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Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Committee on

Community & Regional Affairs

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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BILL NUMBER AND TITLE: HB 343 Management of General Grant Lands by Municipalities.

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WITNESSES TESTIFYING:

Alan Cromk, Fairbanks North Star Borough

— Opposed strongly to the bill. Definition of a "village" is not clear. If 25 adults were living in an area, could they be considered a social unit? Objects to an advisory body being given veto power over an elected body.

Parr questions exactly what lands the bill is supposed to refer to. If is all community grant lands or just Forest Service allotments? If it is just the latter, language should be added which would specify this.

Don Argetsinger and Veronica Clark, Dept. of C&RA

Supports concept of advisory committee. However, it appears that statutory powers are being extended beyond the scopy they should be. There are technical problems with the bill which would make it confusing to implement. Petition process not clear. What number of residents would cause it to be set up? Term "village" is a problem. Perhaps "incorporated and Unincorporated" could be distinction. Assembly should probably have override powers.

Village defination needs work.. It is suggested that this concept be included in the local government interim study.

COMMITTEE ACTION: No action taken.

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