

SB

506

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: Finance

3/4/80

Date: _____

Mr. President:

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND

The Committee on SOCIAL SERVICES has had SB 506

making a special appropriation to RuralCAP

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 _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____

AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation

referred to the Finance Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING

DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Amendment
line 13 - after Rural CAP insert "in consultation with Dept. of Educ."

Steven Bachman

CHAIRMAN

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE:

By: SENATE HESS

To: _____ SENATE BILL No. 506

HOUSE BILL No. _____

PAGE: 1

LINE: 13

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Department of Education"

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Introduced 3-4-80
Logged - 3-4-80
Referral Finance
Comm. meeting 5-7-80

" article 5-7-80 - heard out committee referred to Finance with Am.
5-8-80 - taken Senate floor @ 8:30 AM.

SB 506. S. HESS 79-80
By the Finance Com. "An act making a spec. appropriation to Rural CAP for a study identifying the needs of parents of aged children and for a plan to meet those needs."

to other bill in SB 428 - FIN herein
(public school age children)

✓ call 3522 to his office
James [unclear] when
per. called for [unclear]
✓ call Jim Erickson 3824-3870
in Rep. Parker office.

✓ notify David Kotycko - 586-2919
" Jim Ayes (and) 279-2511
(the work for both)

4-30-80 ✓ notify Robb Lohr his deputy director
Mr Lohr wants study done prior
to money. He wants outlined
what to be done. Then give money
to fund only after study.

5/1/80 CARA notified

BUDGET FOR PRELIMINARY DATA COLLECTION

&

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

for a

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74,143

CONSULTANTS

Data processing & programming--needs
assessment and resource information 30,000

TRAVEL/PER DIEM

Coordinator 43,200
4 trips/3 days/12 regions @900

Advisory Group Planning Meetings 57,600
12 reps/2 days/6 mtgs @ 800
100,800

PRINTING

Newsletter 7 @800 5,600

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18.5 mos @100/mo. 1,850

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

12% 28,800

GRAND TOTAL. \$241,193

April 21, 1980

File

Dear Senator Hackney,

I am writing to support the concept of the establishment of a coordinating body for children's services (designated an Office of Child Development in HB 935 and SB 506). The need to orchestrate the many services offered to Alaska children and their families, and the need to properly evaluate the effectiveness of such programs, are salient reasons for such an "Office".

I am not convinced that an Office of Child Development is the proper placement for such functions, although I know that Rural CAP wants such an office and will make a strong case for such in any needs assessment it performs for the Legislature.

I am definitely against the expenditure of \$250,000 for a needs assessment. Many agencies of the Alaska State government are currently required by law to produce yearly assessments of the needs of children. Piles of studies already exist on the subject. (I have just finished re-reading an extensive LONG-RANGE, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN ALASKA, prepared by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, for the State Department of Education, in June 1972, which never received public discussion.)

State personnel are in place, all over Alaska, to conduct on-site meetings about the needs of children. Agency files are bulging with reports which can be abstracted. The results of the 1980 Census will soon be available through State channels. Early childhood people will gladly participate as part of their professional duties. A special request from the Legislature might even re-activate a study by the League of Women Voters who, in 1970-71, did the best piece of work on children's needs ever completed in Alaska.

The point is that many people are available, without the expenditure of a quarter of a million dollars, to participate in assessing the needs of children in every corner of the State. The placement of a short-term planner in the Governor's Planning Office or the use of an additional person in Charlie Mae Moore's pre-school section, at the State Department of Education, would do the job at much less cost and with much more availability to public and private agency information.

If it is your wish to fund an outside agency to carry out the assembling of material on early childhood needs, please at least amend the bills to use a Request for Proposals approach to contract. The Legislature and the public deserve a rather special study for that amount of money.

I would like to see the State of Alaska contract for a study which will command respect for its thoroughness and objectiveness. I know many planning firms which have experience in this particular subject. Objective studies has never been Rural CAP's forte since their business is advocacy.

