

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

4/22/81

FURTHER: None

Date: 6/21/81

Mr. President:

The Committee on FINANCE has had CSSSB 150 (Fin)

making special appropriations to the Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs to develop senior citizen housing

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for \_\_\_\_\_  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

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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CHAIRMAN

Chenoweth ✓

Original sponsors: Duncan and Miller

Funding Information

General Fund	\$16,125,000
Other Funds	-0-
	<u>\$16,125,000</u>

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BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 150 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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8 and studies; and providing for an effective date."

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*This bill will explain on  
HB 150*

CSSB 409 (Finance) and CSSB 410 (Finance)

\* This legislation provides that a comprehensive housing study be contracted and conducted by a consulting firm or group through the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

The legislation gives an in-depth approach to the scope of the study; but yet, does not place a limit on the areas of housing programs, financing and marketing programs now in existence for scrutiny. The study will also look at the state and federal programs being utilized or forth coming.

Through the in-depth analysis of the areas mentioned, the study will identify/compare (sections 1-3) of the programs, and potential methods of financing housing programs.

The analysis of the study will take into account the distribution of existing housing, population, income and region/geographic areas of the State.

As mentioned, this is to be a statewide study which will also give particular attention to the needs of senior citizens, handicapped, low income and moderate income families and the general populace of the state.

The housing study will be addressed two phases:

- 1) The first phase of the study shall address the aforementioned scope of sections 1-3. This phase of the study will be presented to the legislature by January 15, 1982.
- 2) The second phase of the study will address section 4 of the bill which will intake one or more recommendations to meet the housing needs of Alaska's population in accordance with the outcome of the analysis previously done. The recommendations primarily will focus on the housing needs identified and the relationship between recommended housing programs, financing of programs and population needs of housing. This phase will be submitted to the legislature by March 15, 1982.

\* Along with this legislation is its companion bill CSSB 410 (Finance). This legislation is the source for funding which is to be appropriated from the general fund.

On this bill there are two changes which were necessary, as the study will be for only 1 year rather than two. Therefore, the lapsing date will be June 30, 1982 rather than June 30, 1983. Also the original amount for the study was \$450,000.00. As this is for only one year it was necessary to lower the cost of the study to \$250,000.00.

This legislation will go into effect on the same date as CSSB 409 (finance)

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Offered: 4/9/81  
Referred: Rules

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Communities which now are planning housing under seed money grants from the Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund:

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>UNITS.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED \$ REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION</u>
✓ Wasilla	20 - 24	\$ 2,400,000
✓ Wrangell	20 - 24	2,400,000
✓ Juneau	24	1,200,000
✓ St. Mary's	8 - 10	1,000,000
✓ Petersburg	24	1,300,000

Communities which are preparing application for seed money planning grants are:

Homer	48	4,800,000
Metlakatla	8 - 10	1,000,000
Kodiak	?	?

Communities which require additional funding to leverage federal funds committed to the housing are:

✓ Ninilchick	10	1,400,000
✓ Kenai	24	1,020,000
✓ Anchorage	30	500,000

Communities which will request 100% state construction financing are:

Chugiak - Eagle River	24	4,000,000
Tyoniak	10 - 15	1,500,000

TOTAL		\$22,580,000
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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: SENATOR DON BENNETT, CHAIRMAN  
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FROM: SEN. VIC FISCHER**

**DATE: April 20, 1981**

**RE: CSSSHB 150 (Fin)**

**This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for Senior Citizen housing.**

**CSSB 311 (State Affairs), accompanied by SB 312 would do essentially the same. Both bills were passed out of Senate State Affairs and are now in Finance.**

**The only difference between the House and Senate bills is that CSSB 311 carries no appropriation for a senior citizen housing study.**

**SB 409 and SB 410 provide for a broad housing study that would include senior citizen housing needs. The comprehensive approach to housing is in accordance with recommendation by Legislative Budget and Audit. Department of Community and Regional Affairs, ASHA, and all agree.**

