehabilitation Counselor - Beirne

Beirne, explanation of bill and discussion  
proposed amendment - decided to make a committee substitute of this bill, see draft. Also all reference to counselors should read Vocational Rehabilitation counselor

Delete line 4 - 11 page 4

Helen moved to have this bill moved out.  
as a committee substitute

HB 635 - Licensing of Speech Pathologists & Audiologists - Gov.

Beirne, alot of fraud by people coming into Ak. and selling hearing aids and then leaving state.

Committee went over work draft and made changes, P.2, line 25 delete "practice speech path. or audio". line 27, 28 & 29 P4 delete, P. 5 line 1 thru 19 delete. P. 5 line 19, change "social worker" to Speech pathologist & audiologist

Committee recommends Committee Substitute move out, individual recommendations passed out.

# TELEGRAM

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THE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY MRS RAMONA KELLEY OF ANCHORAGE FOR  
1 HSA FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA INSTEAD OF 3 AS APPROVED BY THE  
SECRETARY DHEW IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH STATED INTENT OF  
PL 93-641 TO DECENTRALIZE AND PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES  
FOR RURAL AREAS. REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ANCHORAGE  
JUNEAU FAIRBANKS

YVONNE ZHAROFF, HEALTH DIRECTOR KODIAK ISLAND NATIVE HEALTH AUTHORITY

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