

SB

220



# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

### HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 1975

#### Members Present:

Beirne                      Ostrosky  
Davis                        Parr  
Hackney                    Swanson  
Osterback

Vice Chairman Parr called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The first order of business was SB 220.

SB 220 Senator Hohman Gave briefing of the bill.

Swanson In favor of bill.

Hackney What we are asking for here is a review of the construction by the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee. How often do they meet?

Hohman More frequently than once a month by history.

Phil Thompson - Dept. of Education

Neither the Dept. or SOS goes to bid for the construction projects. Offer an amendment: Pg. 1 Line 16 insert "the Dept. of Public Works". With this amendment, we have no objection to the bill. The bill is not retroactive. Most of the projects have not gone to bid. The Key here is if the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee meets regularly. Core Drillings should be taken and included in the reports to the L. B&A Comm.

Hackney Do you have any objection to perhaps a language change?

Hohman I think this language here is sufficient. It is stated that the Committee will study all reports of construction when they meet.

Parr Move for the adoption of Mr. Thompson's suggested amendment to add Dept. of Public Works.

Swanson Seconded

Parr Hearing no objection, amendment adopted.

Swanson Move bill out with a 'do pass'.

Davis Second

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 415 & HB 419

Jeff Jeffers (HB415) Dept. of Education.

Parr Are these Companion bills?

Jeffers No, they are separate. HB 415 would place the money with the Dept. of H&SS, it provides a good sum to begin a process that would take longer than one year. We are in favor of the bill.

Beirne Last year this bill did not pass, are we building on what H&SS already has?

Jeffers We agreed that they would hire a person and put them temporary duty with our Dept. A study was done with 314D Funds.

Hackney Were the funds in the Gov's budget?

Jeffers No, they were never there.

Beirne Why should we put it through H&SS again for it to go to the Dept. of Educ?

Jeffers It doesn't provide a continuous program the way it is written here. In 415 it doesn't provide for the employment of anyone for the position.

Beirne If we were to change this to the Dept. of Educ. what would it do?

Jeffers It would not in itself establish this position.

HB 419 Would provide a position and enough funds to add to the curriculum teacher training as such. No price tag to this particular bill. Provides a more sustained effort than 415. They treat the same problem however.

Parr Is the Dept. prepared to explain where they are to suggest to the School Districts where to add this extra program....will something have to be deleted?

Jeffers We would not, the wording in the bill takes care of this. A Health Education specialist at range 21 A, about \$1800 per month, \$26,460 per year. Would only be funded if money were provided. The money in 415 would go to the Dept. of H&SS.

Swanson I don't think this kind of education should be included in Kindergarten.

Larry Sullivan - Juneau School Board

415 & 419....In '68 and '69 they recommended the need for Health Education. I disagree with Mr. Jeffers that Health Education is presently taught in schools. See definite need for this in Alaska. Don't need to drop anything in the curriculum, it could be added to the Science program. On behalf of the Juneau School Board, we support this bill.

Swanson This bill should have come to us as a bill and as an approp. bill accompanying it.

Parr I question the need for State aid here. With the School leaders being paid what they are, they should be able to originate such important programs.

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Parr Proposed amendment, Line 12, Delete Dept. of H&SS and insert Dept. of Education.

Beirne Proposed amendment to HB 415, would say that the funds would flow to the Ept. of Education.

Parr This could be done by amending the Title of the bill.

Ostrosky Line 12 & 13, move for the adoption of amendment: Substitute "Coordination" for "Initial Development".

Parr Hearing no objection, motion passes.

Beirne I would like to get the Comm. of Education to answer to the bills, we need more input here.

Swanson I would like to know more details about the program, what is going to be taught and at what age etc.

Beirne I move to hold up on the bills for Comm. Lind to reply. Fiscal notes etc.

Parr Hearing no objection, motion carries.

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HB 421 Don Kemp - Div. of Children & Family Services.

Purpose of the bill is to amend the Ak. Statutes to bring them into conformity with supplemental security income program. This does not effect persons eligibility for help.

Beirne Move out with a 'do pass'

Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 426 Dr. Schrader, Dir, Div. of Mental Health

We are in support of this bill. It will allow to claim reimbursement through Title 19 for services that are already provided. It will enable the Dept. of collect approx. \$365,000 for the Fed. Government.

Ostrosky Intermediate Care facility?

Schrader For the mentally retarded, the regulation specifically talk about the mentally retarded. Harborview Memorial Hospital in Valdez for example. This will allow us to claim reimbursement for an additional number of residence there.

Hackney It gives me great pleasure to move and ask unanimous consent for the adoption of this bill.

Parr Congratulations, Mr. Hackney. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 427 Roger Lang Dept. of H&SS. 5.2% of the total case load was ineligible for total grants. In each case we are talking on the average of about \$270.00.

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Hackney Where would you get the money to put this into effect?

Lang We could get a run from the Empl. Sec. Div. based on the SS# from the recipient payrolls and have someone do a physical check where there are discrepancies. To start out we should be able to do it with our existing staff. All this bill does is allow us the right to get the information through the Empl. Sec. Div.

Hackney Move out with a 'do pass'  
Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HB 428

Beirne Offered amendment: Line 15 delete "amount set by the Commissioner" and  
insert: 0-50 beds \$50.  
51-124 beds \$100.  
125 or more beds \$150.

No objection to the amendment, motion carries.

Swanson Move HB 428 out with a Committee Substitute and a do pass recommendation.  
Parr Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Meeting adjourned @5:30pm.

"An Act relating to review of construction projects under the rural school construction bond issue by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; and providing for an effective date."

### COMMITTEE REPORT

4/10/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date April 28, 1975

The Committee on HESS has had SB 220

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)

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COMMITTEE

( ) reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

( ) "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

[Signature] recommends: NO REC.

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[Signature] Chairman

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"relating to review of construction projects under the rural school construction fund and funds by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; and . . ."

BACKGROUND:

In the past, adequate information concerning school construction cost data at various sites throughout the State has not been available or provided by the agencies to the Legislature when school construction funding has been requested. Therefore, estimated costs of various projects have been in error. The agencies' inability to provide accurate cost data when requesting capital funding has been due to the lack of planning funds by which the agencies can assemble such data. Appropriate site data should be provided to the Legislature at the time funds are requested. The advance planning revolving fund appropriated to ASOS, Chapter 147, SLA of 71, should allow that agency to assemble realistic information for funding requests in SB 77. Neither the Department of Public Works nor Education have such planning funds at this time.

WHAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD DO:

By having the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee review and approve construction of projects of the "1973 Rural School Construction Fund", the Legislature becomes involved in the administration of construction funds.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS:

Neither the Department of Education nor the Alaska State Operated Schools System goes to bid for construction of a project. AS 55.05.010 provides that the Department of Public Works is responsible for the planning and construction of public works. AS 75.25.026, DEFLECTIONS, would include schools constructed for the State by the State. Therefore, it is recommended that Part 1, Part 15 and 16, delete "the Department of Education or the Alaska State-Operated Schools System" and insert "Department of Public Works".

There could be some problems with the LBA review and approval, if such does not occur in a timely manner. If the LBA meets on a regular basis, few problems would occur, however, if the Committee meets sporadically, or if the body should not achieve a quorum, an entire construction season could be lost while agencies are awaiting review and approval.



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