

HB
621

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

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FURTHER:

1/29/82

Date: 1/29/82

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES has had H.R. 611

"An Act providing for the issuance of certificates of birth for persons born outside the United States and adopted by Alaska residents."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 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:

CHAIRMAN

MSG 82-00003893 PRTY 1 01/26/82 18:18:14 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0020 OUT= 0125
FROM: CINDY ANCH. TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0003

TO: REPRESENTATIVES BEIRNE, CATO, MALONE, MARTIN, SMITH
FROM: BRENDA ARNEY, 3500 MOUNTAIN VIEW SP 47, ANCH. 99504 (276-2512)

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 621. PLEASE REJECT AMENDMENT THAT LESSENS THE INTENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ABOOD'S BILL. THE SUBSTITUTE BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE ISSUED TO FOREIGN BORN ADOPTED CHILDREN SO THEY CAN BE TREATED AS EQUALS. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO EXPLAIN THEMSELVES EVERY TIME THEY CAN'T PRODUCE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

MSG 82-00003893 PRTY 1 01/26/82 18:18:14 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0020 OUT= 0125
FROM: CINDY ANCH. TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 0001

TO: REPRESENTATIVES BEIRNE, CATO, MALONE, MARTIN, SMITH
FROM: DON SLOAN, 6400 REED WAY, ANCH, 99502 (2 9-2530)

AS A PARENT OF A FOREIGN BORN ADOPTED CHILD, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 621 WITH ONLY AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY ITS SPONSOR, MITCH ABOOD.

MSG 82-00003866 PRTY 1 01/26/82 17:14:37 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0016 OUT= 0119
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0005

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: PAUL WILSON, SRA BOX 2348, ANC 99507 (HM 345-4949, WK 344-0501)

I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 621. MY DAUGHTER AND NEICE WERE BOTH
ADOPTED FROM COSTA RICA. THEY ARE COMING TO SCHOOL AGE AND NEED BIRTH
CERTIFICATES VERY BADLY.

TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0005

TO: REPRESENTATIVES BEIRNE, MARTIN, CATO, MALONE, SMITH

FROM: LINDA TAYLOR, 2511 WEST 79TH DRIVE, ANC 99502 (243-3631)

PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621 WHICH WILL GRANT BIRTH CERTIFICATES
TO FOREIGN BORN CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY US CITIZENS. AS
AMERICANS AND ALASKANS WE ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME SERVICES AND
DOCUMENTS THAT ALASKA GIVES TO ALL HER OTHER RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

MSG 92-00003966 PRTY 1 01/26/82 17:14:37 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0016 OUT= 0111
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 000

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FROM: MARTIN AND FRANK CORLETT

WE HAVE STUDIED HB 621 AND MUST RESCIND OUR SUPPORT. WE HAD THOUGHT IT WOULD PROVIDE BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR FOREIGN BORN CHILDREN WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE NONE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN FALSIFYING OR OBSCURING A PERSON'S ORIGINS, REGARDLESS OF THE COUNTRY OF BIRTH.

MSG 82-00003972 PRTY 1 01/26/82 17:29:35 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0011 OUT= 0117
FROM: EFFIE TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: F.O.M. PAGE 0001

TO: REFS. BEIRNE, MARTIN, CATO, SMITH, MALONE.

FR: GEOFF FEILER
RAINBOW VALLEY
INDIAN, AK 99540 (W) 277-1601

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 621. THE FOREIGN BORN ADOPTED CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE
TO HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE RATHER THAN A BIRTH DATA CARD. 30 OTHER
STATES HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED THIS NEED FOR FOREIGN BORN ADOPTED CHILDREN.

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MSG 82-00003570 PRTY 1 01/25/82 18:51:47 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0019 OUT= 0144
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: PCM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M. PAGE 0013

TO: REPRESENTATIVES ABOOD, BEIRNE, CATO, MALONE, MARTIN, SMITH
FROM: G. T. WILKINSON, SRA 2827, ANC 99507 (349-9182)

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND HOUSE APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL 621. CHILDREN LIKE OUR KOREAN BORN DAUGHTER ARE NOW AMERICAN CITIZENS, BUT ~~SOMETIMES~~ ARE TREATED IN A DISCRIMINATORY MANNER BECAUSE THEY LACK A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. PLEASE PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS NEEDED DOCUMENT JUST AS ALMOST 40 OTHER STATES HAVE.

MSG 82-00001323 PRTY 1 01/15/82 11:51:02 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0003 OUT= 0050
FROM: CAROL, ANCH. TO: JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P.O.M. PAGE 0004

TO: ALL REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: SUSAN HOYER
4900 NOTTINGHAM WAY
ANCHORAGE 99503 (H) 279-2130

REP. ABOOD IS PRESENTING HB 621 AND AS AN INTERESTED PERSON, I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SUPPORT HIM TOO.

