

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

5/14/81

FURTHER:

(11)

Date: May 16, 1981

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 538

"An Act relating to a small-scale agriculture grant program."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for 538 (1981) 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

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CHAIRMAN

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS HB 538
 Title Small-scale Agriculture Grant Program
 Requested by Rep. Terry Gardiner Date May 15, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Natural Resources
 Program Category Affected Economic Development
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Ag Management
 (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		37.8	37.8			
200 TRAVEL		10.0	10.0			
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.2	4.2			
400 COMMODITIES		.3	.3			
500 EQUIPMENT		1.7	1.7			
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		500.0	1000.0			

TOTAL

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		564.0	1064.0			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		1	1			
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Includes Agronomist (program coordinator) to be added to Division Staff. Position will reduce conflicting and duplicative grants, assist applicants with application and report, and screen applications.

Grant funds would fund already recieved applications and expected requests for FY 82.

IV. DATE May 16, 1981 PREPARED BY *Dorwin Carney*
 AGENCY DNR Division of Agriculture
 Original: Legislative Finance PHONE _____
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 538 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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3 070(c).



Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Committee on Resources

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Terry Gardiner, Co-Chairman
Fred F. Zharoff, Co-Chairman
465-3715

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sam Cotten, Chairman
House Finance

FROM: Terry Gardiner, Co-Chairman
Fred Zharoff, Co-Chairman
House Resources

DATE: 14/May/1981

RE: CS HB ~~538~~ ⁵³⁸

Please amend CS HB 538 (an Act relating to a small-scale agriculture grant program) to include school districts & REAA's in list of eligible recipients.

The groups were removed from the list of eligible recipients in the House Resources committee substitute. However, it is now felt that school districts and REAA's could utilize these grants to provide needed agricultural educational services at the local level, and that they ought to be included in the list of eligible recipients.

The specific amendments required:

Page 2, line 20- after "village", add "school district, regional educational attendance area,".

Page 4, line 23- after "village", add "school district, regional educational attendance area,".

Corrections Page 2, L. 20
Page 4, L. 23
Page 4, new sec. 3

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Offered: 5/14/81
Referred: Finance

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-4- CSHB 538(Res)

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Amendment by Cotten

P. 4, line 29, add a new section to read:

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Introduced: 4/28/81
Referred: Resources and Finance

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19 grant to the department within 60 days after the end of the next calen-
20 dar year. However, the department may permit the recipient to retain
21 unexpended grant money for use during the next calendar year if the
22 agricultural project or program is to continue.

23 Sec. 03.08.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

24 (1) "calendar year" means January 1 to December 31;

25 (2) "grant" means money available under this chapter for use
26 in small-scale agriculture projects and programs;

27 (3) "recipient" means a municipality, village, school dis-
28 trict, regional educational attendance area, or nonprofit corporation
29 which qualifies for a grant under this chapter;

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(4) "small-scale agriculture" means the growing of food in the state for local consumption.



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To: Sam Cotten, Chairman
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From: Rep. Terry Gardiner, Co-chairman *T.G.*
House Resources

Date: May 15, 1981

Re: CS HB 583- 538

The House Resources Committee has devoted a great deal of time and energy examining the agriculture industry in Alaska.

The Resource Committee has developed legislation to provide funds for small-scale agriculture projects. At present the approach of many smaller communities throughout the State to obtain funding for agriculture projects is through the capital and operating budget process. Last year the legislature appropriated \$2,147,000 for village agriculture projects. This sum was dispersed through Department of Natural Resources Division of Agriculture to approximately 7 non-profit native corporations.

CS HB 583 addresses the need for a more coherent funding approach to village and rural agricultural efforts. The intent of the bill is to provide assistance to villages and communities in efforts to provide nutritional, locally produced foods for residents, particularly in rural Alaska where food costs are extremely high. The bill does allow all municipalities or villages in the State to apply for funding of small-scale agricultural programs, with a maximum set at \$25,000 per community.

The funding level for the grant program is projected to be \$1,000,000. Since this grant program will not be operational until 1982, and it is assumed that the Governor will allocate continuation level funding in FY 83, the request for grant monies for FY 82 is \$500,000.