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# CITY OF BARROW

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April 23, 1981

Rep. Ben Grussendorf, Chairman  
House Community & Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V (MS 3100)  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

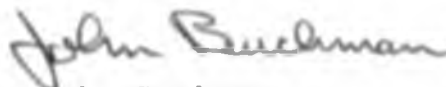
Dear Rep. Grussendorf,

I am writing you on behalf of the City of Barrow to express our strong support for HB-481. As you are doubtless aware, on the North Slope no prudent person ever ventures any distance out onto the tundra without adequate survival equipment, which always includes a firearm.

Brevity being the soul of wit, I shall not take up your time enumerating the needs for safe and effective use of firearms. Suffice to say, when firearms are used here in Barrow, they are often used for a deadly serious purpose, that being the preservation of human life.

While recognizing the needs of recreational shooters, those of us on the North Slope, because of the presence of polar bears, have a vested interest in the safe and effective use of firearms, and whole-heartedly support HB-481.

Sincerely,



John Buchman  
St./Fed. Program Coord.  
City of Barrow

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 291

Title Shooting and Firearm Safety Program

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Fish and Game

Program Category Affected NRMEC

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Game Division

(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 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		58.0				
200 TRAVEL		20.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL		7.0				
400 COMMODITIES		2.0				
500 EQUIPMENT		3.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>200.0</b>				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		200.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		2				
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY		24				

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

Assumptions: If the costs of administering construction contracts and providing staff support to the Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety, including travel expenses of committee members, are to be paid out of the 4% overhead we will not require an additional appropriation. These costs are estimated as follows:

Game Division:  
 Administrative Assistant \$35.3  
 Clerk Typist 27.7  
 \$58.0

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IV. DATE April 22, 1981 PREPARED BY Janet B. Green  
 AGENCY Department of Fish and Game  
 PHONE 465-4120

Original Legislative Finance  
 or: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)  
Ronald D. Lettr, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note for 2 291 continued:

Travel, including administrative and advisory committee	\$20.0
Telephone, postage, and misc. contractual expenses	7.0
Office supplies	2.0
Office equipment	3.0
	<u>\$90.0</u>

An additional \$110.0 will be withheld by the Administrative Services Division for overhead.



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

Department Fish & Game	Sponsor (Principal) Rodey, et al	Bill Number SB 291
Department Position Favor		
Division Director <i>Ronald A. Somerville</i> Ronald A. Somerville	Date	Commissioner <i>Ronald O. Skoog</i> Ronald O. Skoog
		Date 2/2/81

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE

Comments:

Position Noted

By

Date

SUMMARY

1. a) Related Bills (Similar or Conflicting)

1. b) Other Agencies Affected by Bill

None

2. a) Organizational Support for Bill

Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety; several shooting and sportsmen's groups.

2. b) Organizational Opposition to Bill

None

3. Program Effects of Bill

This bill would provide added funding to continue the program on development of shooting facilities statewide that was begun (by HB 477) last year. For complete listing of project needs, see attached report.

4. Fiscal Impact:

None

Fiscal Note Attached

5. Amendments Proposed:

Delete [and operation] in line 12; Delete [and to administer programs involving education and training in the safe use of firearms] in lines 13 and 14. We also suggest addition of a new section: New Section [The Department may expend a portion of these funds necessary to administer this Act. This amount is not to exceed 4% of the total.].

6. Comments:

The suggested amendments are intended to clarify that 1) the appropriation is designed to construct facilities, not to provide long term operating expenses for existing ranges, 2) that the appropriation is not intended to finance the Department's Hunter Safety training program, and 3) that a minimal amount may be used to hire personnel (Administrative Assistant and Clerk Typist) to administer the program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON S.B. 291  
PREPARED FOR THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
BY THE  
DIVISION OF GAME  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
4/16/81

S.B. 291 would appropriate \$5.0 million for shooting and firearm safety programs in furtherance of the shooting and firearm safety program established by the Legislature in 1980 (S.B. 477) and funded by a 1980 appropriation of \$1.5 million. The amount of the new appropriation request is based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety which was established pursuant to S.B. 477. To understand the basis of the Committee's recommendations, it is useful to briefly review the actions of the Committee and of its predecessor, the State Range Planning Committee.