MSG 82-00001467 PRTY 1 01/15/82 16:55:28 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0013 OUT= 0130
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: NENA EARL JONES, 2200 FOUR ACRE, ANC 99507 (274-8326)

I WANT YOU TO APPROVE HOUSE BILL 621

MSG 82-00001467 PRTY 1 01/15/82 16:55:28 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0013 OUT= 0130
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: LINDA SLONE, 6400 REED WAY, ANC 99502 (278-3033)

STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621 SO THAT OURS AND OTHER
FOREIGN ADOPTED CHILDREN CAN BE ISSUED SUBSTITUTE BIRTH CERTIFICATES

MSG 82-00001581 PRTY 1 01/18/82 10:10:49 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0002 OUT= 0030
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M

PAGE 0007

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: JACULINE TORKELSON, P. O. BOX 551, CHUGIAK 99567 (688-2127)

IN SEPTEMBER WE ADOPTED A BABY GIRL FROM INDIA. PLEASE SUPPORT THE
PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 621 AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OUR DAUGHTER TO GET
A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. ALASKA IS OUR PERMANENT HOME. MY PARENTS MOVED
HERE IN 1951 AND IT WILL BE OUR DAUGHTERS HOME FOR MANY YEARS. THANK
YOU.

MSG 82-00001280 PRTY 1 01/15/82 10:36:25 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0002 OUT= 0028
FROM: CAROL, ANCH. TO: JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P.O.M. PAGE 0001

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: REID AND SANDY BOND
3060 REDWOOD
ANCHORAGE 99504 (H) 274-8428

WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF HB 621, SPONSORED BY REP. MITCH ABOOD. OVER 30
OTHER STATES HAVE PASSED SIMILAR LEGISLATION. DO NOT LET ALASKA BE
THE LAST. PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 621.

MSG 82-00002360 PRTY 1 01/20/82 13:32:15 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0012 OUT= 0080
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0009

TO: SENATORS BRADLEY, COLLETTA, DANKWORTH, FISCHER, KELLY, RODEY,
STIMSON, STURGULEWSKI

REPRESENTATIVES ABOOD, ANDERSON, BARNES, BEIRNE, BUCHHOLDT, BYLSMA,
CLOCKSIN, COTTEN, CUDDY, HALFORD, HAYES, MARTIN, MEEKINS, METCALFE,
MONTGOMERY, PHILLIPS

FROM: LES LANGMIER, 3409 BONIFACE, ANC 99504 (338-1073)

PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: G. T. WILKINSON, SRA BOX 2827, ANC 99507 (349-9182)

HOUSE BILL 621 RELATING TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BORN
OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ADOPTED BY ALASKANS IS A VERY HUMAN-
ITARIAN BILL. THIS BILL SATISFYS A SUBSTANTIAL NEED IN THE STATE WITH
NO SUBSTANTIAL COST TO THE STATE. I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU GIVE THIS
BILL YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT.

MSG 82-00001441 PRTY 1 01/15/82 15:50:11 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0022 OUT= 0117
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LNH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0007

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

FROM: RALPH AND GRACE KNAPP, 5016 VANCE DRIVE, ANC 99504 (338-2677)

WE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621.

MSG 82-00002360 PRTY 1 01/20/82 13:32:15 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0012 OUT= 0080
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LNH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0009

TO: SENATORS BRADLEY, COLLETTA, DANKWORTH, FISCHER, KELLY, RODEY,
STIMSON, STURGULEWSKI

REPRESENTATIVES ABOOD, ANDERSON, BARNES, BEIRNE, BUCHHOLDT, BYLSMA,
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BILL YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT.

MSG 82-00001443 PRTY 1 01/15/82 15:56:31 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0011 OUT= 0111
FROM: CHARITY TO: JNU LID
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: PUBIC OPINION MESSAGE PAGE 0001

TO ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: GAVIN & TERRY REED, 458 ATLANTIS ANCH 99502 274-4401

AS ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF TWO FOREIGN BORN CHILDREN WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE
SUPPORT HB 621. OUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

MSG 82-00001354 PRTY 1 01/15/82 13:06:20 ORIG: LF01 IN= 0010 OUT= 006
FROM: DEBBIE/FBX TO: JUNO LTN
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM PAGE 000

TO: HOUSE HESS COMTE. REPS: BEIRNE, MARTIN, CATO, MALONE

REPS. BETTISWORTH, BROWN, FANNING, RANDOLPH, ROGERS
SENS. PARR, FAHRENKAMP, BENNETT

FR: JAYE E. DELBRIDGE
BOX 440
FAIRBANKS, 99707 479-3983

RE: HB 621

MSG: PLEASE PASS THIS BILL! I'M SURE THAT NONE OF YOU WOULD WANT YOUR
OWN CHILD DENIED A BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
THANK YOU.

MSG 82-00001488 - PRTY 1 - 01/15/82 17:30:34 ORIG: LF01 IN= 0013 OUT= 0137
FROM: MAXINE/FBX TO: JUNO INF
TARGET: LNH2 SUBJ: POM THIS IS TO BE HEARD THIS AM 1/18/82 PAGE 0001

TO: REP'S BEIRNE, MARTIN, CATO, SMITH, MALONE
REP'S BETTISWORTH, BROWN, FANNING, RANDOLPH, ROGERS
SEN'S FAHRENKAMP, BENNETT, PARR
REP ABOOD

FR: OLGA COOK, SR 50119, FBX 99701 PH. 456-6994
RE: HB 621

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 621 AND GIVE FOREIGN BORN ADOPTED CHILDREN
US CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION WITH THIS SUBSTITUTE BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

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MSG 82-00001413 PRTY 1 01/15/82 15:00:54 ORIG: LM00 IN= 0008 OUT= 00
FROM: MARY/MATSU TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LNH2 SUBJ: P.O.M. PAGE 00

TO: SENATOR KERTTULA
REP. CARNEY
REP. BEIRNE, REP. MARTIN, REP. CATO, REP. SMITH, REP. MALONE

FR: SHARON SCHULLING, BOX 1541, PALMER 99645 - 745-4370

RE: HB 621

I AM IN FAVOR OF PASSAGE OF THIS BILL AND URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT.
WE HAVE A FOREIGN BORN DAUGHTER AND ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN A BIRTH
CERTIFICATE FOR HER. A BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR SO MANY
GOVERNMENTAL, SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT
NOT HAVING ONE. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO ASSIST THIS BILL'S PASSAGE.
THANK YOU.

