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POSITION PAPER/Department of Health and Social Services

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CS For Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 (Transportation)

Relating to free travel for handicapped persons on the State Marine Highway System.

CS for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 (Transportation) requests the Governor to direct the Division of Marine Highways to initiate a program whereby handicapped persons may travel without charge between two Alaskan ports on a space available basis from October 1 to the following May 15.

By such a program we would express to handicapped persons the interest of the State in their participation of State affairs by offering them an economical and convenient method of visiting new areas on the marine highway system, thus increasing their knowledge of these areas. In addition to opening new vistas of interest we are helping the handicapped person become a more informed citizen.

It is our understanding the marine highway system is in the process of removing all architectural barriers to handicapped persons thus enhancing the accessibility of the vessels. As such it is possible the vessels might be used as a transportation device from remote areas to larger towns for those needing routine medical attention.

The Department of Health and Social Services recommends the passage of this resolution.

Recommended by:

David Bruce

David Bruce, Deputy Director
Division of Public Health

Date:

April 9, 1981

Approved:

Helen D. Beirne

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Commissioner

Date:

4/18/81

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. CS for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 (Transportation)
 Title Relating to free travel for handicapped persons on the State Marine Highway System
 Requested by Commissioner's Office Date 3/10/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
 Program Category Affected Public Health
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
 (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	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
400 COMMODITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

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

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

IV. DATE 3/10/81 PREPARED BY David Bruce
 AGENCY Dept. of Health & Social Services
 PHONE 465-3090
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M&B Approval Maria Heikkinen Date 2/24/81

Draft CS for SCR5

Explanation of changes proposed by the sponsor, Senator Eliason.

Took out "severely" throughout the resolution and added the definition of "handicapped person" from the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The State Department of Transportation felt that a single definition for handicapped was necessary and preferred that it be defined at the legislative level.

Changed "Alaskans" to "persons" throughout to avoid legal challenge on basis of discrimination against out-of-state residents.

Added provision for requiring the signature of a physician verifying that the person meets the established definition of handicapped person. (D.O.T. was also concerned about how to administrate the program.) This method of qualification for the free travel pass would provide uniform criteria, would be simple and inexpensive to administer and most importantly, would protect the privacy and right to medical confidentiality of the handicapped person. The simple yes or no and signature of the doctor negates the need for the handicapped persons to specify or describe their disabilities to any non-medical personnel such as the ferry's purser.

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Mary Le Van

Ho Trip

~~Hand~~
Noble
Thelma

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81 Mary Le Van - Election's side

- def of handicapped
- ques to make it year-round
- handicapped Ak to persons
- deleted severely

50 Hayes - 7 Categ pg 2

Mary - form by Marine trns ref de. signature

80 Fry - lumpy

113 Hayes - likes big bill

too broad of categories - "speech impediment"
 Mary - only legal - marine trns will handle
 as they choose

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Xerox proposed chngs that encorp also sign