In FY 1980 the Department of Fish and Game received a legislative appropriation of \$15,000 to establish a State Range Planning Committee consisting of representatives from most major communities within the State. This committee, with direction from Game Division's Hunter Safety Coordinator, was to assess the needs for shooting facilities in cities and towns throughout Alaska and to make recommendations regarding acquisition and development of appropriate shooting facilities.

At its first meeting in October, 1976, the Committee established its purpose as that of recommending to the Legislature a long term program of land acquisition and range development, including development of existing ranges, so that shooting instruction and recreation could be carried out safely by as many Alaskans as possible. In developing its recommendations the Committee was to:

1. Identify existing facilities in all major communities;
2. Identify the need for additional shooting facilities in all major communities;
3. Recommend specific ranges to be constructed and their design;  
and

4. Recommend guidelines for the funding, acquisition and operation of ranges.

The Committee developed a list of existing range facilities (Appendix A, attached), and subsequently, at its November, 1979 meeting, developed a statewide list of recommendations for range acquisition, development and improvement (Appendix B, attached).

The Committee also established a set of guidelines for future range planning which included, in part, that:

1. Central, supervised shooting facilities should be developed in major population areas with more than 15,000 people;
2. The State should provide an outdoor shooting range adjacent to each community of over 1,000 people;
3. The State should provide indoor shooting facilities for firearm safety instruction in each community of over 1,000 people, preferably in connection with a high school; and
4. All communities with a population of less than 1,000 people should have designated shooting areas.

The Committee met again in December, 1979, and developed cost estimates for the list of recommended range acquisition, and improvements developed at the previous meeting (Appendix B), for those communities with populations of more than 1,000 people. The Committee determined that a transportable 80' X 30' prefabricated building would be adequate to meet the needs of most communities for indoor shooting facilities. These would have 5 shooting points for smallbore shooting only and were estimated to cost \$300,000 each.

For the smaller villages and communities desiring to designate new or formalize existing shooting areas the Committee agreed to allot up to \$2500 and provide technical assistance. Also, it was felt that this money could be used to develop portable indoor shooting items for student training.

Following passage of S.B. 477 the State Range Planning Committee was replaced by the new five-member Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety.

The new Committee conducted its first meeting on October 9 and reviewed the actions and recommendations of the previous committee and the status of various range proposals. The Committee met again in November, 1980 and reviewed requests for funding that had been received. A project status list with funding amounts was developed and updated following the next meeting of the Committee in December (Appendix C, attached). Proposals for range facilities which had been approved by the Committee fully obligated the \$1.5 million appropriated by the Legislature in 1980.

At its December meeting, the Committee discussed new legislative funding requests that would be desirable to continue the program of constructing or upgrading shooting facilities. The Committee decided to place emphasis on providing indoor shooting facilities in 1981-82. A list of projects and tentative funding requirements was prepared as a basis for a request for a legislative appropriation:

Juneau Trap Club	\$160,000
Juneau (indoor)	300,000
Izaak Walton (indoor)	500,000
Fairbanks (indoor)	500,000
Kodiak (outdoor)	300,000
Wrangell (indoor)	300,000
Palmer (indoor)	150,000
Kenai (indoor)	300,000
Sitka (indoor)	300,000
Ketchikan (indoor)	300,000
Anderson (indoor)	300,000

The identified project funding requirements totalled \$3.41 million. Other facilities needs in the communities of Nome, Galena, Kotzebue, Dillingham, and Petersburg had not been fully reviewed by the Committee, but it was felt that funds needed for these communities would total about \$1.6 million. Consequently an appropriation of \$5.0 million was considered desirable by the Committee.

The Department has reviewed the projects identified by the Committee for funding under a new legislative appropriation and concurs with the Committee's recommendation. A brief explanation of each project need and funding follows:

Juneau (indoor) \$300,000

Existing indoor facilities are inadequate for community needs. Benefits from an indoor facility would include training and recreational facilities for approximately 700 students, the membership of at least three local shooting/sportsman clubs, and the general public.

(outdoor) 160,000

Also being sought is funding for additional expansion of local shotgun facilities. Recreational shotgunning, and waterfowl and upland game hunting in the Juneau area warrant the support of shotgun training activities. The needs of the Juneau area for outdoor rifle facilities has been addressed through the approval of a request for \$135,000 from the 1980 appropriation to upgrade the Montana Creek Range.

