

HB

704

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

3/20/78

Date: 4/15/78

Mr. President:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 104
special appropriation to Dept. of Natural Resources, division of land & water
management

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee
reports it back as follows)

() 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 _____ () new title () same title

() AND attaches a Letter of Intent () New Fiscal Note

(X) reports it back without recommendation

() and recommends it be referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:


OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]
Chairman

LETTER OF INTENT
TO ACCOMPANY HOUSE BILL 704

The purpose of this bill is to provide a one-time only appropriation for the Division of Land and Water Management in order that they may clear up their backlog by June 30, 1979. The employees authorized will be separated out for budget purposes, and additional personnel for the future will be considered separately and in the normal course of budget proceedings.



Steve Cowper, Chairman
House Finance Committee

LETTER OF INTENT

to Finance

9 February 1978

The Honorable Hugh Malone
Speaker
Alaska House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter is to accompany House Bill 704, reported from the House Committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 704.

The bill provides for an appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management, to reduce the backlog of land and water applications.

The Committee requests that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management, review the regulations, statutes and procedures presently being used for land and water applications with an eye toward simplifying and expediting the process. The Committee requests that the Division prepare a report to be submitted to the next session of the Legislature proposing any statutory changes they believe desirable to bring about a swifter and less complicated procedure.

Sincerely,

Alvin Osterback

Alvin Osterback, Chairman
House Resources Committee

Wm. Akers
Rep. William Akers

Don Bennett
Rep. Don Bennett

Richard Eliason
Rep. Richard Eliason

Hugh Malone
Rep. Hugh Malone

Mike Miller
Rep. Mike Miller

Sarah Smith
Rep. Sarah Smith

Merle Snider
Rep. Merle Snider

Rick Union
Rep. Rick Union

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 704

Title An Act Making an Appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources

Requested by Pat Corheady

Date 2-3-78

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Natural Resources

Program Category Affected Division of Land & Water Management

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected District Operations, Cadastral Engineering, Classification, Land and Water Management

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	1,012.0					
200 TRAVEL	59.9					
300 CONTRACTUAL	74.8					
400 COMMODITIES	14.2					
500 EQUIPMENT	21.5					
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	21.6					
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	1,200.0					

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
GENERAL FUND	1,200.0					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
FULL TIME	41					
PART TIME	1					
TEMPORARY						

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

A. Assumptions:

I. The backlog that will be reduced consists of:

1. Serialized case files.
2. Request for timber (firewood, houselogs and sales)
3. Un-serialized requests that are waiting for some kind of action.

II. The backlog as of December 31, 1977 is:

1. Southeast District - 625 (Up from 549 as of 4-1-77)
2. Southcentral District - 3,622 (Up from 3,212 as of 4-1-77)
3. Northcentral District - 1,026 (Up from 928 as of 4-1-77)

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IV. DATE 2-8-78

PREPARED BY Deog. K. Hollett

AGENCY Division of Land Water Management

Original: Legislative Finance

PHONE 279-5577

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

III. That it takes approximately three man days per case by the District personnel.

IV. That a large number of Southcentral District cases will take less than the three man days due to the old practice of accepting applications with no pre-adjudication.

E. Program Summary

<u>Personal Service:</u>		Total	\$1,011,980
<u>Southeast District</u>			
2 - Land Management Officer II	for 12 months each	-	\$ 56,626
1 - Appraiser II	" " " "	-	32,323
1 - Research Analyst II	" " " "	-	27,666
1 - Engineering Geologist II	" " " "	-	32,323
2 - Land Management Technician I	" " " " each	-	49,450
1 - Clerk Typist III	" " " "	-	<u>16,315</u>
8			\$214,703
<u>Southcentral District</u>			
2 - Land Management Officer II	for 12 months each	-	\$ 56,626
5 - Land Management Officer I	" " " "	-	123,625
3 - Land Management Technician I	" " " "	-	67,590
3 - Research Analyst I	" " " "	-	62,103
1 - Clerk Typist III	" " " "	-	16,315
2 - Clerk Typist II	" " " " each	-	<u>32,510</u>
16			\$358,769
<u>Northcentral District</u>			
2 - Land Management Officer II	for 12 months each	-	\$ 60,060
2 - Land Management Officer I	" " " "	-	56,626
1 - Forester I	" " " "	-	28,313
1 - Research Analyst II	" " " "	-	30,030
2 - Land Management Technician I	" " " "	-	47,368
2 - Clerk Typist II	" " " " each	-	41,446
1 - Forest Technician II	" " " "	-	<u>10,258</u>
11			\$274,101
<u>Central Engineering</u>			
2 - Drafting Technician II	for 12 months each	-	\$ <u>38,962</u>
2			\$ 38,962
<u>Classification</u>			
2 - Associate Planner	for 12 months each	-	\$ <u>56,092</u>
2			\$ 56,092