226 Hayes - move to adopt proposed 55 by Election
55 - fed guidelines

255 Fry - discussion in Sen Trip impact on re-design
ferries

263 Mary - 3 ferries that will hv elevators this season
Major structural chngs; ramps on

274 Fry - pass legislat inherent oblig

Mary - no, not > than now

280 Hurl - likes big bill best

300 Fry - chngs in draft preferable; adopt draft + delete
line 26^{or} pg 1, complicated; debate severely

314 Betty - motion before Committee by Hayes; no obj; 50 moved ⁽³²⁶⁾

328 Fry - move and delete line 26-29 pg 1 1-6 pg 2
Main concept

340 Spar - obj - defs shd remain

not aware of cond to be handicapped

Mary - 1973 fed guideline define handicap

leave 26-29 pg 1 delete pg 2 line 1 after cond

378 Fry Hurl - take defs out

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Hs TRSP

- 398 Inq - am motion to reflect Mary's rec
400 Hayes - am am am
add severely before handicapped anywhere in bill
unan consent
- Zhar - obj - uncomfortable w/ categorizing
430 Inq - agree w/ concept but covered on line 27
434 Hayes - w/drawn am am am
428 Zhar - pg 2 line 4 re mental or psych'l disorder
unan consent
→ obj noted
- 432 Inq - obj
440 Zhar - delete line 24 & - for consistency
w/drawn
- 450 Betty - head am am
456 anyobj - no - so moved
462 Betty - am pg 2 line 1 - 6 after cond
463 any obj - no - so moved
465 motion
475 Hayes - move herol as c5
476 Zhar obj - purposes add'l am
480 Zhar delete 24 + 25 from Oct. - May 15
483 obj by Hayes + Inq
490 Inq - yr - bound as in elderly
504 Zhar - bumped; not much probl
511 Inq - defer to Mary's know of ferry sched
515 Mary - lives in Angkor - ferry once wk
good turn - around system - ferry full when
Lewis Village - dock @ end of 4 mi rd
if bumped - left in woods
- 531 Hurl - does handicap bump someone else? no
nothing wrong w/ yr - bound
- 539 Inq - that's whole pt - don't know if he'll get bumped;
May end up @ end of rd for week
Zhar - suspect occasional occurrence. pursers shd be
those heavy vol times identified - don't spoon feed

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Hs Trop

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ghar (cont'd) make year-round

563 Hurl -

572 am passes - yr

573 Fng - leg opposition

576 Fng move to rescind action

Hurl - table - now

581 Fng - debate - employe comm members good
Samaritan will be state - At will end up
bldg hotels - spon, trop comm, maintenance
didn't hv that in mind

595 Hayer - support of rescinding
restrict from Oct 1 - May 15

605 Bette - all elderly in ESTER 1 ~~and~~

Hayer - grt oppost for handie to be inconvenienced
than elderly person. maybe handie not capable
to make judgment

622 Bhar - disagree - if incapable - will hv someone
with them to make decision
How many handie in S.E.?

639 Bette - S.E. skippers didn't see prob on yr-round
basis - Captains themselves

646 Fng - test from kids that there would be occasion where
it will be probl - rescind action

665 Hurl - lang space - avail on return trips?

678 Mary - if space when get on, guarantee space on return

691 ghar - Subst fed monies ~~inv~~ invol, not just for Akr resid

702 Fng - not depraving anyone; giving spec privilege

710 Hurl - Ditka on ferry, handie - can't see anyone
leaving that guy; oblig in legis or we wouldn't
be passing it - handie people hv priority

731 Fng - ques is believe elderly + handie give em
break; prod people stay home who pay
Ray's mother - left date

750 Motion failed to rescind way Fng + Hurl

761 Bette - pass out leas HCS CS SCR 5 am

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Hs Taps

764 Betty - mtgs starting later - wants to start promptly @ 8:30

774 - agrees - good idea

5 days in advance comm sched

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Zhan - only 1 wk haven't received

Hurl

plus committee sched on floor desk

Betty - won't make comm announcements on floor

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5 day notice on amendments

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Hurl - Comm does extraordinary jobs

June 20, 1981

TO: Rep. Bette Cato

FR: Steve Soenksen *SS*
Research Analyst

RE: FCCSSCR 5

I have read the proposed FCC bill and find it to be almost the same as the House Transportation Committee Substitute. The following are observations:

added (Page 1, Lines 24-25 adds new language
"from each October 1 to the following May 15; and be it"...)

As a suggestion for the sake of clarity;

"from October 1 to May 15 inclusive; and be it"... may be better terminology. also this would be consistent with language of Legislative Resolve no.2 1980, concerning senior citizens on the ferry system.

The other difference between the FCC bill and the House Transportation CS, is the deletion of the language on page 1, line 29 as follows;

deleted ("and which is a physiological disorder or condition")

With these two exceptions, the proposed FCC is the same as the House Transportation Committee Substitute.

Introduced: 1/22/81
Referred: State Affairs,
Transportation and Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY ELIASON

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to free travel for severely
6 handicapped Alaskans on the state
7 marine highway system.

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

9 WHEREAS the recent years of inflation have damaged the financial status
10 of many severely handicapped ^{Persons} Alaskans who rely on federal and state aid
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS the continuing high rate of unemployment during recent years
13 has made it difficult for severely handicapped Alaskans to compete in the
14 job market; and

15 WHEREAS many severely handicapped Alaskans who would like to see their
16 state are not able to go boating, camping, hiking, or skiing; and

17 WHEREAS many severely handicapped Alaskans who would like to travel
18 around the state cannot conveniently use all methods of transportation; and

19 WHEREAS during the off-season the state ferries frequently operate at
20 less than full capacity;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
22 the Governor to direct the division of marine highways to initiate a program
23 whereby severely handicapped Alaskans may travel on state ferries for no
24 charge on a space-available basis between two Alaskan points of embarkation
25 from October 1 to the following May 15 annually.