Anchorage (indoor)

500,000

A major indoor shooting facility in Anchorage is needed. This range would provide indoor shooting facilities to meet the training needs of 5-10 thousand students and at least that many adults. The Advisory Committee has recommended that this range be located on the Izaak Walton League range complex and that \$500,000 be appropriated for that purpose. The Izaak Walton League has received \$275,000 from the 1980 appropriation for upgrading its outdoor shooting facilities.

Fairbanks (indoor)

500,000

The original recommendation of the Committee was to develop three indoor ranges adjacent to high schools in the Fairbanks area at a cost of \$1 million. This was reduced to \$500,000 for one large facility. \$200,000 has been approved out of the 1980 appropriation for two separate outdoor ranges in Fairbanks.

Kodiak (outdoor)

300,000

Although Kodiak has received approval for development of an indoor facility for \$125,000, unsettled land transfers has made ownership of the facility site uncertain. An outdoor range would be developed in conjunction with the already-approved indoor facility. Appropriation of \$300,000 would assure acquisition of the land should the site pass into private ownership. An estimated 1000 students and adults would benefit from shooting and firearm safety training activities at the proposed facilities.

Wrangell (indoor)

300,000

Due to the limitations of the 1980 appropriation, the priorities for shooting facilities in Wrangell were reversed and funds were granted for the completion of an outdoor range first. Completion of an indoor range is now necessary. Wrangell has one of the most active firearms training programs in southeast Alaska. Indoor facilities would provide year-round training programs for several hundred people.

Palmer (indoor)

150,000

A proposal for an indoor shooting facility in the Palmer area is under development. \$65,000 from the 1980 appropriation has been reserved for the Palmer facility. An additional 150,000 is needed to complete the Palmer facility.

Kenai (indoor)

300,000

Originally recommended as two smallbore indoor ranges to be located in local high schools at an estimated cost of \$425,000, the recommendation has been changed to that of developing one centralized indoor range at a cost of about \$300,000. This facility would be used by approximately 2,000 students and adults annually for training purposes, and additional people for recreational shooting. Funding for improvements to outdoor shooting facilities on the Kenai Peninsula has been approved in the amount of \$26,000 from the 1980 appropriation.

Sitka (indoor)

300,000

The need for an indoor shooting facility in Sitka was identified in the statewide assessment of shooting facilities by the Committee in 1979. Indoor shooting facilities would benefit some 500 students and 300 adults, annually, including law enforcement personnel in training activities. Sitka has been approved for funding in the amount of \$75,000 from the 1980 appropriation, for completion of its outdoor range.

Ketchikan (indoor)

300,000

There is a total lack of indoor shooting facilities in the Ketchikan area for hunter safety, law enforcement training and recreational activities. Such indoor facilities could be used in providing firearms training to approximately 500 Jr. high and high school students annually, for general public shooting activities.

Anderson (indoor)

300,000

Construction of an indoor shooting facility would be in conjunction with construction of a new high school at Anderson. The facility would serve residents of the Railbelt School District, including Anderson, Healy, and Clear.

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TOTAL

\$3,410,000

This project listing is considered minimal for the continuation of construction and improvement of shooting facilities begun in 1980. In addition the Committee and the Department consider expansion of the program to bush communities essential, request additional funding for bush areas.

APPENDIX A

Region

I. Northwestern

A. Outdoor

1. Bethel - No designated shooting areas
2. Dillingham - No designated shooting areas
3. Barrow - No designated shooting areas
4. Nome - No designated shooting areas
5. Kotzebue - No designated shooting areas

B. Indoor

1. Bethel - No indoor shooting facilities
2. Dillingham - No indoor shooting facilities
3. Barrow - No indoor shooting facilities
4. Nome - No indoor shooting facilities
5. Kotzebue - No indoor shooting facilities

II. Interior

A. Outdoor

1. Fairbanks
  - a. Northstar Borough 300 yards - summer use only
  - b. Fort Wainwright - organized competition
  - c. Fairbanks Trap Club - open to publ on fee basis
  - d. Eielson AFB 100 to 600 yards - high power and small bore organized competition
  - e. State Airport 50 yards - police range

