

HJR

72

# COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

4/30/76

Mr. Speaker:

Date May 7, 1976

The Committee on HESS has had HJR 72

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:

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_

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[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

[Signature] recommends: DO NOT PASS

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman



JUNEAU ALASKA

# Alaska State Legislature

## House

HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 6, 1976

Present: Ostrosku Parr Beirne  
Hackney Sullivan

Testifying: Rod Betit

### HJR 72 - Food Stamp

Rod is in favor of it, explained problems in the Alaskan food stamp system. New Dept. of Agriculture regulations create greater problems.

Don Clockson, Legal Services, explained other fronts of action on this issue, congress etc.

Committee decided to move out with individual recommendations.

### HCR 13 Food Stamp

Rod explained problems regarding food stamps and the people in the rural areas and the need for this resolution.

Motion to move out carries

### HB 596 - Local Health Service

Lois Jund, explains changes in the proposed CS and discussed the problems that committee members have with the bill  
bill held over till tomorrow.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE  
 Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139  
 Title: A concurrent resolution relating to the Food Stamp Program  
 Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 6, 1976  
 Return Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: Dept of Health & Social Services Program: Food Stamp Program

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		2,133.0				
200 TRAVEL		75.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL		340.6				
400 COMMODITIES		20.4				
500 EQUIPMENT		56.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		2,625.0				

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		1,549.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS		1,076.0				
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	93.0/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	1,126/	/	/	/	/

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

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 5/6/76 PREPARED BY: Rod Betit

Rod Betit, Food Stamp Program Manager  
 Division of Public Assistance

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

REVIEWED BY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

E. A. Smith  
 EUGENE A. SMITH,  
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SITUATION : FAMILY OF 4 PERSONS, WIDOW AND 3 CHILDREN. HUSBAND RECENTLY DIED LEAVING MEDICAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES NOT FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE. WIDOW IS EMPLOYED WITH FOLLOWING INCOME AND EXPENSES. [NO RESOURCES EXIST]

GROSS INCOME

\$ 1200 MONTHLY

MONTHLY EXPENSES

MANDATORY TAXES - \$ 300  
 MEDICAL BILLS - \$ 100  
 CHILD CARE - \$ 200  
 FUNERAL BILLS - \$ 50  
 MORTGAGE & UTILITIES - \$ 400

CURRENT FOOD STAMP REGULATIONS

\$ 1200 - gross income  
 (-) 30 - work allowance  
 (-) 300 - mandatory taxes  
 (-) 200 - child care  
 (-) 100 - medical  
 (-) 50 - burial [Funeral]  
\$ 520 - Adjusted Gross  
 (-) 244 - EXCESS SHELTER COSTS  
\$ 276 - NET FOOD STAMP INCOME

DECISION : FAMILY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE AND WOULD PAY \$ 77 TO RECEIVE \$ 224 IN FOOD STAMPS.

PROPOSED FOOD STAMP REGULATIONS

\$ 1200 - gross monthly  
 (-) 100 - standard deduction  


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 \$ 1100 - NET FOOD STAMP INCOME

DECISION : FAMILY WOULD BE INELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE. MUST HAVE NET INCOME OF

POSITION PAPER

ON

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

A resolution relating to the Food Stamp Program.

This resolution is viewed as an effort by the Alaska State Legislature to persuade the Secretary of Agriculture not to implement recently proposed changes to the Food Stamp Program, while at the same time requesting the Secretary to develop regional benefit levels in Alaska and to eliminate the practice of paying money for food stamps.

Unless stopped or substantially modified, the changes proposed by the Secretary of Agriculture will dramatically impact the present food stamp program by replacing the current eligibility method with one which will do serious harm primarily to low income working households, while causing those who remain eligible for food stamps to pay the maximum permitted by federal law. These proposed changes will cost the state increased administrative expense to perform new, non-cost-effective mandates.

House Joint Resolution No. 72, if heeded by the Secretary of Agriculture, would not only eliminate the adverse impact described above, but would resolve two major problem areas which currently exist in the Alaska Food Stamp Program. These problem areas are 1) the wide disparity in food prices between Northwest - Southwest Alaska compared to the remainder of the State; and 2) the extreme administrative difficulties and delays experienced by recipients, due to the current procedure of purchasing food stamps from rural areas by sending cash to a Division of Public Assistance District Office.

No adverse financial impact would result from this resolution if favorably considered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Department supports House Joint Resolution No. 72 without change.

Recommended By: Paul Bidu 5/5/76  
for Lawrence J. Sullivan, Director  
Division of Public Assistance (Date)

Approved By: Lois M. Jewell 5/6/76  
for Francis S. L. Williamson (Date)  
Commissioner  
Department of Health and Social Services

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I. REQUEST

Bill No. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72  
 Title: RELATING TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
 Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 5, 1976  
 Return Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES Program: DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	0/	0/	0/	0/	0/	0/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	0/	0/	0/	0/	0/	0/

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