**I recommend deletion of Section 1 if Finance passes out HB 150, rather than acting on SB 311.**

To:

Sen. Don Bennett  
Finance Committee

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From: Senate C&RA

APR 23 1981

remarks:

back-up for HB150  
which was waived from  
C&RA to Finance

APR 23 1981

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of  
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GEORGE M. SULLIVAN,  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
Senior Citizens Program

April 20, 1981

The Honorable Vic Fischer, Chairman  
Senate State Affairs Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Subject: CSHB 150: Appropriation to a senior citizen  
housing development fund

Dear Senator Fischer:

The Anchorage Municipal Senior Citizen Commission at its meeting April 15 has instructed me to write your committee to request that the amount of \$8.5 million which was cut from the above bill be restored. In the opinion of commission members the number of communities requesting housing and the substantial waiting lists for adequate housing for its elderly citizens both show the need for more than the \$16.5 in the committee substitute. The history of this bill is that \$15 million was requested in the last legislative session as a result of the study by the Rodey committee. The house apparently added 10% to the last year's request to allow for inflation. But they did not allow for population growth in the aging community as well as an increase in the numbers of communities in need. Failure of the legislature to address and act on last year's needs should call for more than just inflation increase to last year's bill. Alaska is growing and the problems of inflated real estate values are apparent to everyone, which makes the plight of elderly Alaskans even more serious.

We feel that \$25 million should be the amount for the fund and that as much of that as possible be available for housing construction. Much data is already available to determine the allocation of the money and the amount cut for study and needs assessment does not need to be restored to the original amount in the house bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially

Mary E. Carle  
Secretary  
Municipal Senior Citizen Commission

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POSITION PAPER ON SB311 - SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING

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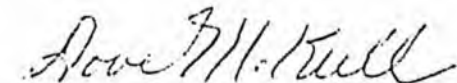
Alaska set a precedent in 1959 for the elderly with special needs. For instance, a family that believed in the values of an extended family, asked the Department of Welfare for help in keeping a blind grandmother in her daughter's home. The Department increased the monthly old age assistance check for a period of months to provide materials for the sons to build a special room for grandma. This was her room in which she could move about without fear of misplacement of its furnishings. She kept her artifacts near her and continued to work at her skills with skins and beads. This was less expense for the State and less trauma for the aged grandmother. Her sons constructed her room to meet her special needs.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, in 1979 during five hearings of the State Council on Services to the Elderly, two issues stood above the rest for special attention: the need for improved and expanded home support services, and the need for a single agency to coordinate all of the programs for the aging, and set priorities.

SB311 can provide home support services in congregate housing in their own communities.

I recommend this bill be passed.



Dove M. Kull, MSW, ACSW  
Chairperson of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board of the Mayor and Assembly of Juneau

POSITION PAPER  
ON  
SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 150

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, senior citizens housing development fund to develop senior citizen housing; and providing for an effective date."

Seniors living on fixed incomes are finding it difficult to afford to pay the rising costs of housing and fuel in most areas of Alaska, especially in smaller communities.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the concept of a study to assess the need for senior citizen housing and the development of senior citizen housing to meet identified needs. Housing for the frail elderly, group homes, congregate housing, and other housing that meets special needs are alternatives to unnecessary and premature institutionalization.

If, however, an Older Alaskans Commission is established, it may be appropriate to have the commission conduct such a study.

Recommended by: Elizabeth Muktarian  
Elizabeth Muktarian  
Director  
Div. of Adult & Aging  
Services

Date: 2/26/81

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

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Sponsor Substitute for House Bill No. 150  
 Title "An Act making a special appropriation to the Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs,  
Requested by senior citizens housing development fund..... Date February 26, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of Adult & Aging Services  
 (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.						
<b>TOTAL</b>		-0-				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Zero Impact

IV. DATE 2-26-81 PREPARED BY Dorothy Walt  
 AGENCY Division of Adult and Aging Services  
 Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-3250  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M&B Approval [Signature] Date 2/28/81

FISCAL NOTE

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I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 150

Title SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING

Requested by LEGISLATIVE FINANCE Date 2-20-81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Program Category Affected SOCIAL & ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING

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

This bill will require no additional operating expenses other than a continuation budget.

