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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

3/30/81

FURTHER... FINANCE

(7)

Date: April 24 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS has had HR 424

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Education for a fire training program; 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) same title
- replace with CS for _____ new title
- and recommends _____
- 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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Summary - HB 424

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Education for a fire training program; and providing for an effective date."

Sect. 1 - Appropriates \$226,000 from the general fund to the Dept. of Education for a fire department officer training and development program. This bill would provide training in individual communities.

As per the attached backup material, the cost of the itinerant program would be \$145,000 (3 salaries at \$35,000 each, plus \$40,000 for travel).

The amount of the requested appropriation is \$226,000. The difference of \$81,000 requested funds is not explained on the attached information sheet. However, it is possibly the addition of the amount of HB 425 (\$80,850) which is already covered in that separate piece of legislation.

Sect. 2 - Unexpended portion of appropriation lapses into the general fund June 30, 1982.

Sect. 3 - Immediate effective date.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITINERANT TRAINING TO BE CONDUCTED IN INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES

To provide training in individual communities, through the Department of Education's Division of Fire Service Training, a full-time team with a wide range of expertise should be employed.

The itinerant instruction should cover basically:

1. Assisting local fire chiefs in organizing a complete fire protection system for their particular communities in a cost-efficient manner encompassing all divisions of fire protection-- fire fighting, fire prevention, arson investigation, maintenance and equipment, implementing and maintaining training programs, and supportive services (record keeping, budgeting, etc.).
2. Addressing City Councils, Assemblies and City Administrators, in aspects of master planning fire protection systems, determining acceptable levels of risk, and cost-benefit ratios in the Insurance Services Offices grading schedule, and
3. Provide basic fire suppression training for firefighters.

Since this program would be a prototype, it can only be estimated that the itinerant instruction program could be conducted by a three-person team willing to travel about fifty percent of the time. At current wages, per diem, and travel costs, funding for the program would be approximately \$145,000 (three salaries at \$35,000 each; travel \$40,000).

TOTAL COST OF ITINERANT PROGRAM

\$145,000

The following is a suggested text for a bill to appropriate funds for the purpose of developing and delivering an Officer-level training course for the many Alaska Fire Departments. Funds will be used to purchase training materials, texts, audio-visual materials, and commercial programs; to pay for travel and/or per diem for students to travel to, and participate in, training classes and programs, or for instructors to either full-time, or part-time, as needed, to develop and implement the program; and other related and necessary costs. Funds will be appropriated to the Department of Education and administered by and through the Supervisor of the Fire Service Training Program.

TEXT:

The sum of \$226,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education, Fire Service Training Program, for the development, implementation, and delivery of a Fire Department Officer Training and Development Program."

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