MSG 82-0000467 PRTY 1 01/15/82 16 75 28 ORIG LA03 IN=0013 OUT=0130
FROM: MARGIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJJ2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0003

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

FROM: LINDA M. STEENMEYER, 2906 WEST 34TH AVENUE, ANC 99503 (243-6032)

PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621. MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VITALLY CONCERNED WE ARE TRYING TO ADOPT OUR 2ND CHILD FROM INDIA, A LITTLE GIRL. WE WANT HER TO HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE THE SAME AS HER BROTHER, A NATIVE BORN ALASKAN. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

MSG 82-00001513 PRTY 1 01/15/82 16 74 14 ORIG L000 IN=0010 OUT=0146
FROM: KODIAK TO: ALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES
TARGET: LJJ2 SUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE PAGE 0001

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT OF HB 121

INCERELY,
JUG DAWSON
O. BOX 885
KODIAK, AK. 99615
486-3131
486-3532

MSG 82-00001329 PRTY 1 01/15/82 12:12:49 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0008 OUT= 006
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 000

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: BECKY WEIL, 3451 KACHEMAK CIRCLE, ANC 99502 (344-5660)

PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 621 WHICH WILL COME BEFORE YOU ON MONDAY.
MANY CHILDREN WILL THANK YOU.

MSG 82-00001329 PRTY 1 01/15/82 12:12:49 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0008 OUT= 006
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 001

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: KIMBERLY GRANT, 4952 WESLEYAN, ANC 99504 (337-3392)

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND PASSAGE OF THE BILL FOR PROVISION OF
SUBSTITUTE BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR FOREIGN BORN CHILD ADOPTED BY ALASKAN
PARENTS. THIS WOULD END THE PROBLEM THESE CHILDREN HAVE IN OBTAINING
THE PAPERWORK WE ALL NEED AS WE GO THROUGH LIFE AND WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL
TO NO ONE.

MSG 82-00001329 PRTY 1 01/15/82 12:12:49 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0008 OUT= 0061
FROM: MARCIE, ANC INFO TO: POM, JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P O M PAGE 0010

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
FROM: ALICE BOWLES, P. O. BOX 302 EAGLE RIVER 99577 (688-2038)

WE'RE APPEALING FOR PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 621 CONCERNING ADOPTED
CHILDREN. WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO ADOPT A KOREAN BABY AND RECENTLY LEARNED
THAT BABIES THAT ARE ADOPTED BY ALASKAN RESIDENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
DON'T HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES. HOUSE BILL 621 WOULD REMEDY THIS SITUATION
PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE THE
UNITED STATES.

MSG 82-00001304 PRTY 1 01/15/82 11:23:53 ORIG: LA00 IN= 0005 OUT= 0045
FROM: LANA IN ANC TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: POM

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS
FROM: JUDY AND BRUCE CLARDY
SRA BOX 2282
ANC, 99507 349-7288 (H)

I ENCOURAGE ALL STATE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT AND PASS THIS BILL AMENDING
CURRENT STATE LEGISLATION TO ALL FOREIGN BORN CHILDREN ADOPTED BY US
CITIZENS TO ACQUIRE A SUBSTITUTE BIRTH CERTIFICATE. STATE REP. ABOOD
IS SPONSING THIS BILL HB 621. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THIS TO BE PASSED.

MSG 82-00001323 PRTY 1 01/15/82 11:51:02 ORIG: LA03 IN= 0003 OUT= 0050
FROM: CAROL, ANCH. TO: JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P.O.M.

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS
FROM: WALTER AND JEAN BHAGATRAM
1013 E. 28TH
ANCHORAGE 99504 (H) 279-2780

I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF HB 621 RE ISSUANCE OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR FOREIGN
BORN CHILDREN.

1118 Ingra
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

7 January 1982

Representative Mike Seirne
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Seirne:

When an Act providing for the Issuance of
Certificates of Birth for Persons Born Outside the United
States and Adopted by Alaska Residents comes before
the legislature for consideration next week, please
give it your support.

Sincerely,

Paullette Oakes
Martin Oakes

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TO: Legislative Affairs Agency

TO: REPS. Pettisworth, Brown, Fanning, Randolph, Rogers and Smith, Beirne, & Abood
Sens. Fahrenkamp, Bennett, and Parr

Please send the following message to the Fairbanks Legislative delegation members, to Representative Michael F. Beirne, Chairman of the House Health, Education & Social Services Committee, and to Representative Mitchell E. Abood, Jr.:

We the undersigned support House Bill 621 allowing the issuance of Alaska substitute birth certificates to foreign born children adopted in Alaska.