Land and Water			
1 - Land Management Officer II	for 12 months each	-	\$ 28,313
1 - Land Management Officer I	" " " "	-	24,725
1 - Clerk Typist III	" " " "	-	<u>16,315</u>

3.			\$ 69,353
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Travel:		Total	\$ 55,900
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Southeast	District	-	\$ 18,500
Southcentral	" "	-	20,000
Northcentral	" "	-	15,400
Classification	" "	-	2,000

Contractual		Total	\$ 74,800
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Southeast	District, Air charter & office rental	-	\$ 28,800
Southcentral	" " , " " "		30,000
Northcentral	" " , " " "		16,000

Commodities		Total	\$ 14,200
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Southeast	District - Office supplies	-	\$ 2,000
Southcentral	" " - " " " "	-	5,000
Northcentral	" " - " " " "	-	2,700
Cadastral Engineering	- " " " "	-	2,000
Classification	- " " " "	-	500
Land and Water	- " " " "	-	2,000

Equipment		Total	\$ 21,500
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Southeast	District - Desk & Chair	-	\$ 4,000
Southcentral	" " - " " "	-	6,000
Northcentral	" " - " " "	-	6,000
Cadastral Engineering	- " " "	-	3,000
Classification	- " " "	-	1,000
Land and Water	- " " "	-	1,500