IV. DATE 2-25-81

PREPARED BY JACK SMODEY

AGENCY Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs, Division

PHONE 272-4585 of Housing Assistance

Original: Legislative Finance  
cc: Budget and Management  
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

AGENCY COMMENTS:

Sponsor Substitute for House  
Bill No. 150

Needs Assessment

This bill provides for an appropriation of \$225,000 which would be utilized to develop a statewide senior citizen housing needs assessment.

Population estimates and projections for funding decisions are a major element to efficient planning of elderly housing projects on State, area-wide, and local levels.

The elderly housing needs assessment will serve to inform the Legislature and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs when communities with substantial need are being left out as proposals come in. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs could then take an "activist approach" to meeting that need. Planning grants could then easily be obtained by interested senior citizens and would enable senior citizens to have the financial resources to control the project, i.e., to see their decisions concerning location, design, management and ownership implemented.

A very rough estimate of the demand for senior citizen housing is approximately 800 units as follows:

230 units--urban areas;

326 units--population areas over 500

267 units--population areas less than 500

## Administration

This bill provides for an appropriation for construction and development of rental housing for senior citizen and requires the DCRA to continue to administer the existing Senior Citizens Housing Program. The existing program has utilized State funds to leverage existing federal financing when possible and to provide 100% State grants when leveraging federal funding was not appropriate.

Continued placement in the DCRA would assure equalitarian administration and distribution of funds to all public housing authorities and communities throughout Alaska.

Additionally, by permitting the Department of Revenue to "hold" the funds until allocated to a specific project, the State will continue to receive the investment income earned on the \$24,775,000 allocation.

Communities which have received planning grants from the DCRA are: Wasilla, Wrangell and St. Marys. Additionally, Kodiak and Homer are preparing applications for planning grants. These communities will then require grants to construct the housing.

It is our recommendation that the DCRA be permitted to utilize a portion of this allocation to assist the Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) in obtaining permanent financing on all interim construction loans outstanding with the Department of Revenue for existing senior citizen housing (e.g. Anchorage, Fairbanks, Cordova, Seward and Bethel). Assistance means leveraging state funds with financing from other sources to a feasible level for debt retirement and maintenance and operating expenses.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING BOND FUND

JANUARY 1981

FINANCING METHOD	LOCATION	SPONSOR	OWNER	UNITS	AMOUNT	%	OTHER FUNDS SOURCE &	TOTAL ALL SOURCES
<u>RECT FINANCING:</u>								
	Chugiak-Eagle	Municipality of Anchorage	Municipality of Anchorage	24	\$1,510,809	100	--	\$1,510,809
	Allakaket	City of Allakaket	City of Allakaket	2	75,865.69	100	--	75,865.73
	Anvik	City of Anvik	City of Anvik	2	64,631.62	100	--	64,631.89
	Fort Yukon	City of Fort Yukon	City of Fort Yukon	4	131,433.97	100	--	131,434.45
	Grayling	City of Grayling	City of Grayling	1	23,090.86	100	--	23,090.86
	Holy Cross	City of Holy Cross	City of Holy Cross	2	60,852.58	100	--	60,851.73
	McGrath	City of McGrath	City of McGrath	4	123,203.49	100	--	123,203.49
	Nulato	City of Nulato	City of Nulato	2	53,629.75	100	--	53,629.75
	Ruby	City of Ruby	City of Ruby	2	73,718.79	100	--	73,718.73
	Shageluk	City of Shageluk	City of Shageluk	2	91,404.12	100	--	91,403.17
	Tanana	City of Tanana	City of Tanana	2	69,363.78	100	--	69,363.58