If these bills are really a means of enlarging the State subsidy for Rural CAP's Headstart Program, from about \$300,000 to \$550,000, I apologize for the waste of time in submitting this letter. I know that Rural CAP is experiencing money trouble in funding its state-wide Headstart Program. I believe that the current money crunch will lead Rural CAP to re-evaluate the way it provides Headstart in many Alaska communities. I hope that soon the program controlled by Rural CAP will be distributed to the various school districts as a means of providing seed money for starting up pre-school programs under local parent control. An increase of Rural CAP subsidy will be well-spent if it will help to implement SB 428.

TO RE-CAP: (Not a pun)

1. Please implement a study of the needs of young children and the needs for coordination and evaluation of existing children's programs. (A Request for Proposals method would be more equitable.)
2. Please try to find a less costly way to conduct such a study by using knowledgeable State and private persons ready to assist.
3. Please pass SB 428 which will allow local school districts to start pre-school programs as a local option, using State funds.
4. Please encourage Rural CAP to spin-off its Headstart programs to local communities and contribute funds to the start-up of locally operated preschool classes, articulated to regular school programs.

Thank you for your attention.

Ruth Ellen Andersen

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(907) 272 - 2798

Robt. Lohr-

(279-2511)

Deputy Dir. Rural Exp
(Arch.)

4/30/80 - he in - wants study
done prior to money outlay
what & he done - then give
money to fund.

Evidence in review office don't know
why he is in the above.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB-506
 Title Act making a special appropriation to RuralCAP for a study identifying
 Requested by Senate HESS Date needs of preschool children....

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs
 Program Category Affected _____
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
 (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						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		250.0				
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

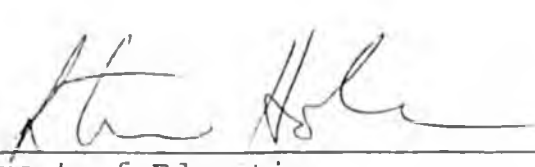
GENERAL FUND		250.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		N/A				
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

The fiscal impact of this bill is 250.0 for FY-81 only, pursuant to section 1 of the bill.

IV. DATE 5/5/80 PREPARED BY 
 AGENCY Department of Education
 PHONE 465-2800
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 506

"An Act making a special appropriation to Rural CAP for a study identifying the needs of preschool age children and for a plan to meet those needs; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill No. 506 appropriates the sum of \$250,000 for a study identifying the needs of preschool age children in Alaska and a plan for meeting those needs.

The need for a comprehensive plan for services for preschool age children in Alaska is uncontested. It certainly will require some commitment of high caliber staff time, clerical support and travel funds. It might even entail support for a public input forum. The Department of Health and Social Services is neutral on the amount of the appropriation.

Rural CAP would be a very suitable agency to accomplish this task if it can be made very clear that the plan should address all areas and all economic strata within Alaska.

Recommended by: *D. F. Tirador*
Dean F. Tirador, M.D.
Director, Division
of Public Health

Date: 4/31/80

Approved by: *Helen D. Beirne*
Helen D. Beirne
Commissioner

Date: 5-6-80

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST Senate Bill No. 506
 Bill/Resolution No. _____
 Title Rural CAP Pre-school child study
 Requested by Commissioner's Office Date 4/19/80

II. FISCAL DETAIL Department of Health and Social Services
 Agency Affected _____
 Program Category Affected Health/Division of Public Health
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
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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 Prepared by: Mary Deaver Date: 4/19/80
 cc: Budget and Management Division, Office: P.H. Admin. PH: 5090
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) Department of Health & Social Services

Appropriation SENATE BILL NO. 506, by the Finance Committee. Appropriates
(special) \$250,000 to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs
(RuralCAP for payment as a grant to RuralCAP for the preparation of a
study) report to be submitted to the legislature within the first
10 days of the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature which
will include information on the needs of preschool age children
in Alaska; the results of a study of the means of meeting the

the needs of preschool age children in Alaska, including the effectiveness of establishing an office of child development in the executive branch of state government; and a plan for meeting needs of preschool age children with both public and private resources. Provides Act takes effect July 1, 1980.

Introduced March 4, and referred to HESS, then to Finance.