

HB

536

MINUTES OF HOUSE

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 24, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Chairman Parr. All were present with the exceptions of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Ose. Mr. Parr announced the topic of discussion for today as being HB 536. Representative Mike Beirne, sponsor of the bill was first to testify. Mr. Beirne stated that this bill would provide private physicians, dentists, and health care providers in rural areas where the need for health care providers exists. Under the bill the federal government through Indian Health Service and Public Health Service, would pay for a percentage of the amount that would be stipulated for health care providers, the state would pay a share and the local government would pay a share. These health care providers would be on a full time permanent basis.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Maria Osterback was next to testify. Mrs. Osterback stated that the bill would surely help all bush areas alot. She stated that on the Aleutian Chain they don't have any medical facilities, they have no doctors, they have health aids, a few village clinics. In Sand Point they have a clinic and an RN and the clinic is a Baptist Mission. The Public Health Service does not contract with the clinic because of its religious origin. She also stated that they had a Dr. that used to work in Anchorage that would come to Sand Point if they had their own clinic. She stated that Unalaska had their own clinic which they raised funds for and built themselves. The clinic has two exam rooms and a lab and services both Dutch Habor and Akatan. She stated that she was sure that the canneries would be willing to give some money, if they were able to contract with a Physician for public health work. At present a person with a serious injury has to charter a plane to Anchorage for treatment which costs \$2,600.00.

The question was asked how does public health work in Sand Point. Mrs. Osterback stated that twice a year a Dr. comes and works out of the clinic, a dentist, she was not sure of how often, but stated that the dentist had to work wherever he could most of the time out of the jail or wherever he could find a place.

Mrs. Edna Crawford testified next on HB 536. Mrs. Crawford stated that Health and Social Services support the concept of the bill.

Mr. Parr asked if at present there were any Dr. available to go out into the rural areas. Mrs. Crawford stated that there was an Epidemiologist who does go out on epidemics and the head of communicable diseases, other than that, public health nurses.

Mr. Parr asked Mrs. Crawford, who should implement this law if the bill or one like it were to be passed. Mrs. Crawford stated they felt Community of Regional Affairs along with their assistance.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Parr suggested, as a result of all the comments made today, a sponsor substitute be worked up. Mr. Phillips asked if someone from CRA could come over and explain the fiscal note. Mr. Parr answered yes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 536
 Title "An act relating to state shared revenues for the support..."
 Requested by _____ Date 1-20-78

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Department of Community & Regional Affairs
 Program Category Affected Development
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Municipal Revenue Sharing

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	1,770.3	1,825.3	1,871.4	1,917.8	1,965.7	2,014.9
TOTAL	1,770.3	1,825.3	1,871.4	1,917.8	1,965.7	2,014.9

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	1,770.3	1,825.3	1,871.4	1,917.8	1,965.7	2,014.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Assumptions

1. Populations used are from estimates prepared by the Department as of July 1, 1977, and have been upwardly adjusted at an annual compounded rate of 2½%.
2. Only those municipalities currently receiving State Revenue Sharing funds (AS43.18) under health services and/or health facilities are assumed to be eligible under this bill.
3. All residents of the unorganized borough not covered under (1) (B) of the bill are assumed to be eligible. This should be considered a liberal assumption.
4. The entitlements computed include the existing cost-of-living adjustment figures for municipalities and an estimated 30% cost-of-living adjustment for municipalities and communities eligible under AS 43.18.010(L)(2).

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IV. DATE 1-24-78 PREPARED BY Bruce Aronson
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Original: Legislative Finance
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5. Unified municipalities are treated as if they were a borough and/or a city. As an example, if a unified municipality's population exceeds 10,000, the municipality could not participate in this portion of the State Revenue Sharing Program. If the unified municipality's population is less than 10,000, then the municipality could participate under this category.

Other

Population in the Unorganized Borough

FY 1978	34,107
FY 1979	42,630*
FY 1980	43,696*
FY 1981	44,788*
FY 1982	45,908*
FY 1983	47,056*

*includes the City of Valdez since in FY 1979 its population would exceed 7,500.

