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GLENN THIS same  
as HB 611 A.Y.

The amendment is on page 5  
lines 8-9 - after K - added L and M  
which is educational services  
and employment services

SB 326 S. HESS 79<sup>th</sup> Act authorizing state aid  
for service programs for the  
benefit of older Alabamians  
by Rules Comm. by title & referring for an effective  
date.

Recd. requested in position paper  
notified Rodey's office

- 1 - HSS notified
- 2 - Rodey's office "

SB 326

POSITION PAPER  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 611  
(Identical to Senate Bill 326)

"An Act authorizing state aid for service programs for the benefit of older Alaskans."

House Bill 611 creates a state aid program for providing services to benefit older Alaskans. The program would be administered by the Older Alaskans Commission, (created by House Bill 618). House Bill 611 would provide for grants for pilot projects and community service programs. Each sponsor receiving a grant would be required to provide cash or in-kind match, as a condition of receiving state grant funds. The amount of the sponsor contribution would be based on the community's ability to pay, which is determined by property values and the population planned to be served by the grants. The cost of the grants provided for in H.B. 610 is \$1 million dollars in state general funds in FY 81.

The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes that there are many programs and services needed by seniors that are currently not routinely provided by any public or private source. House Bill 610 would help bridge the gap by providing funds for pilot project to experiment on innovative and potential cost-saving ways to provide services to seniors and by providing funds for expanded community service grants.

Potential Discussion Areas

1. With no requirement that the Commission consider geographical diversity of grant awards, it may be possible for the entire appropriation to go to a single area of the state, rather than be distributed equally throughout Alaska.
2. The Department of Health and Social Services prepares extensive needs assessments and state plans, especially in the areas of health and facility construction. It may be useful to include a requirement that the Commission utilize existing state plans and needs assessments in its evaluation of the merits of proposed projects.
3. The multitude of programs eligible for grants may provide a scattergun approach to service needs of seniors, rather than a clearly defined comprehensive look to solve a specific problem. For example, the needs for residential care in the state are great and could easily absorb the entire \$1 million dollars appropriation. It may be useful for the bill to include a list of priorities to assist the Commission in its deliberations. Such as, in the first year, a priority might be funding projects that have potential of long run cost effectiveness and provide for increased self-sufficiency of seniors.

- 4. We can foresee that such an extensive grant program that covers a multitude of services will attract alot of interest from many parties. This would require the Commission to process and evaluate many grant applications. These extensive grant reviews and evaluation processes could serve to bog down the Commission. Since it plans to meet only six (6) times a year, necessary coordination of programs and providing advice to state departments may be potentially neglected, as a result.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the concepts embodied in House Bill 611. We would also like to refer the Committee to the Department's position paper on H.B. 618 - the creation of the Older Alaskans Commission - and reconfirm our position that we do not believe it appropriate for the Commission to handle day-to-day management functions such as those anticipated by House Bill 610 and House Bill 611.

Approved by:

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

*2-26-80*  
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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 611 / Senate Bill No. 326  
 Title Authorizing state aid for service prog. for benefit of older Alaskans.  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) \_\_\_\_\_

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33-001 (Rev. 12/79)  
 Modify by DHSS (11-28-79)

Approval DHSS Mgt. & Bdgt: John Dalton D:

Senior Citizen Service Prog. SENATE BILL NO. 326, by the Rules Committee by request of the Legislative Council (for the Interim Committee on Services for the Elderly). Adds Chapter 67 to AS 47, "Service Programs for Older Alaskans." Establishes the Older Alaskans Service Programs Account in the Dept. of Administration. At least 60% of amount appropriated each year shall be allocated by Older Alaskans Commission as community program grants to sponsors of service programs. The balance to be allocated to pilot projects. Commission shall adopt standards. Sponsors are required to contribute an amount based on set formula. Sponsors of service programs may be municipalities or non-profit Alaskan corporation Effective on effective date of a *version of the "Older Alaskan Commission"*

1) deinstitutionalization

2)

3)

4)

Comm. will provide list of focus  
priorities

SB326

Page 1--- WHEN Older Alaskan Commission approved 60% of amt. appropriated by legislature will be used for community programs grants to sponsors of "Older Alaskans Service programs.

Page 3 --- Explains contribution percentage based on population in municipality or community.

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