

HB

931

COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

HOUSE

3/4/80

FURTHER:

Date: 3-17-80

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had HB 931

"An Act transferring the Council on Science and Technology from the Department of Environmental Conservation to the Department of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 931 same title
 new title
- and recommends CS 118771 DO PASS
- AND attaches a "letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CHAIRMAN



THE ALASKA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

March 13, 1980

Representative Mike Miller, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Miller:

The Alaska Council on Science and Technology, while cognizant of the intents behind H.B. 931 is very concerned with the potential implications of restating the entire statute which established the Council in the last legislature. In addition, we are concerned with specific language which might be interpreted to mean or imply that the Council is subject to the authorities of the Commissioner of Administration in subjective policy and program matters.

As you know, the Council is unique in United States experience relevant to science policy and program development in that we currently report on our activities to both the executive and legislative branches of Alaskan government. We believe that this system has worked satisfactorily thus far in our experience and should be continued so that a dialogue for responsive and progressive science policies and programs may involve the Council with the concerns of both the governor's office and the legislature.

Accordingly, we propose to you only a modest amendment to the Council's authorizing legislation contained in AS 44.21. Amendment to AS 44.21 to read:

"Section 44.21.200 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

a) The Alaska Council on Science and Technology is hereby established. The Council is assigned to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes and services only."

Additionally, we comment that the several minor changes in AS 44.21 and the recodification of grant authorities pertinent to the Council are unnecessary per se and may unnecessarily limit future activities of the Council as originally envisioned by the legislature.

Representative Mike Miller
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Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Neil Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

T. Neil Davis
Chairman

cc: Representative Terry Gardiner
Speaker of the House

DH:TND:ljm