2. Delta
3. Nenana - Undesignated gravel pits
4. Fort Yukon - No designated shooting areas
5. Galena - No designated shooting areas
6. Aniak - No designated shooting areas
7. McGrath - No designated shooting areas
8. Tok - Undesignated gravel pits
9. Healy - No designated shooting areas

B. Indoor

1. Fairbanks
  - a. University of Alaska 50' 12 pt. small bore - open to student - organized competition
  - b. Tanana Valley Sportsman 50' 10 pt. small bore - members and guest - organized competition
  - c. Fairbanks City Police 50' 2 pt. - not open to public
  - d. Ryan Jr. High 50' small bore - student use
2. McGrath - No indoor facilities
3. Delta - Portable small bore traps at High School
4. Nenana - No indoor facilities
5. Tok - No indoor facilities
6. Fort Yukon - No indoor facilities

III. Southcentral

A. Outdoor

1. Anchorage
  - a. Izaak Walton Range - open to public - high power, small bore, pistol, traps and skeet
  - b. Rabbit Creek - high power, small bore, pistol and trap
  - c. Elmendorf 100 - military and organized public
  - d. Fort Richardson - 500 yard high power - organized competition
  - e. Anchorage Sportsman - trap - private - open to

2. Soldotna and Kenai
    - a. Snowshoe Gun Club - 500 yards - pistol and trap - open to public some weekends and competition
  3. Homer
    - a. Homer Rod and Gun Club 100 yards - high power, pistol and trap - open to public
  4. Kodiak
    - a. Soline Creek Rifle Range 500 yards - high power, 50 yard pistol - open to public, subject to eventual closure
    - b. Base Trap Club - open to military
    - c. Kodiak UFW - 3 trap and 100 yard - 2 position high power - closed to public. Not considered a safe range
  5. Cordova
    - a. Izaak Walton League - 100 yards - high power, small bore - open to public. Due to close December 31, 1979
  6. Valdez
    - a. 200 yard 10 pt. High power - City owned and maintained
  7. Glennallen
    - a. No authorized outdoor shooting facilities
  8. Palmer - Talkeetna - Wasilla
    - a. No authorized outdoor shooting facilities
- B. Indoor
1. Anchorage
    - a. Elmendorf AFB 10 pt. 25 yards, organized club use
    - b. Bartlett High School 16 pt. 50 ft. - scheduled organized use
    - c. National Guard Armory 6 pt. 50 ft. - open to organized groups
    - d. Chugiak High School 50 ft. 10pt. - open to organized groups
    - e. West High School 10 pt. 50 ft. - open to organized groups
  2. Soldotna and Kenai
    - a. National Guard Armory 10 pt. 50 ft. - open to organized use

3. Homer
  - a. Homer Rifle and Pistol Club 4 pt. 75 ft. - open to public
4. Kodiak
  - a. 10 pt. 50' Coast Guard indoor range subject to eventual closure
5. Cordova
  - a. No indoor shooting facilities
6. Valdez
  - a. Valdez High School - 50' 7 pt. small bore - student and organized groups
7. Glennallen
  - a. No indoor shooting facilities
8. Palmer-Talkeetna-Wasilla
  - a. No indoor shooting facilities

#### IV. Southeast

- A. Outdoor
  1. Juneau
    - a. Montana Creek 300 yards - high power, small bore and pistol.
    - b. Juneau Trap Club
  2. Yakutat
    - a. No outdoor shooting facilities
  3. Sitka
    - a. City Range 100 yards - high power open to public
  4. Petersburg
    - a. City Range 200 yards - high power and small bore  
No improvements
  5. Wrangell
    - a. 200 yard - high power City range open to public, covered firing pts.
  6. Ketchikan
    - a. Ketchikan Trap Club - 3 traps - open to members and guests - 2 pt 100 yard high power range

7. Skagway
  - a. 100 yards - open to public
8. Haines
  - a. 150 yd. - high power range
9. Hoonah - No designated outdoor shooting area

I. Indoor

1. Juneau
  - a. Juneau Douglas High School - 10 pt. 50' small bore and pistol, not open to public
  - b. Support building not open to public
2. Yakutat - No indoor facilities
3. Sitka
  - a. BIA Range 4 pt. small bore
4. Petersburg - No indoor facilities
5. Wrangell - No indoor facilities
6. Ketchikan - No indoor facilities
7. Skagway - No indoor facilities
8. Haines - Sr. High School student range
9. Hoonah - No indoor facilities