<u>als</u>	<u>FY'78</u>	<u>FY'79</u>	<u>FY'80</u>	<u>FY'81</u>	<u>FY'82</u>	<u>FY'83</u>
Boroughs	\$ 905.8	\$ 928.4	\$ 951.6	\$ 975.4	\$ 999.8	\$1,024.8
Cities in the Unorgan- ized Borough	310.3	204.2	209.2	214.6	219.9	225.4
Other	<u>554.2</u>	<u>692.7</u>	<u>710.1</u>	<u>727.8</u>	<u>746.0</u>	<u>764.7</u>
TOTAL	\$1,770.3	\$1,825.3	\$1,871.4	\$1,917.8	\$1,965.7	\$2,014.9

CITIES IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH	FY 78		FY 79		FY 80		FY 81		FY 82		FY 83	
	ENTITLEMENT	POP.	ENTITLEMENT	POP.	ENTITLEMENT	POP.	ENTITLEMENT	POP.	ENTITLEMENT	POP.	ENTITLEMENT	POP.
BETHEL (COLA 30%)	55,397	3,409	56,778	3,494	58,192	3,581	59,654	3,671	61,149	3,763	62,677	3,857
CORDOVA (COLA 15%)	34,586	2,406	35,449	2,466	36,771	2,558	37,246	2,591	38,180	2,656	39,129	2,722
NOME (COLA 26 1/4%)	40,795	2,585	41,820	2,650	42,862	2,716	43,935	2,784	45,040	2,854	46,161	2,925
PETERSBURG (COLA 3 3/4%)	27,572	2,126	28,259	2,179	28,960	2,233	29,686	2,289	30,425	2,346	31,190	2,405
VALDEZ (COLA 18 3/4%)	111,076	7,483										
WRANGELL (COLA 3 3/4%)	40,878	3,152	41,903	3,231	42,953	3,312	44,029	3,395	45,131	3,480	46,260	3,567
<u>TOTAL CITIES ENTITLEMENT</u>	\$310,304		204,209		209,738		214,550		219,925		225,417	
<u>BOROUGHES</u>												
CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA (COLA 3 3/4%)	99,211	7,650	101,688	7,341	104,230	8,037	106,837	8,238	109,508	8,444	112,245	8,655
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH (COLA 7 1/2%)	330,711	24,611	338,974	25,226	347,454	25,857	356,135	26,503	365,043	27,166	374,168	27,845
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH (COLA 7 1/2%)	106,170	7,901	108,831	8,099	111,545	8,301	114,340	8,509	117,202	8,722	120,131	8,940
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH (COLA 3 3/4%)	216,889	16,724	222,310	17,142	227,874	17,571	233,567	18,010	239,403	18,460	245,395	18,922
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH (COLA 33 3/4%)	152,793	9,139	156,605	9,367	160,517	9,601	164,530	9,841	168,643	10,087	172,856	10,339
<u>TOTAL BOROUGHES ENTITLEMENT</u>	\$905,774		928,408		951,620		975,409		999,799		1,024,795	

POSITION PAPER / Department of Health and Social Services

POSITION PAPER

ON

HOUSE BILL NO. 536

"An Act relating to state shared revenue for the support of health services in rural areas; and providing for an effective date."

This Act provides a payment of \$12.50 per capita to population units qualifying under the act who sponsor or contract for medical or dental care services for their residents. The intent of the bill appears to be to provide funds to designated population subdivisions to encourage the establishment of a private dental or medical practitioner in the community. The intent is to encourage interested physician and dental providers to live in underserved areas and to permit the development of long term continuity of health care.

The Department of Health and Social Services would suggest the following changes in the bill as presently written. Page 2, line 3, the "department" is not defined. As funds are state shared revenue, the question arises as to whether the program would be administered under the Department of Health and Social Services or the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

While the Department of Health and Social Services supports the concept of this bill, we cannot recommend programs which exceed the Governor's budget.

Recommended by: Robert I. Fraser 22 Jan 1978
Robert I. Fraser, M.D. Date
Director

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne 1/23/78
Helen D. Beirne Date
Commissioner