| <u>Print Name:</u> | <u>Signature:</u> | <u>Address:</u> | <u>Phone:</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>KENTON ANDERSON</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>SR20827 Fairbanks AK</u> | <u>479-7674</u> |
| <u>RONALD S. MASON</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>SR20222-C Fairbanks AK</u> | <u>479-6552</u> |
| <u>Wallace F Baird</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>384 Cindr Dr</u> | <u>456-1667</u> |
| <u>DENNIS R WEEVER</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1 1/2 mi Henderson</u> | <u>479-4745</u> |
| <u>Gregory P. Labrec</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>4935 [Address]</u> | <u>452-7050</u> |
| <u>JESSY J COOK</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>P.O. Box 2134</u> | <u>456-6066</u> |
| <u>Susan K. Cook</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>PO Box 2134</u> | <u>456-6066</u> |
| <u>Kelly S Elbert</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>4152 10th & Broadway</u> | <u>479-3730</u> |
| <u>Melody H. Hawk</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>S.R. 10723-A</u> | <u>479-5599</u> |
| <u>Jeffrey James Jacobson</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>P.O. Box 221 99701</u> | <u>479-3477</u> |
| <u>Ann K. Ballack</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Box 5707 Nome</u> | <u>443-5575</u> |
| <u>Theresa Mason</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>SR 20022 C</u> | <u>479-6552</u> |
| <u>MERRI ANN WEAVER</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>SR 10542 A</u> | <u>479-4745</u> |
| <u>KATHLEEN STEEBERS</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>38242 7 College</u> | <u>479-5530</u> |
| <u>INGO KUPIEL</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>P.O. Box 80266 College AK</u> | <u>479-6800</u> |
| <u>Stanley Steenberg</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Box 303 Fairbanks</u> | <u>479-5530</u> |
| <u>Betty D. Perry</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Box 847033 Fairbanks</u> | <u>479-6906</u> |
| <u>Sally B Bailey</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>1824 Kennedy Fairbanks</u> | <u>456-3260</u> |
| <u>Floyd A. BAILEY</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>11 11</u> | <u>11 11</u> |

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MSG 82-00001470 PRTY 1 01/15/82 16:57:02 ORIG: LM00 IN= 0009 OUT= 012:
FROM: MARY/MATSU TO: JNU INFO
TARGET: LJH2 SUBJ: P.O.M. PAGE 000:

TO: REP. CARNEY
REP. BEIRNE, REP. MARTIN, REP. CATO, REP. SMITH, REP. MALONE
FR: EUGENE AND CONNIE HUSTON, SR BOX 317, WASILLA 99687 - 376-5626
RE: HB 621

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 621. FOREIGN BORN CHILDREN ADOPTED BY ALASKAN FAMILIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE BIRTH CERTIFICATES. WE WANT THIS PRIVILEGE FOR OUR DAUGHTER. THANK YOU.

TO: SENATORS FISCHER AND STIMSON
REPRESENTATIVES BEIRNE, CLOCKSIN, CUDDY AND MEEKINS
FROM: CHARLES BATES, 2038 BOREALIS DR., ANC. 99503 279-2777

PLEASE SUPPORT HB-621. Birth Certificates.

Dear _____
Thank you for your letter
expressing your support for
HB 621. This bill was just
referred to the Education
Committee on the 11th
social services, & will
be heard in the next few
days. I will be sure to
advocate on this bill
every day.

The education committee
will schedule
the bill for
the 14th
session.

I will be sure to
advocate on this
bill every day.

Thank you for
expressing
concern for
foreign born
children.

House Bill 621, relating to birth certificates

Passage of this bill would allow foreign born children who are adopted by residents of the state to obtain an Alaskan birth certificate. Although this birth certificate would not be a proof of citizenship and the child would still have to be naturalized, it would remove the stigma associated with certificates provided by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

Sectional Analysis of SSB621

Sec. 1. (a) This section deals with the report of adoption. The added language of lines 15-20 adds flexibility to the existing statute by deleting the necessity for an original birth certificate. Findings may be requested by parents which could be used to establish a birth certificate for foreign born adopted children.

Sec. 2. Limits the location for forwarding a copy of an adoption report, vacation or amendment of an adoption document to the United States.

Sec. 3. Allows the state registrar to issue birth certificates for foreign born children if the parents were residents of Alaska at the time of adoption. The child or his parent or guardian must request this and there must be an adoption report together with information necessary to identify the original birth certificate or court findings. The findings may be replaced by an affidavit of the adoptive parent if the adoption took place prior to the effective date of this bill. The adopted person may not be 18 years or older at the time application is made. The registrar shall prescribe the form and it is not proof of citizenship.

Sec. 4. Provides for changing the name on the birth certificate and adds foreign born adopted children whose parents were residents of the state at the time of adoption.

Sec. 5. Divides this section into subsections. Requires that parents request a birth certificate within 30 days of adoption decree from the clerk of court and expands the location that the application be forwarded to include the registrar of state vital statistics in cases of foreign birth. If parents request, findings shall be provided in addition to an adoption report. These findings shall specify the date, place of birth and parentage of the adopted person based on evidence from the petitioner and/or reliable state or federal sources. These findings shall be certified and included with the report of adoption.

Catholic Social Services

811 W. 6th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 277-2554

January 22, 1982

Rep. Mitch Abood
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

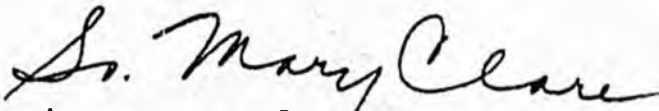
RE: H B # 621

Dear Rep. Abood:

Please be aware that Catholic Social Services is in support of action that will enable the child born outside the United States and placed for adoption in the State of Alaska to obtain an appropriate birth certificate.