V. Westward

A. Outdoor

1. Cold Bay
2. Sand Point
3. Dutch Harbor
4. King Salmon - Naknak

B. Indoor

1. Cold Bay - No indoor facilities
2. Sand Point - No indoor facilities
3. Dutch Harbor - No indoor facilities
4. King Salmon - Naknak - No indoor facilities

<u>House District Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recommended Facilities</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Ketchikan	1	Ketchikan	1. Expand number of firing points and other improvements to existing site. 2. Develop	1. 25
		all other communities	smallbore indoor range available to High School. 3. Assistance to 11 additional areas in obtaining designated and/or establish outdoor shooting areas, also financial assistance to schools establishing indoor student training facilities.	2. 300
				3. <u>27.5</u>
			Subtotal	352.5
Wrangell-Petersburg	2	Petersburg	1. Assist in development of indoor smallbore range available to High School.	1. 300
		Wrangell	1. Assist in development of indoor smallbore range available to High School. 2. Assist in upgrading existing outdoor facilities.	1. 300 2. 5.0
		All other communities	1. Assist 2 additional communities obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and establish indoor student training.	1. <u>5.0</u>
			Subtotal	610.0
Sitka	3	Sitka	1. Develop existing outdoor facilities.	1. 25.0
		All other	2. Assist develop indoor smallbore range available to High School. 1. Assist one additional community to obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting area and student training facilities.	2. 300 1. <u>2.5</u>
				Subtotal
Juneau	4	Juneau	1. Expand and improve existing outdoor range.	1. 75
			2. Improvement to support bldg. indoor range.	2. <u>75</u>
			Subtotal	150
Haines-Skagway	5	Haines	1. Expand and improve existing outdoor range.	1. 25.0
			2. Develop indoor range.	2. 5.0
		Skagway	1. Minor improvements to existing outdoor range. 2. Develop indoor smallbore and pistol range available to High School.	1. 5.0 2. 5.0 3. <u>12.5</u>
			Subtotal	52.5
			1. Assist 5 additional communities to obtain designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training facilities.	

<u>House District Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recommended Facilities</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Valdez-Cordova	6	Valdez	No recommendations	
		Cordova	1. Land acquisition and improvements 2. Indoor smallbore facilities adjacent to High School.	1. 20 2. 50
		Glennallen	1. Improvements to outdoor range and development of range available to High School. 2. Assist 3 additional communities to obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training facilities.	1. 10.0 2. <u>7.5</u>
			Subtotal	87.5
Palmer-Talkeetna-Wasilla	7	Palmer-Wasilla	1. Acquire land in centralized area.	1. 100
		Palmer	1. Indoor smallbore range.	1. 300
		Wasilla	1. Indoor smallbore range. 2. Assist one additional community to obtain designate and/or establish outdoor shooting area and student training facilities.	1. 300 2. <u>2.5</u>
		Subtotal	702.5	
Anchorage	8	Anchorage	1. Improvement & expansion of 2 existing outdoor ranges. 2. Centralized indoor smallbore and pistol range. 3. Completion of three existing indoor High School smallbore ranges.	1. 475 2. 1,725 3. <u>375</u>
				Subtotal
Seward	9	Seward	1. Assist in establishing a designated shooting area. 2. Establish smallbore indoor range.	1. 10 2. <u>10</u>
				Subtotal
Kenai-Soldotna	10	Soldotna	1. Expansion & improvements to existing-outdoor range. 2. Smallbore indoor ranges in 2 High Schools.	1. 10 2. 425
		Homer	1. Expansion & improvements to existing outdoor ranges. 2. Improvements to existing indoor range. Assist 5 additional communities to obtain designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training	1. 10 2. 5 1. <u>45</u>
			Subtotal	<u>462.5</u>

