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HB 610 is the appropriation bill, HB 611 is the authorization bill. The amount of the appropriation is \$1 million. The provisions of the authorization bill are as follow:.

* The money goes to the Department of Administration for distribution by the Older Alaskans Commission.

* At least 60% of the money is to be distributed as community program grants. The balance is to be distributed for pilot projects.

- The purposes of the preceding provisions are: (1) to supplement Older Americans Act federal dollars with state General Fund dollars; (2) to ensure that the majority of the new money goes to programs which have a demonstrated record of service to older Alaskans; (3) to provide a reasoned mechanism for providing funding for either new types of programs or programs in new communities.

* Any sponsor receiving any of these funds is required to make a contribution to the total cost of the project. The formula to be used is identical to one which passed into law last year for cultural facilities. It is an attempt to share the burden among all sponsors so that those with the least ability to provide local support are required to provide the least amount.

* The administrative requirements addressed in the bill are intended to insure program accountability.

* The types of programs which are eligible for funding are essentially those which are presently allowed under the Older Americans Act.

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For/Against or Observing

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2) ^{1/} Helen Berne			
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3) ^{3/} → or Pat Roddy			
3) ^{4/} Denny Plotnick			
^{5/} Judy Crowdell (administration) just here to listen			
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POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 610
(Identical to Senate Bill #327)

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Administration, Older Alaskans Commission, for programs of benefit to older Alaskans."

House Bill 610 provides for \$1 million dollars of state general funds in FY 81 to be appropriated to the Older Alaskans Commission (established by House Bill 618) in the Department of Administration. The additional monies would be utilized to provide grants for service programs of benefit to older Alaskans. The scope and design of these programs is elaborated in House Bill 611.

The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes that there are many services and programs needed by seniors that are currently not routinely provided at an adequate level by any public or private source. House Bill 610 would help to bridge that gap by providing funds for pilot projects to aid seniors and for expanded community grants.

The pilot project funds could be utilized to develop innovative programs that in the long run have a potential of cost-savings to the State and could be designed in such a way to fit the needs of Alaskan seniors. Such projects might be in the areas of home nursing, group homes or residential care as alternatives to costly institutionalization. Some funds might be earmarked for pilot projects to aid the quality of life for seniors. These might include low-cost denture program, training programs for those persons providing services to seniors (such as counselors) and other purposes.

The bill and its companion H.B. 611 would provide for increased community project grants. These funds could be used to cover rising costs of doing business by local senior centers to broaden the scope of existing senior center programs or to expand service into areas that are presently not served by any local program. We support the bill's requirement that sponsors receiving grants provide matching cash or in-kind funds based on ability to pay, as a condition to receiving the state grant funds.

The Department of Health and Social Services endorse the concept of providing for the ever increasing service needs of our seniors that cannot be supported by existing Aging funds. We would also like to refer the Committee to the Department's position paper on H.B. 618 - the creation of Older Alaskans Commission - and reconfirm our position that we do not believe it appropriate for the Commission to handle day-to-day grant management functions such as those anticipated by H.B. 610 and H.B. 611.

Approved by:

Helen D. Beirne
Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social
Services

2-26-80
(DATE)

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. _____ House Bill No. 610
 Title Spec. Appro. to Dept of Admin., Older Alaskans Comm. for prog. of benefit to older
 Requested by _____ Date _____ Alaskans.

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Social and Economic Assistance to the Aged.
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Office on Aging
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
200 TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
300 CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
400 COMMODITIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
500 EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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

Original: Legislative Finance
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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) _____

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