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LEVERAGING:

	Juneau	City and Borough of	ASHA	42	\$525,000	27	\$1,425,683 HUD Sec. 5402	\$1,950,683
	Ketchikan	City of Ketchikan	ASHA	50	775,000	31	1,740,565 HUD Sec. 5402	2,515,565
	Sitka	City of Sitka	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	24				
	Haines	City of Haines	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	12				
	Hoonah	City of Hoonah	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	12				
	Kake	City of Kake	Tlingit and Haida	12	383,000	9	4,020,000 HUD Sec. 8/202	4,403,000
	Saxman	City of Saxman	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	12				
	Klawock	City of Klawock	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	12				
	Craig	City of Craig	Tlingit and Haida Housing Devel. Corp.	9				

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LEASING:

	Bethel	City of Bethel	AVCP Housing Authority	24	\$ 342,527	19	\$ 1,233,100 HUD	\$ 1,575,627
	Seward	City of Seward	ASHA	30	239,000	19	1,973,000 HUD	2,212,000
	Cordova	City of Cordova	ASHA	22	204,000	19	1,480,000 HUD	1,652,000
	Seldovia	City of Seldovia	Cook Inlet Housing Authority	18	150,000	17	1,468,000 HUD	1,618,000
	Petersburg	City of Petersburg	City of Petersburg	24	1,300,000	50	1,300,000 FmHA, Sec. 515	2,600,000

LOAN MONEY:

	Petersburg	City of Petersburg	Petersburg Senior Citizen, Inc.		30,000			
	Bethel	City of Bethel	AVCP Housing Authority		20,000			
	Wrangell	City of Wrangell	U/K	20	30,000			
	Juneau	City of Juneau	City of Juneau/ ASHA	20	50,000			

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NEED MONEY:

	St. Mary's	City of St. Mary's	U/K	8	\$ 30,000			
	Wasilla	City of Wasilla	U/K	20	50,000			

TOTAL GRANT AWARDS:

				418	\$6,406,530.70			
		Bond Costs						
		Public Facility Planning Fund			60,620.00			
		TOTAL			\$6,467,150.70			

END AVAILABILITY	\$7,500,000.00
END AWARDS & COSTS	-6,467,150.70
END BALANCE	\$1,032,849.30

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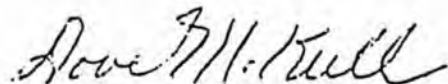
Alaska set a precedent in 1959 for the elderly with special needs. For instance, a family that believed in the values of an extended family, asked the Department of Welfare for help in keeping a blind grandmother in her daughter's home. The Department increased the monthly old age assistance check for a period of months to provide materials for the sons to build a special room for grandma. This was her room in which she could move about without fear of misplacement of its furnishings. She kept her artifacts near her and continued to work at her skills with skins and beads. This was less expense for the State and less trauma for the aged grandmother. Her sons constructed her room to meet her special needs.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, in 1979 during five hearings of the State Council on Services to the Elderly, two issues stood above the rest for special attention: the need for improved and expanded home support services, and the need for a single agency to coordinate all of the programs for the aging, and set priorities.

SB311 can provide home support services in congregate housing in their own communities.

I recommend this bill be passed.



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POSITION PAPER  
ON  
SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 150

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, senior citizens housing development fund to develop senior citizen housing; and providing for an effective date."

Seniors living on fixed incomes are finding it difficult to afford to pay the rising costs of housing and fuel in most areas of Alaska, especially in smaller communities.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports the concept of a study to assess the need for senior citizen housing and the development of senior citizen housing to meet identified needs. Housing for the frail elderly, group homes, congregate housing, and other housing that meets special needs are alternatives to unnecessary and premature institutionalization.

If, however, an Older Alaskans Commission is established, it may be appropriate to have the commission conduct such a study.

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