<u>House District Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recommended Facilities</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	
Kodiak	11	Kodiak	1. Acquire site and improvements to existing outdoor range. 2. Designate shooting areas adjacent to city. 3. Indoor smallbore and pistol range. 4. Assist 5 additional communities obtain, designate or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training facilities.	1. 125	
				2. no cost	
				3. 300	
				4. <u>12.5</u>	
				Subtotal 437.5	
Aleutian Islands	12	All communities	1. Assist 10 communities obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training facilities.	1. <u>30.0</u>	
				Subtotal 30.0	
Dillingham	13	Dillingham	1. Assist communities to obtain designate and/or establish an outdoor shooting facility. 2. Develop indoor student training facility.	1. 10	
				2. 10	
		Naknek	1. Assist community to obtain, designate and/or establish an outdoor shooting facility and indoor student training facility.	1. 10	
				1. Assist seven additional communities to obtain, designate and/or establish an outdoor shooting area & indoor student training facility.	1. <u>17.5</u>
				Subtotal 47.5	
Bethel (15)	14	Bethel	1. Assist Bethel establish and designate an outdoor shooting facility. 2. Establish indoor smallbore range. 3. Assist 15 additional communities to obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas & student training facilities.	1. 10.0	
				2. 100.0	
				3. <u>37.5</u>	
				Subtotal 147.5	
McGrath-Galena-Tanana	15	Galena	1. Assist Galena establish an outdoor shooting facility. 2. Assist development of indoor student training facility. 3. Assist 18 additional communities to obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting & student training facilities.	1. 5.0	
				2. 10.0	
				1. <u>45.0</u>	
				Subtotal 60.0	

<u>House District Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recommended Facilities</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	
Fairbanks	16	Fairbanks	1. Central facilities with highpower, small-bore & shotgun, outdoor, smallbore & pistol indoor.	1. 1,500	
			2. Four designated shooting areas adjacent to city.	2. no cost	
			3. Three indoor smallbore ranges adjacent to High Schools.	3. 1,000	
			1. Assist 5 additional communities to obtain designate and/or establish outdoor shooting area and student training facilities.	1. <u>12.5</u>	
			Subtotal	2,512.5	
Barrow-Kotzebue	17	Kotzebue	1. Acquire outdoor highpower range site & improvements.	1. 10.0	
			2. Indoor smallbore range adjacent to High School.	2. 300.0	
		Barrow	1. Develop outdoor range.	1. 10.0	
			2. Construct small-bore indoor range adjacent to school.	2. 300.0	
All other communities		1. Assist 9 additional communities to obtain, designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas and student training facilities.	1. <u>22.5</u>		
			Subtotal	642.5	
Nome	18	Nome	1. Designate and make improvements to an outdoor range.	1. 22.0	
			2. Smallbore indoor range available to High school.	2. 300.0	
			1. Assist 12 additional communities to obtain designate and/or establish outdoor shooting areas & student indoor training facilities.	1. <u>30.0</u>	
			Subtotal	352.0	
Hooper Bay	19	All Villages	1. Provide assistance to 8 communities in obtaining, designating and/or establishing outdoor shooting areas and indoor student training facilities.	1. <u>20.0</u>	
				Grand Total	<u>9,589.0</u>

City	Organization Requesting	Project	Status	Contact	Funding Amount	
<b>Southcentral Con't</b>						
Chugiak	Izaak Walton League	Outdoor	Awaiting	Maurice Oswald	275.0	
Naknek	Borough	Outdoor	Planning	Stuart Bourlin	50.0	
Seward	City of Seward	Outdoor range	Planning	David Brossow	10.0	
Adal.	Recreation Dept.	Outdoor	Planning	Wayne Armstrong	40.0*	
					<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>796.0</b>
					<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>756.0</b>

<b>Southeast</b>					<b>\$250.0</b>	
Petersburg	Petersburg Rod/Gun Club	Outdoor range	Awaiting funding	Ken Herrick	10.0	
Wrangell	City	Outdoor range	Complete	Bill Klein	25.0	
Wrangell	City	Indoor range	Planning	Bill Klein	280.0*	
Juneau	City and Borough	Outdoor range	Awaiting funding	Pete Hallgren	75.0	
Juneau	Juneau Gun Club	Trap range improvements	Awaiting funding	Pete Carlson	152.0*	
Juneau	Territorial Sportsmen	Montana Creek	Awaiting funding	Bud Boddy	135.0	
Haines	City	Outdoor range		Vern McCorkle	5.0	
					<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>682.0</b>
					<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>250.0</b>

**Summary**

23 Request approved                      1.496 + 30.0 Admin. FY 1980-81 = 1.526.0  
 3 Tabled or disapproved                472.0