I am pleased to see sponsorship of this bill.

Sincerely,



Sister Mary Clare, ACSW
Director

SMC:trb
cc:GCM

JAN 26 1982

*Every child comes with a message
that God is not yet discouraged with man.*



CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH DATA
FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION RECORDS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE RECORDS OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE INDICATE THAT:

NAME JOHN MATTHEW HANLON

WAS BORN ON January 9, 1958

AT Seoul, Korea

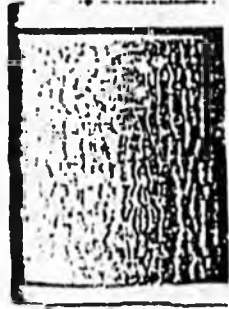
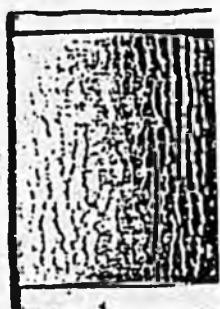
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DATE OF ISSUANCE June 1, 1973 PLACE OF ISSUANCE Anchorage, Alaska

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CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS - JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

DATE RECEIVED

TYPE OR PRINT IN
PERMANENT INK

RECORDER'S NO. _____ CHILD - NAME FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____

CHILD

1
SEX _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) _____ HOUR _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____ CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCATION _____
2
2a _____ 2b _____ 2c _____ M. ALASKA

4a HOSPITAL - NAME _____ 4b STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER) _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD WAS BORN ALIVE AT THE PLACE AND TIME AND THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

5a SIGNATURE _____ IF ATTENDANT SAME AS PERSON SIGNING CHECK HERE
IF NOT, ENTER NAME AND TITLE BELOW
5b NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) _____ NAME _____
5c TITLE: M.D. NURSE MIDWIFE OTHER _____ 5d TITLE _____

DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) _____ MAILING ADDRESS - STREET OR P.O. BOX NO., CITY, VILLAGE, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____ AGE (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH) _____ STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) _____
6a _____ 6b YEARS _____ 6c _____

RESIDENCE - STATE _____ CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCATION _____ INSIDE CITY LIMIT: YES NO
6d _____ 6e _____ 6f _____

STREET AND NUMBER _____ RECORDING DISTRICT _____
6g _____ 6h _____

FATHER - NAME FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____ AGE (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH) _____ STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) _____
7a _____ 7b YEARS _____ 7c _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS CERTIFICATE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. (SIGNATURE OF PARENT)

8a _____ 8b MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS (FOR BIRTH REGISTRATION NOTICE) STREET OR P.O. BOX NO., CITY OR VILLAGE, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

RECORDER - SIGNATURE _____ ADDRESS _____ RECORDING DISTRICT _____ DATE RECORDED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) _____
9a _____ 9b _____ 9c _____ 9d _____

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH USE ONLY.

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| 10 RACE - MOTHER | 11 RACE - FATHER | 12 BIRTHWEIGHT | 13 THIS BIRTH - SINGLE, TWIN, TRIPLET, ETC. (SPECIFY) | 14 IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH - BORN FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, ETC. (SPECIFY) | 15 IS MOTHER MARRIED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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| 16 PREGNANCY HISTORY (Complete each section) | | 17 EDUCATION - MOTHER (Specify only highest grade completed) | | 18 EDUCATION - FATHER (Specify only highest grade completed) | |
| LIVE BIRTHS (Do not include this Child) | OTHER TERMINATIONS (Spontaneous or Induced) | ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY (10-12) | COLLEGE (11-4 or 5-1) | ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY (10-12) | COLLEGE (11-4 or 5-1) |

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| 16a NOW LIVING NUMBER _____ | 16b NOW DEAD NUMBER _____ | 16c BEFORE 20 WEEKS NUMBER _____ | 16d AFTER 20 WEEKS NUMBER _____ | 17 DATE LAST NORMAL MENSES BEGAN (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) | 18 MONTH OF PREGNANCY PRENATAL CARE BEGAN FIRST, SECOND, ETC. (SPECIFY) | 19 PRENATAL VISITS TOTAL NUMBER (IF NONE, SO STATE) | 20a APGAR SCORE 1 min | 20b APGAR SCORE 5 min |
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21a _____ 21b _____

