

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

5/14/81

FURTHER:

(11)

Date:

May 16 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 514

"An Act relating to state aid to volunteer fire departments; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 514 (NRA) same title
 new title
- and recommends DO PASS
- 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:

CHAIRMAN

Original sponsors: Malone, Moss,
Rogers and Cato

Offered: 5/14/81
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 514 (C&RA)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state aid to volunteer fire
7 departments; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. STATE AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. (a) For each
10 fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, the Department of
11 Community and Regional Affairs shall pay to each volunteer fire department
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13 municipality but not organized as a municipal fire department, a grant for
14 fire protection purposes equal to \$10 per capita for the population served
15 by the fire department. The population served by the fire department for
16 the purposes of this section shall be determined by the state fire marshal.

17 (b) If appropriations are not sufficient to fully finance all grants
18 authorized under this section, the Department of Community and Regional
19 Affairs shall distribute available money pro rata among eligible fire
20 departments.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act terminates June 30, 1985.

22 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 514 (C4PA)
 Title An Act relating to state aid to volunteer fire departments
 Requested by House Finance Date May 18, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Department of Community and Regional Affairs
 Program Category Affected Development
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Municipal Revenue Sharing
 (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		1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		200.0	500.0	1,000.0	2,000.0	
TOTAL		203.0	503.3	1,003.6	2,003.9	

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		203.0	503.3	1,003.6	2,003.9	
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE May 18, 1981 PREPARED BY Terry L. Earley
 AGENCY Community and Regional Affairs
 PHONE 465-4730
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

III ANALYSIS

Assume that there are 20,000 persons served by VFD's as described by the bill. Also assume that the number of eligible VFD's will increase annually as Boroughs and VFD's discover this is additional funding and does not reduce funding to the borough for other services.

200 TRAVEL - \$1,000 to fund the provision of technical assistance directly to VFD'S participating in the program.

300 CONTRACTUAL - \$2,000 to pay additional application postage and telephone costs.

700 GRANTS -

FY 82	20,000	X	\$10	=	\$200,000
FY 83	50,000	X	\$10	=	\$500,000
FY 84	100,000	X	\$10	=	\$1,000,000
FY 85	200,000	X	\$10	=	\$2,000,000

NOTE: The population figures used are strictly estimates as no factual data is available.

Travel and Contractual have been increased for inflation by 10% in FY 83, 84 & FY 85.

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Affairs and Finance

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

9 * Section 1. AS 29.89.040 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 29.89.040. STATE AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS [IN THE
11 UNORGANIZED BOROUGH]. (a) The department shall pay to a volunteer
12 fire department registered with the state fire marshal [AND SERVING AN
13 AREA NOT IN AN ORGANIZED BOROUGH OR CITY] a sum for protection purposes
14 equal to \$10 per capita for the population served by the fire depart-
15 ment, as determined by the state fire marshal.

16 (b) A grant shall be made under (a) of this section to facilitate
17 the organization of a volunteer fire department [IN AN AREA NOT IN AN
18 ORGANIZED BOROUGH OR CITY,] upon application of the proposed fire
19 protection group to the state fire marshal and upon approval of applica-
20 tions according to standards of organization and service prescribed by
21 regulations adopted by the state fire marshal.

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LETTER OF INTENT
HB 517 (Labor & Commerce)

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Labor and Commerce has had under consideration HB 517, "An Act making special appropriations to the telecommunications systems, for satellite television facilities, and providing for an effective date."

We believe satellite television services provided by the State of Alaska to its citizens should be improved and expanded. It is the intent of the Legislature that HB 517 be viewed as a significant step in the provision of a multi-channel, high quality television distribution system to expand the single channel system demonstrated since 1976. The Legislature intends that the most modern telecommunication facilities be obtained through competitive procurement of services insuring lower costs, stimulation of the Alaskan economy and flexibility in service delivery unobtainable through monopoly common carriers. The Legislature also recognizes that state-of-the-art technological advances have rendered obsolete the current system and that HB 517 will insure that Alaska is served by the most modern communication facilities and techniques.

Programming conflicts in the current system coupled with delayed bush distribution feeds require a new programming approach. Through the co-operation of Alaska's commercial and public broadcasters, and responsible citizen groups, a new time sensitive, multi-channel television distribution network can be provided by funds appropriated through HB 517. The Legislature intends that programming be obtained from the major commercial networks -- ABC, CBS, and NBC -- with a fourth channel being optionally used for Alaska public affairs, educational programming, Public Broadcasting Services programming, and teleconferencing. Through the system established in HB 517, Alaskan TV viewers will be given their first opportunity to select quality, over-the-air, multi-channel programming which the Legislature views as a significant transfer of control to the individual citizen. The expanded access to the social, cultural and educational aspects of prime time television is also recognized by the Legislature as an important learning resource in the State's ongoing commitment to high quality public education for all Alaskans.