Area	# Projects	Amount Allocated	Approved to Date
Arctic Interior	9	500.0	490.0
Southcentral	9	750.0	756.0
Southeast	5	250.0	250.0
* Tabled or disapproved			

Requests for Range Construction Assistance as of 1/10/81

C'ty	Organization Requesting	Project	Status	Contact	Funding Amount
Arctic Interior					\$500.0
Fairbanks	Fairbanks Trap Club	Trap machines	Awaiting funding	Steve Karenek	10.0
	North Star Borough	NSB Tanana	Awaiting funding	Dick McCarthy	100.0
	U. of A.	Outdoor	Planning	Bill Smith	100.0
Kotzebue		No Request			
Nenue		No Request			
Galena		No Request			
Tok	School District	Indoor Range	Planning	Spike Jorgensen	75.0
Nenana	City of Nenana	Indoor Range	Awaiting funding	Wayne Walters	15.0
Delta	School District	Indoor Range	Planning	Mike Carlson	100.0
Grath	City	Outdoor	Planning	Robert Juetner	40.0
Anderson	School	Indoor	Planning	Jim Shepard	25.0
Healy	School	Indoor	Planning	Roger Helmer	25.0
					Total Requested 490.0
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Rep. Ben Grussendorf  
Chairman  
465-3870

# Alaska State Legislature

## House of Representatives

Committee on

Community & Regional Affairs

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

### Summary - HB 481

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Fish and Game for shooting and firearm safety programs; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. - appropriating \$5,000,000 from the general fund to administer grants to municipalities, private and public organizations for the development and operation of public shooting ranges.

Section 2. - unobligated portion of the appropriation lapses into general fund June 30, 1983.

Section 3. - July 1, 1981 effective date.

A like bill, SB 291 by Senators Rodey, Kerttula, Mulcahy and Bradley was introduced in the Senate on March 16 and is presently in the Senate Resource Committee with a Finance Referral.

# STATE OF ALASKA

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## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

SUPPORT BUILDING  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

February 18, 1981

The Honorable Hugh Malone  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Malone:

The Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety has recommended allocation of this year's \$1.5 million appropriation to shooting range projects around the State.

These projects are described in the enclosed listing. Some are completed and others are in the agreement-signing or construction stage now.

Also enclosed is a list of tentative projects for next year. This is on a specific project basis as we have identified the most imminent needs around the State.

We ask your assistance and support in obtaining an additional appropriation for the coming year so that we can continue to build shooting ranges to be used primarily for firearms safety training for the youth of our State.

Thank you for your consideration,



Joe Nava, Chairman  
Advisory Committee on Hunting and Firearm Safety  
S R Box 30202  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Enclosures

Minutes of the Meeting of the Advisory Committee  
on Hunting and Firearms Safety

December 19, 1980

December 19, 1980 meeting of the Hunting and Firearms Safety Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Joe Nava. Members present were Paul Weller, Maurice "Ozzie" Oswald sitting in for McDowell, Ray Brown, Edward Nelson, and Jack Alexander.

Meeting agenda included a review of current and newly submitted grant requests and the drafting of related legislative bills.

Discussion of range development and funding in the Arctic Interior included three ranges in the Fairbanks area; the North Star Borough, Fairbanks Trap Club and the University of Alaska ranges. A discussion of the University of Alaska range plan resulted in a motion by Paul Weller to increase the requested grant by \$50,000. This motion was seconded by Ray Brown and passed by a unanimous vote of the Committee. A discussion of the Fairbanks North Star Borough range plan followed. The Committee objected to the proposed plan of removing gravel from the existing starting area for use on other areas of the range. The Committee's decision made at the November 14th meeting to increase the Borough's request to \$100,00 for the purchase of additional gravel was re-affirmed.

Expenditures for Kotzebue, Nome and Galena were deleted due to lack of proposals from these communities.

Proposals from the cities of McGrath, Anderson and Healy were approved on a motion by Ted Nelson and seconded by Ray Brown. McGrath's request for \$40,000 was approved. Grants for Anderson and Healy schools were approved at \$25,000 each.

New proposals for the Southcentral area were next considered:

A request from the Mat Valley Sportsmen for an undetermined amount was discussed by the Committee. Due to the ambiguities in the Mat Valley Sportsmen's request, no specific recommendation could be made. Jack Alexander was requested by the Committee to contact Noel Woods in regard to the amount needed to develop an indoor range.