22 COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY? - IF YES, DESCRIBE YES NO

23 ILLNESS OR CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PREGNANCY? - IF YES, DESCRIBE YES NO

24 COMPLICATION OF LABOR AND/OR DELIVERY? - IF YES, DESCRIBE YES NO

25 CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS OR ANOMALIES OF CHILD? - IF YES, DESCRIBE YES NO

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| RECORDER'S NO. 81-70 |
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| CHILD - NAME FIRST: STEPHANIE MIDDLE: LYNN LAST: STRAUSS |
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| SEX: FEMALE | DATE OF BIRTH: FEBRUARY 16, 1981 | HOUR: 7:23 A.M. | PLACE OF BIRTH: ALASKA | CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCATION: JUNEAU |
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| HOSPITAL - NAME: BARTLETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL | STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER): 3260 HOSPITAL DRIVE |
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| SIGNATURE: <i>William M. Palmer MD</i> NAME: DR WILLIAM PALMER TITLE: MD NURSE: <input type="checkbox"/> MIDWIFE: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> | IF ATTENDANT SAME AS PERSON SIGNING CHECK HERE: <input type="checkbox"/> IF NOT, ENTER NAME AND TITLE BELOW: |
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| DATE SIGNED: 2/25/81 | MAILING ADDRESS - STREET OR P.O. BOX NO., CITY, VILLAGE, STATE, ZIP CODE: 3260 HOSPITAL DRIVE, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801 |
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| MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME: BARBARA LYNN SHULER | AGE - LAST TIME OF THIS BIRTH: 37 YEARS | STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT U.S., NAME COUNTRY): RHODE ISLAND |
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| RESIDENCE - STATE: ALASKA | CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCATION: JUNEAU | INSIDE CITY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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| STREET AND NUMBER: 433 4TH STREET #1 | RECORDING DISTRICT: JUNEAU |
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| FATHER - NAME: EDVINS YANIS STRAUSS | AGE - LAST TIME OF THIS BIRTH: 38 YEARS | STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT U.S., NAME COUNTRY): LATVIA |
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| CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS CERTIFICATE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. SIGNATURE OF PARENT: <i>Richard Strauss</i> | MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS - FROM BIRTH REGISTRATION NOTICE: 433 4TH STREET #1 JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801 |
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| RECORDER - SIGNATURE: <i>Richard Strauss</i> | ADDRESS: Pouch U, Juneau, Alaska 99811 | RECORDING DISTRICT: JUNEAU | DATE RECORDED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): FEB 27 1981 |
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record on file with the Alaska State Bureau of Vital Statistics at Juneau, Alaska.

Joan P. Brooks
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State Registrar of Vital Statistics

BY: *Hayden B. Powell*
Date: **JAN 22 1982**



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Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Committee on

Health, Education & Social Services

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

January 27, 1982
AGENDA

The House H.E.S.S. Committee will take up HB Bill 621
and continue work on HB 194.

Witnesses for HB 621:

Paul Hoffman

Richard Taylor

Joan Brooks

Rep. Abood

House Bill 621, relating to birth certificates

Passage of this bill would allow foreign born children who are adopted by residents of the state to obtain an Alaskan birth certificate. Although this birth certificate would not be a proof of citizenship and the child would still have to be naturalized, it would remove the stigma associated with certificates provided by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

Sectional Analysis of SSHB621

Sec. 1. (a) This section deals with the report of adoption. The added language of lines 15--20 adds flexibility to the existing statute by deleting the necessity for an original birth certificate. Findings may be requested by parents which could be used to establish a birth certificate for foreign born adopted children.

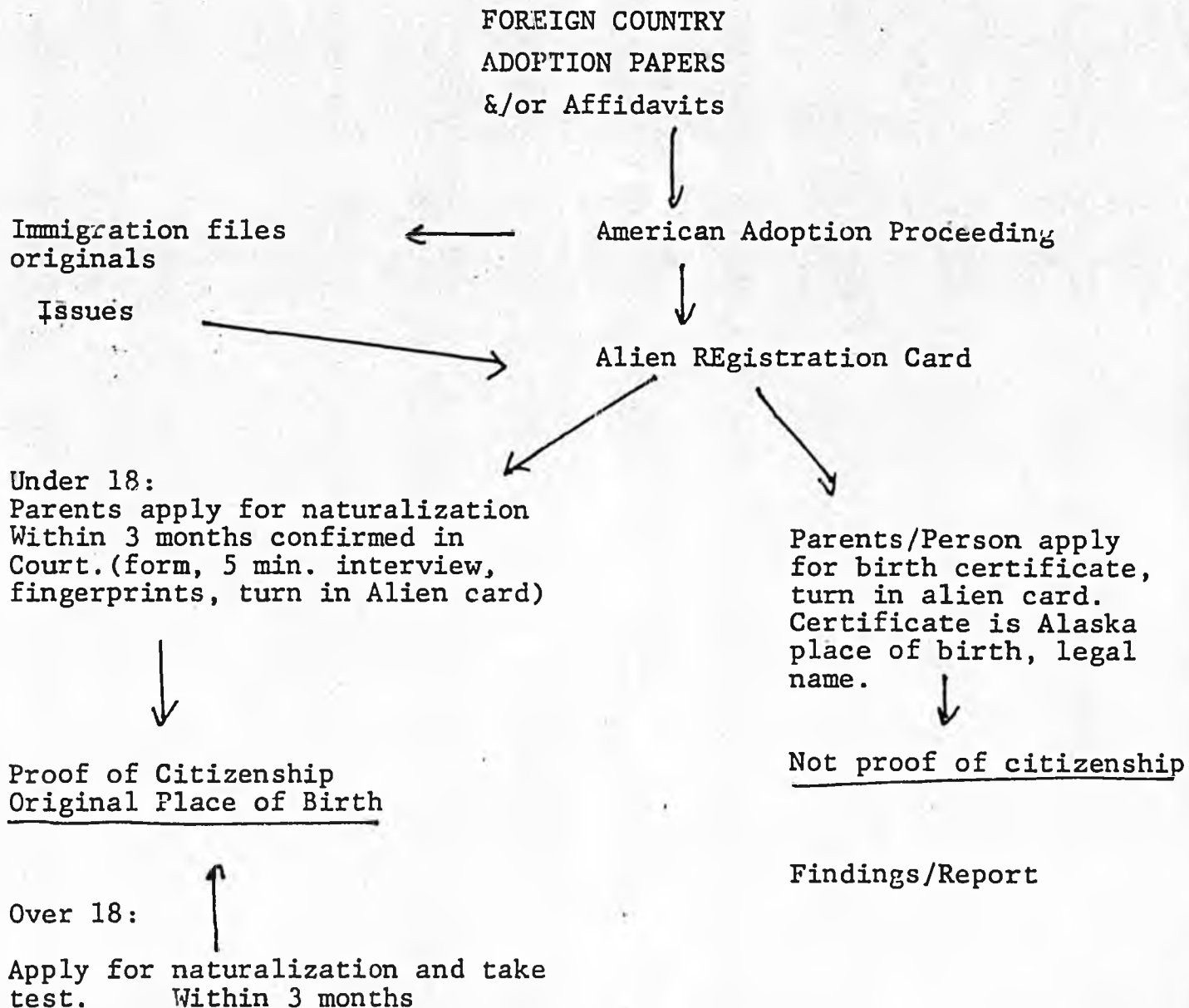
Sec. 2. Limits the location for forwarding a copy of an adoption report, vacation or amendment of an adoption document to the United States.