The Legislature, recognizing the complexity of undertaking a major technical project, intends that the engineering design, system planning, and project management for the development of an Alaska Satellite Television network (ASTN) be best facilitated through the two telecommunications divisions recently established in the Department of Administration under Executive Order 50. The Department will coordinate the implementation of the ASTN to serve the communities listed herein:

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Adak	Dot Lake	Kotzebue	Ruby
Akhiok	Eagle	Koyuk	Russian Mission
Akiachak	Eagle Village	Kwethluk	Sand Point
Akiak	Eek	Kwigillingok	Savoonga
Akutan	Egegik	Larsen Bay	Scammon Bay
Alakanuk	Ekwok	Manley Hot Springs	Selawik
Aleknagik	Elim	Marshall	Seward
Allakaket	Emmonak	McGrath	Shageluk
Ambler	English Bay	Mekoryuk	Shaktoolik
Anaktuvuk Pass	Fairbanks	Mentasta Lake	Sheldon Point
Anchorage	False Pass	Meshik (Port Heiden)	Shishmaref
Anderson	Fort Yukon	Minto	Shungnak
Angoon	Gambell	Mountain Village	Sitka
Aniak	Glennallen	Naknek	Skagway
Anvik	Golovin	Napakiaik	Sleetmute
Arctic Village	Goodnews Bay	Nelson Lagoon	St. George
Atka	Grayling	Wenana	St. Mary's
Atmautluak	Haines	New Stuyahok	Sr. Michael
Barrow	Healy	Newtok	St. Paul
Beaver	Holy Cross	Nightmute	Stebbins
Bethel	Hoonah	Nikolai	Stevens Village
Birch Creek	Hughes	Nikolski	Stony River
Buckland	Huslia	Ninilchik	Takotna
Cantwell	Hydaburg	Noatak	Tanacross
Cape Pole	Igiugig	Nome	Tanana
Central	Iliamna	Nondalton	Tatitlek
Chalkyitsik	Ivanof Bay	Noorvik	Telida
Cheformak	Juneau	Northway	Teller
Chevak	Kake	Nuiqsut	Tenakee Springs
Chignik Bay	Kaktovik	Nulato	Togiak
Chignik Lagoon	Kaltag	Old Harbor	Tok
Chistochina	Karluk	Ouzinkie	Toksook Bay
Chitina	Ketchikan	Pelican	Tununak
Chuathbaluk	Kiana	Perryville	Tyonek
Circle	King Cove	Petersburg	Unalakleet
Cold Bay	King Salmon	Pilot Point	Unalaska
Cooper Landing	Kipnuk	Pilot Station	Valdez
Copper Center	Kivalina	Pitkas Point	Venetie
Cordova	Klukwan	Point Hope	Wainwright
Craig	Kobuk	Point Lay	White Mountain
Crooked Creek	Kodiak	Port Heiden (Meshik)	Whittier
Deering	Koliganek	Port Lions	Willow
Delta Junction	Kongiganak	Rampart	Wrangell
Dillingham	Kotlik	Red Devil	Yakutat

recently established in the Department of Administration under Executive

In Alaska's major cities and surrounding areas, commercial and public broadcasting stations own and operate facilities providing over-the-air service. Translator facilities operated by these stations would carry programming provided for under HB 517. The following communities would receive the benefits of this ASTN programming:

Anchor Point	Knik
Big Lake	Nenana
Bird Creek	North Kenai
Chugiak	Palmer
Clam Gulch	Paxson
Copper Center	Peters Creek
Delta Junction	Seldovia
Eagle River	Sterling
Girdwood	Sutton
Glennallen	Takoma
Healy	Talkeetna
Homer	Tok
Hoonah	Tolsona
Hope	Usibelli
Houston	Wasilla
Kasilof	Willow
Kenai	Willow Mountain

Additionally, cable television companies providing subscription television services would be permitted in accordance with F.C.C. regulations to carry ASTN programming without charge to subscribers.

The Legislature also recognizes that certain local conditions (i.e. inadequate power, geographical obstructions, real estate acquisition) may prohibit the implementation of the project in a proposed community and that the Department of Administration in its annual report on telecommunications should recommend procedures to correct such situations and request funds to accomplish proposed solutions.

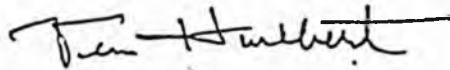
Finally, it is the intent of this Legislature that access to information resources, of the kind provided for in HB 517, be included in the more traditional concept of public facilities and services. Utilizing telecommunications for human development must be as important as the construction of airports, schools and highways. Alaska, with its myriad of

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resources and great wealth, has a real opportunity to emphasize the development of its most important resource: its people. Citizen access to multi-channel television is one giant step in this development.

Sincerely,



Rep. Vern Hurlbert, Chairman
House Labor and Commerce Committee

that the Department of Administration in its annual report of telecommunication