A request from the Snowshoe Gun Club from Kenai was received. Their request is for \$16,000 to extend the existing rifle and pistol range. A motion was made by Ted Nelson to approve this amount. The motion was seconded by Ray Brown and passed by unanimous vote of the Committee.

The Kodiak proposal was reviewed next. The construction of an indoor range is being held up due to problems in locating suitable property. A motion was made by Ray Brown and seconded by Paul Weller to provide the entire amount of \$125,000 allocated for Kodiak to be used for the construction of the indoor range. The motion passed unanimously.

"Ozzie" Oswald reported that an agreement had been reached with the Chugach Native Corporation on the purchase of 18 acres adjacent to the Izaak Walton League Range. The sum of \$269,000 was approved for that purchase.

A discussion of range problems on Adak was held. It was the Committee's feeling that the Navy has the ability to provide recreational use of existing ranges. Therefore the request for \$40,000 was rejected on a motion by Ted Nelson and seconded by Ray Brown, which passed by unanimous vote. It was noted by the Committee that the Adak requests would be reconsidered at a time when new funds become available if land can be made available specifically for a public range and if operations can be conducted by a non-military organization.

A request from Juneau based Territorial Sportsmen was the only new proposal received from southeast Alaska. The proposal for \$135,000 to make improvements to the Montana Creek Range was approved by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Considerable discussion was held on the legislative requests for FY 81-82 funding. The Committee felt that next year's emphasis should be placed on providing indoor shooting facilities. A tentative list of projects and amounts was developed at a cost of \$300,000 and follows:

* Juneau Trap Club	\$160,000
Juneau (indoor)	300,000
Adak (outdoor)	50,000
Izaak Walton (indoor)	500,000
Fairbanks (indoor)	500,000
Kodiak (outdoor)	300,000
Wrangle (indoor)	300,000
Palmer (indoor)	100,000
Kensai (indoor)	300,000
Sicka (indoor)	300,000
Ketchikan (indoor)	300,000
Anderson (indoor)	300,000

The remaining funds will be allocated to Nome, Galena, Kotzebue, Dillingham and Petersburg as the requests are received.

Additional legislation to be submitted by the Committee included a bill to earmark fine and penalty money collected for fish and game violations to be used for hunter safety training and shooting range operation. Also a bill was drafted requesting an appropriation of \$130,000 to purchase property adjacent to the Rabbit Creek Range.

By unanimous vote, the Committee decided to hold the next meeting in Juneau. Joe Nava will determine the date and Jack Alexander is to notify all members of the committee when the date is confirmed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

City	Organization Requesting	Project	Status	Contact	Funding Amount
Southcentral Con't					
Chugiak	Izaak Walton League	Outdoor	Awaiting	Maurice Oswald	275.0
Naknek	Borough	Outdoor	Planning	Stuart Bourlin	50.0
Seward	City of Seward	Outdoor range	Planning	David Brossow	10.0
Adak	Recreation Dept.	Outdoor	Planning	Werne Armstrong	40.0*
Total Requested					796.0
Total Approved					756.0

Southeast					\$250.0
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Petersburg	Petersburg Rod/Gun Club	Outdoor range	Awaiting funding	Ken Herrick	10.0
Wrangell	City	Outdoor range	Complete	Bill Klein	25.0
Wrangell	City	Indoor range	Planning	Bill Klein	280.0*
Sitka	City and Borough	Outdoor range	Awaiting funding	Pete Hallgren	75.0
Juneau	Juneau Gun Club	Trap range improvements	Awaiting funding	Pete Carlson	152.0*
Juneau	Territorial Sportsmen	Montana Creek	Awaiting funding	Bud Boddy	135.0
Haines	City	Outdoor range		Vern McCorkle	5.0
Total Requested					682.0
Total Approved					250.0
Summary					
23 Request approved		1.496 + 30.0 Admin. FY 1980-81 = 1.526.0			
3 Tabled or disapproved		472.0			

Area	Projects	Amount Allocated	Approved to Date
Arctic Interior	9	500.0	490.0
Southcentral	9	750.0	756.0
Southeast	5	250.0	250.0

\* Tabled or disapproved

Requests for Range Construction Assistance as of 1/10/81

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