Sec. 3. Allows the state registrar to issue birth certificates for foreign born children if the parents were residents of Alaska at the time of adoption. The child or his parent or guardian must request this and there must be an adoption report together with information necessary to identify the original birth certificate or court findings. The findings may be replaced by an affidavit of the adoptive parent if the adoption took place prior to the effective date of this bill. The adopted person may not be 18 years or older at the time application is made. The registrar shall prescribe the form and it is not proof of citizenship.

Sec. 4. Provides for changing the name on the birth certificate and adds foreign born adopted children whose parents were residents of the state at the time of adoption.

Sec. 5. Divides this section into subsections. Requires that parents request a birth certificate within 30 days of adoption decree from the clerk of court and expands the location that the application be forwarded to include the registrar of state vital statistics in cases of foreign birth. If parents request, findings shall be provided in addition to an adoption report. These findings shall specify the date, place of birth and parentage of the adopted person based on evidence from the petitioner and/or reliable state or federal sources. These findings shall be certified and included with the report of adoption.

Norbert Lague
Immigration & Naturalization
701 C S., Rm 229
Anchorage, Ak 99513



REVISED
POSITION PAPER

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

"An Act providing for the issuance of certificates of birth for persons born outside the United States and adopted by Alaska residents."

The Department recognizes that this is an emotional issue to those new parents of adopted aliens, who feel it is very important for their child to have a birth certification document from the State of Alaska. --More than 30 states now have similar legislation. However, we would like to bring to the Committee's attention that, of the 650 to 700 adoptions granted each year in Alaska, only 3 to 4 percent are adoptions of foreign-born aliens, amounting to about 25, and of these, less than half are adoptions of Asian children.

The Registration Methods Branch of the National Center for Health Statistics has opposed the establishment of a birth certificate by any state for a foreign-born alien. This position is based on the firm belief, of more than 40 years standing, that the basic principle of registration is to record vital events where they occur. The Model Vital Statistics Act, endorsed by the Council of State Governments, makes no provision for such a birth certificate because of the ease by which abuses might result. A person could enter the United States using his original birth certificate, become adopted, and establish an entirely new identity without becoming a citizen. Even if the new certificate bears the statement that it is not evidence of United States citizenship, it could be misleading because, in most cases, both adoptive parents are native to this country.

Passage of this bill would give a selected few people two birth certificates, one in the country of birth and one in Alaska. Children born to American citizens in a foreign country get only one birth certificate, and it is from that foreign jurisdiction. When a person, born in Alaska, is adopted, the original record is sealed away and replaced by a substitute birth certificate. Hence, an alien would always have two birth certificates, but the Alaska-born adoptee does not.

It is the opinion of the Department of Health & Social Services that the need addressed in this bill is already satisfied. In 1960 the U.S. State Department recognized that aliens in this country needed an acceptable document as proof of date and place of birth. Since that time the birth record issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has been totally accepted by all jurisdictions. Should the alien become naturalized, further documentation is provided. A birth record prepared by the State of Alaska for an adopted alier is a duplication of effort and does not maintain the integrity of vital records by registering only births which occur in Alaska.

It is recommended that the provisions of this bill be limited to minor foreign-born aliens adopted in Alaska, and that the certificate provided be on a form designed to suit the need, but not in the identical style of the standard certificate of birth for Alaska.

With these amendments, the Department of Health & Social Services would support passage of HB No. 621.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Joan P. Brooks
JOAN P. BROOKS
STATE REGISTRAR
BUREAU OF VITAL
STATISTICS

DATE:

January 25, 1982

APPROVED BY:

Helen D. Beirne
HELEN D. BEIRNE
COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE:

1-26-82

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HOUSE BILL NO. 621
Title "An Act providing for the issuance of certificates of birth"
Requested by _____ Date _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health & Social Services
Program Category Affected Administrative Services
BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Vital Statistics
(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 82 | FY 83 | FY 84 | FY 85 | FY 86 | FY 87 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 100 PERSONAL SERVICES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 200 TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| 300 CONTRACTUAL | | | | | | |
| 400 COMMODITIES | | | | | | |
| 500 EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| 600 LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| 700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC. | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

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| GENERAL FUND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | | | |
| OTHER (Specify Source) | | | | | | |
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POSITIONS

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| FULL TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| TEMPORARY | | | | | | |

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

No fiscal impact

IV. DATE January 25, 1982 PREPARED BY Paul P. Brack
AGENCY D.H.S.S.
Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-3397
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)
33-001 (Rev. 12/81)

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times that want to adopt. Because of this imbalance, prospective parents are going to other countries for children.

