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ALASKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Position Statement on

THE PERMANENT FUND

November 1977

The General Goals of the Alaska Conservation Society with respect to the Permanent Fund are:

1. To assure that future Alaskans share the benefits of non-renewable resource exploitation taking place in our generation, because they surely will have to pay some of the costs.
2. To assure that Permanent Fund management results in minimal stimulation of population growth through immigration.
3. To assure that renewable resources are protected from degradation during our era of rapid petroleum and (later) coal and mineral exploitation.
4. To assure the contribution of non-renewable resource revenues to the general quality of Alaskan life, particularly in terms of land and water stewardship, cultural and artistic activities, urban design, and public safety and security.

The Alaska Conservation Society initially takes a conservative view of Permanent Fund Management, and has the following preferences:

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2. Supports addition of mineral severance taxes to list of Permanent Fund sources.
3. Supports re-investment of some part of the interest.
4. Supports major allocation of principal to outside investments.
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Public Hearing

Feb 9
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124 Capitol

NAME

ADDRESS

DO YOU WISH
TO TESTIFY?

Joe Smaneman

no one signed up so:

Shari Gross UFA

Sterling Gallagher

Jim Edenso

Rep. Osterback

Rep. Snider

Virginia Del Piaz

Phil Holdsworth

Isabel McLean

Joe McLean

Bob Speed

Tom Singer

Hugh Malone

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

February 2, 1978

SUBJECT: HB 596 Permanent Fund

TO: Representative Clark Gruening
Chairman
Special Committee on the Permanent Fund

FROM: Billy G. Berrier *BBB*
Director
Division of Legal Services

We have found certain technical corrections that we feel should be made to HB 596. These changes reflect changes correlative to decisions made by the interim committee but not picked up in the final re-draft.

SUGGESTED CHANGES

adopt 1. Page 1, lines 6 and 7, following the word "revenues" on line 6, add "and to legislative oversight." (With broadening of the legislative oversight committee responsibility to include all agencies involved in lending, borrowing or investing, there is a question as to compliance of the title with the requirement of the Constitution that the subject of the bill shall be expressed in the title.)

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adopt
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adopt
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Representative Clark Gruening
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"financially sound small and medium scale"

(This addition is for consistency since these modifiers are otherwise used uniformly.)

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Introduction:

Chm Ore called the mtg to order
welcomed the public & invited
testimony on HB 4, 395, 596, 298,
5682.

Forneman:

McLean: Gen. Investment Advisor,
Insulated from politics

Pg. 11 37.13.140
losses should be obvious
no credit for unrealized losses - profits
acct of losses should be obvious & not
apportioned over sev. yrs. time.

44.55.040—
"reg. business competency" instead
of "wide exp in mkt fin. (129 pg 14)
Have 4 instead of 2 public memb.

(b) limit terms to once or twice
so you don't have a "czardom," so you
are able to remove them.

residence requirement longer 17yr.

P. 17 And or or —

p. 20 (f) → (h) contradict
diff. cap. could be obtained from p. 1 mtr
also in 2B
diff. reasonable

don't preclude joint ventures (i.e. 25%)

8:10

Malone - charges during mkap

79 21 (K) split info. (analysis)
to expensive (proposal)

Gov's bill

keep out of pol.

no comp w/prior inst.

Malone

7

79 2p: (e) 2,500,000 to low

need higher asset limit (double limit suggest)

Callaghan:

sug. 1% - 3% of assets

Owen - limit to 2%

8:40

Phil holds with:-

1: Support pub util - emphasis:
exp: low interest (initially) to util

2: Trust lands - protect trust pls -
no funds from trust go into fund
no violate

Get AG opin on trust lds early 77 call Petz

Jim Rhade -

C.M.A.L.

Pres. & Prof. Am in Petsbg

- Rates H. Bills 4,298,595
Blue BK 596,682
- 429 amounts to 298

Jolene Waterfield
Box 976
Petsbg 99833

rev fr trust l'd 1.5 mil/cp

Vig Del Riaz Alcon Soc.

position on Perm Fund.

goals -

7
dept to
comm.

1. Assure fut. Ak enjoy benefit
2. Ass per fund mgmt results in minimal pop increase sum.
3. Protect resources from nonperm

Mgmt preferences

increase to 50%

A/Ce -

Btm. Fish - Le has bill to get into fisheries
need 10 mil from FF to deposit
to borrow 20 mil.

396 Malone -

Recess 9:00

Rules not pres.

596 Bernier

1 pg 1 16-7

meek move no obj adopted

2 pg 12 105

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3 pg 12 105

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action
recommends p 14 110-13

4 meek move no obj adopt

— p 14 117-21 (e') p 14 110-13

meek move no obj adopt

5 p. 15 112

Hayes m no obj adopt

6 p. 19 110

Gre move no obj adopt

7 p 19 127

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8. p 20 l 11
meet move

Garlini move

"resources" delete ^{change} to "assets". p 20 l 11

no obj to either → adopted

9. p 23 l 13-14 l 15 l 22-23

Gard. mv. no obj adopted

p. 18 l 29 p 19 l 1

invest - as it consid.

no more

no obj adopted

Gruen move -

adopt same as for Bd of Trust.
for both Investmt. & Policy Bd.

deferred. Bernier ^{memo} forced Sys.?

meet Tues. mte

7:00 call Miles

Utilities (Hanger)

Wed after session

P.T.

P. H.

Minutes

Rm 124 Capit.

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HSC on APF

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for HB 596

The following motions were made and adopted without objection (as suggested by Bill Berrier)

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Sec. 37.13.190. TAX EXEMPTION. The corporation is exempt from all taxes and assessments in the state. All security instruments issued by the corporation, their transfer, and their income are exempt from all taxes and assessments in the state.

It was moved by Rep. Meekins and adopted without objection:

Page 14, lines 10-13, delete all material and substitute:

(2) there is a shortage of investment capital available from other sources on reasonable terms for financially sound small and medium scale productive private enterprise and community development projects;

Page 14, lines 17-21 delete all material and substitute:

Sec. 44.55.030. PURPOSE. The purpose of the corporation is to provide capital at market rates and terms which are not available from other sources on reasonable terms for small and medium scale productive private enterprises and community development projects.

It was moved by Rep. Hayes and adopted without objection:

Page 15, line 12, following "(d)" insert the word "Public".

It was moved by Rep. Gruening and adopted without objection:

Page 19, line 10, delete the word "it" and substitute "the investment committee".

It was moved by Rep. Hayes and adopted without objection:

Page 19, line 27, following the word "of" add "financially sound small and medium scale".

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It was moved by Reps. Gardiner and Meekins and adopted without objection:

Page 20, line 11, delete "resources of the bank" and substitute "assets of the corporation".

It was moved by Rep. Gardiner and adopted without objection:

Page 23, lines 13 and 14, following the word "members" delete "of the board of trustees" and substitute "of the policy board and investment committee".

Page 23, line 15, following the word "members" delete "of the board of trustees" and substitute "of the policy board and investment committee".

Page 23, lines 22 and 23, following the word "member" delete "of the board of trustees" and substitute "of the policy board and investment committee".

It was moved by Rep. Gruening and adopted without objection:

Page 18, line 29 through page 19, line 1 delete ", in such form and such amounts not to exceed \$100,000,000,".

It was moved by Rep. Gruening to adopt the same residency requirement for the Investment and Policy Boards as specified for the Board of Trustees. The motion was deferred.

A Committee mark-up session was scheduled for Tuesday night, February 14 at 7:00 PM in Room 124 Capitol Building and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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