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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 140

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the longevity bonus."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 \* Section 1. AS 47.45.010(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who was domiciled in  
10 the territory on or before January 3, 1959 and who has maintained a  
11 continuous domicile in the territory or state for 25 years may apply to  
12 the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a  
13 monthly bonus of \$250 [\$200].  
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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. H.B. 140  
 Title An act increasing the Longevity Bonus  
 Requested by Jerry Shilz Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Administration  
 Program Category Affected Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Longevity Bonus Program  
 (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						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	-0-	5,356.8	5,724.0	6,091.2	6,458.4	6,825.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>5,356.8</b>	<b>5,724.0</b>	<b>6,091.2</b>	<b>6,458.4</b>	<b>6,825.6</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	5,356.8	5,724.0	6,091.2	6,458.4	6,825.6
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Over the past five year period, the Longevity Bonus Program has shown an almost uniform rate of increase in persons eligible for the bonus, averaging 51 persons per month.

During the month of January, 1981, there were 8,316 persons eligible for the bonus. Projecting an average increase of 51 per month, this would bring the January, 1982, number of eligible persons to 8,928.

Since January is midway in our fiscal year, the January number can be used for the fiscal year average in this constantly increasing program.

H.B. 140 would increase the Longevity Bonus from \$200 per month to \$250 per month. Assuming that the rate of increase will remain constant, as it has for the past 5 years, and assuming an effective date of July 1, 1981, for

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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)  
 Representative Duncan Keith Specking  
 33-001 (Rev. 12/80)

**CATEGORY:** SOCIAL SERVICES  
**PROGRAM:** SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

**AGENCY:** DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
**BRU (s):** ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS

The Alaska Longevity Bonus Program gives qualified applicants - those Alaskans 65 years of age or over who were domiciled in the territory on or before January 3, 1959 and who maintained a continuous domicile in the state or territory for 25 more years - a cash bonus of \$200 per month as long as they continue to reside in the State.

The principal objective of the program is to provide an incentive to qualified applicants (as described above) to return to Alaska (if now outside) or remain in Alaska after reaching age 65. Bonus payments made under this program are not predicated on need.

STATE OF ALASKA -- BUDGET UNIT SUMMARY

CATEGORY: SOCIAL SERVICES  
 AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

BRU(S): LONGEVITY BONUS

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	80 AUTH	80 FINAL	80 ACT	81 AUTH	81 SUPL	81 RP	GOVERNOR
	13607.6	13616.5	13409.5	19947.3			21445.6
** TOTAL	13607.6	13616.5	13409.5	19947.3			21445.6
** CHANGE VERSUS 81 AUTH							7.5%
<b>OBJECT DESCRIPTION</b>							
PCRS. SERV.	113.9	105.3	105.2	138.3			144.9
TRAVEL	3.9	3.1	1.8	3.3			4.0
CONTRACTUAL	41.1	73.7	73.3	72.7			94.7
COMMODITIES	.4	2.5	2.2	2.0			2.8
EQUIPMENT	.5	.5	.5	.6			
GRANTS, CLMS	13447.8	13431.4	13226.5	19730.4			21199.2
<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>							
GENERAL FUND	13607.6	13616.5	13409.5	19947.3			21445.6
** GENERAL FUND CHANGE VS. 81 AUTH							7.5%
<b>POSITIONS</b>							
FULL-TIME	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0			5.0
STAFF MONTHS	60.0	60.0	60.0	72.0			60.0

H.B. 140, the increase would affect needed funding as follows:

<u>FY</u>	<u>No. Eligible</u>		<u>Amount of Increase</u>		<u>Months</u>		<u>Total Increase</u>
1982	8,928	X	\$50	X	12	=	\$5,356,800
1983	9,540	X	50	X	12	=	5,724,000
1984	10,152	X	50	X	12	=	6,091,200
1985	10,764	X	50	X	12	=	6,458,400
1986	11,376	X	50	X	12	=	6,825,600

POSITION PAPER  
ON  
HOUSE BILL No. 140

"An Act increasing the Longevity Bonus".

The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes that the weight of inflation causes economic harm to those persons living on fixed retirement incomes. This is especially true in Alaska where cost of living increases, if any, do not keep up with the annual rate of inflation.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the concept of attempting to keep up with the increases caused by inflation, particularly for those persons living on fixed reduced incomes.

Recommended by Elizabeth Muktarian  
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Date: 2/18/81

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Health and  
Social Services

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. HB 140  
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 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date February 18, 1981

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

Zero impact

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