Best, adopting a child is complicated. But when the adoption involves a foreign national, the problems are compounded. Prospective parents

Find an American agency that will handle the adoption.

Arrange for actual physical possession of the child.

Research and comply with regulations governing adoption in both the U.S. and the child's native land.

Cope with federal and state regulations involving tax matters and birth certificates.

Anchorage's Jean and Walt Bhagatram have three adopted children: Alexander, 7, Katia, 5, and little Nicholas, who just celebrated his first birthday.

They are beautiful children, and obviously not blood relatives of their parents.

The older son and daughter are Korean and the baby is from Taiwan. Each child came to the Bhagatrams at the age of 4 months.

Jean laughs as she says, "The family teases me about getting the 'different' one. Besides the children coming from different countries, my husband is Russian, born in India with an Indian background."

"We always wanted to adopt children," she says. "We chose the route to build our family."

For the Bhagatrams, the complexity of the U.S. adoption system prompted them to look across the border.

Most American adoption agencies have an "incredible number of rules," according to Tom Dickinson of the Anchorage Adoptive Parents Association.

Age of parents, square footage of space for the child's room, income and other matters are considered. She says that agencies on the other

side of the border are more successful.

Then Joan read a magazine article about an agency in Oklahoma that specialized in adoption of the foreign-born.

"Still, it was a long and arduous task," Tom says. "We waited 26 months."

By December 1979, when 3-year-old Karyn arrived from Korea, the couple was living in Anchorage.

"It was fortunate we were transferred here," Tom says.

"Many people who adopt a foreign child must go to the child's native land and bring them home. Others must travel to some central pickup point in the U.S."

But because the Wilkinsons lived here, they only had to drive to Anchorage International Airport.

Walt Bhagatram played a role in the adoption of another Asian child by an Anchorage couple.

Reid and Sandy Bond had decided to adopt a Korean baby when it became apparent they would not have a child themselves.

They, too, were frustrated by the lack of interest shown by adoption agencies in Arizona, where they lived at that time.

After the Bonds moved to Anchorage, however, they heard of a Chinese infant in Taiwan, and when Bhagatram went to that country last May to pick up his son, Nicholas, he took photographs of the baby the Bonds had learned about.

"We decided immediately that we wanted him," Sandy says, and they began adoption proceedings. In November, the Bonds traveled to Taiwan to get their son, Christopher Reid, who was then 8 months old.

All three families have gone to great expense to adopt their children: The adoption proceedings cost \$3,500 to \$5,000, Sandy Bond says, with perhaps an additional \$1,000 in travel expenses. Adoptive parents are not allowed to deduct any of



Anchorage Daily News/Tom Alvarez

Their T-shirts leave no doubt about who stands where in the Bhagatram family's age line. From left are 'Little Brother' Nicholas, 1; 'Big Sister' Katia, 5; and 'Big Brother' Alexander, 7.

Sandy and Reid Bond found their son, Christopher, in Taiwan.

these expenses from their income tax. Parents who have children in the U.S., on the other hand, can deduct some childbirth expenses. This, adoptive parents contend, is unfair.

Ann and Fern Chandonnet, an Eagle River couple who adopted a Costa Rican child nine years ago, are part of a growing movement to change this law.

When the difficulties of finding a baby in the United States became apparent, the Chandonnets went the route of other frustrated adoptive parents and sought a child from outside the country.

They went to Costa Rica from their home, then Oakland, Calif., to pick up Yves. Their lawyer in Costa Rica anticipated they would have difficulty obtaining a birth certificate for the child in the U.S., so she suggested that they baptize Yves as soon as they returned home and send her the baptismal record.

They followed the lawyer's



Anchorage Daily News/Barbara Krizman

advice and she obtained a birth certificate for Yves — in Spanish.

Then, four years ago, "when I couldn't be accused of trying to seek special privilege for myself," Ann says she proposed legislation in Alaska that would allow a deduction on the state income tax for expenses incurred in adopting a child.

A bill was introduced, passed by the House but defeated in the Senate. Now that Alaska has abolished the state income tax, the Chandonnets are seeking

legislation that would allow a deduction on federal income tax returns.

Alaska, however, remains one of 16 states that do not issue birth certificates to foreign-born adoptees. The document is required on many occasions: entering school, joining the Little League, getting into military service and marrying, for example.

Rep. Mitch Abood, R-Anchorage, is seeking to remedy that situation with a bill he has introduced allowing the issu-

ance of birth certificates to foreign-born children under age 18 who have been adopted by Alaskans.

If passed, the law would be retroactive and apply to children adopted before its passage.

A local support group for parents of foreign-born children, the Anchorage Adoptive Parents Association, may be helpful in supplying information on child adoption. Interested persons may call Becky Weil at 344-5660.

A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

TO: SSB 621

Page 2, following line 21:

Insert a new subsection to read:

(d) Upon proof of naturalization an amended certificate of birth shall be issued under this section that deletes the statement that the certificate is not evidence of United States citizenship.

Wed. HB 194 -

Mr. Hoffman

Adopted card - called "Data card" now - slows to
much discrimination.

Joan Brooks - Vital statistics.

* Lack of information - can this be distributed to
adoption agencies.
fiscal note

Lee Ann Hilcher -
May we have your written test - - -

Ken Casello -

Sally

Would you want to move the bill. >