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The Honorable Mike Bradner
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with AS 24.30.060(b) and the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am transmitting a bill to establish an environmental enhancement program to aid local governments and citizen groups in undertaking local beautification efforts, litter and debris disposal efforts, protection and enhancement of cultural and historic sites, etc.

The bill creates a special account in the general fund into which shall be deposited the proceeds of all civil and criminal fines and out-of-court settlements received by the Department of Environmental Conservation in enforcing our State's pollution laws, along with other money granted or donated for the purposes of the bill. This account will then be used to aid local governments and citizen groups in their environmental enhancement efforts. Many local governments in the State lack the financial capabilities to perform such simple tasks as solid waste and litter removal, road and park beautification, and historic site preservation. This bill would allow the Department of Environmental Conservation to fund up to 90 per cent of the cost of such an activity through the use of the account.

The legislation is well within the spirit and intent of Title 46, Alaska Statutes. To take funds received as a result of pollution incidents and apply them to enhancement and beautification efforts allows the State, in the long run, to recoup some of the losses which pollution law violations inevitably cause.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

I. REQUEST

Bill No. _____

Title: Environmental Enhancement Program and Appropriation

Requested by: Governor Date: N/A

Return Date Requested: ASAP

Agency: Environmental Conservation Program: NRM&EC

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Environmental Conservation

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

No inflation rate assumed.

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	4.9	3.5	3.5	3.5		
200 TRAVEL	1.5	.3	.3	.3		
300 CONTRACTUAL	1.0	.2	.2	.2		
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	7.4	4.0	4.0	4.0		

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	7.4				
FEDERAL FUNDS					
OTHER		4.0	4.0	4.0	

C. POSITIONS:

No additional positions required

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

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

See attached

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Analysis

V. DATE: December 10, 1975

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