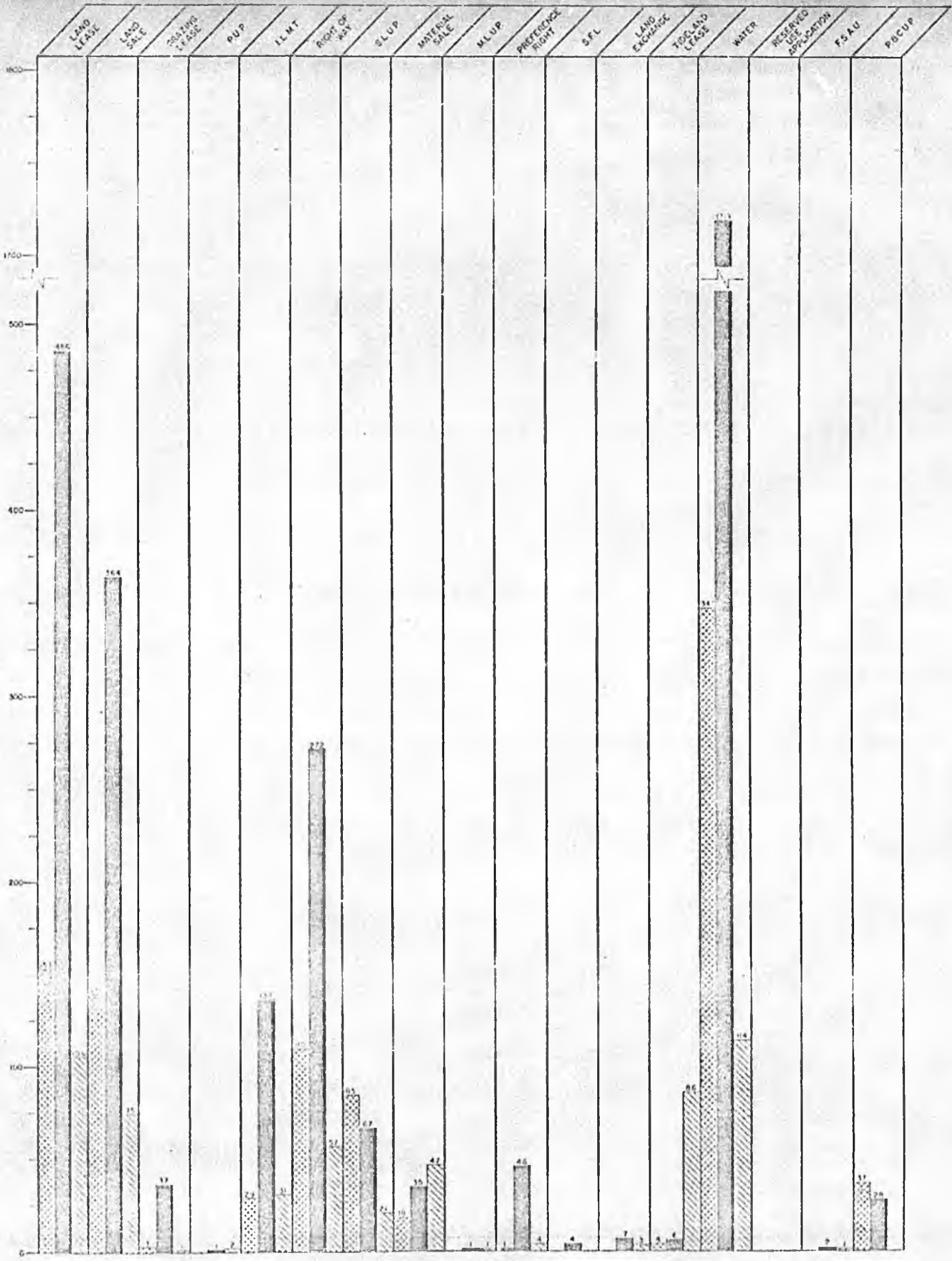
Land & Structures		Total	\$ 21,600
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Southeast District - Space rent	-	\$ 21,600
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\$ 1,199,980



STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT

PENDING CASE FILES

* TIMBER SALES NOT INCLUDED

NORTHCENTRAL DISTRICT
 SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT
 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

323 E. 4TH AVENUE - ANCHORAGE 99501

March 20, 1978

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Honorable Hugh Malone, Speaker
Alaska House of Representative
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Hugh:

Your letter of February 21 asked me about plans for implementing our backlog reduction program for which House Bill 704 would appropriate \$1,200,000.

I believe we can substantially reduce the number of backlog items by contacting the applicants. I suspect that a number of them will prove to be no longer interested in the purpose for which the application was originally submitted. Additionally, I think we would be safe in rejecting applications on areas where we do not now have title or in which we will not receive title for the foreseeable future.

The next step would be to segregate the applications by geographic location. One step in our processing is to contact other agencies as to the effect of issuance of the application on fish and game resources as well as water quality. By batching such applications we would substantially reduce the workload on these other agencies.

I also anticipate instituting a sort of traveling processing team which would go into a community for a few days a week and work on applications in that area. This would give them an opportunity to do necessary field examinations as well as make the personal contact which might very well expedite the processing.

Incidentally, we have instituted new application procedures which will screen applications eliminating those which are inappropriate because of ownership or which are inconsistent with an existing classification which is unlikely to be changed. We think that this procedure will go a long way towards keeping our backlog within manageable proportions in the future.

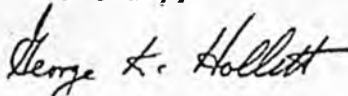
As a general statement I would expect the most of our existing adjudicators would be supervising units of new personnel who would be

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doing essentially the same steps that they have been doing in the process. That is, the water adjudicator rather than working on the cases themselves will supervise a group of people who have received basic training in the elements of adjudication of water applications and who would proceed with the process.

I have asked our districts and sections to prepare organizational charts indicating how these personnel would be integrated into the existing organizations. I will be happy to provide copies to you as soon as they are finalized. In the meantime if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,


for THEODORE G. SMITH
Director