

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: None

5/27/81

Date: 5/15/82

Mr. President:

The Committee on FINANCE has had CSHB 350 (Fin) am  
payment of costs of services for pregnant women

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 CSHB 2-21-82  same title  new title  
and recommends 1-1-82
- 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:

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CHAIRMAN

HB 330  
(file)

Original sponsors: Miller, Martin,  
Carney, et al

Offered: 2/10/82  
Referred: Finance

IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (FINANCE)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to medical and social services; and  
providing for an effective date."

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

\* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature finds that there are insufficient maternal and infant care services available to women experiencing social and economic difficulties associated with childbearing. As a result of these inadequate services, some children may develop health conditions that require state-supported services throughout their lives. In order to promote healthier generations of Alaskans, the legislature wishes to invest in the state's future by providing prenatal care and social services to pregnant women.

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(8) women who are medically confirmed to be pregnant.

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social and economic difficulties, including transportation to and from a maternity home or a foster home, counseling, adoption assistance, maternity home and foster home care, postnatal care, and parenting skills.

Sec. 47.42.020. LICENSING AND SUPERVISION. A person providing services purchased by the Department of Health and Social Services under this chapter shall be licensed and supervised in the same manner as foster homes, boarding homes, maternity homes, and other agencies and institutions under AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.100.

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\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10-070(c).

**Health, Education and  
Social Services Committee**

Charlie Parr, Chairman  
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Mike Colletta



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**Alaska State Legislature**  
**Senate**

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Juneau, Alaska 99811  
465-4907  
465-4908

May 20, 1981

LETTER OF INTENT  
ON  
SCS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (HESS)

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Senator Charles H. Parr  
Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
Bill/Resolution No. CS for HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am  
Title Act relating to payment of the cost of care for pregnant women  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date April 6, 1982

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
Agency Affected Department of Health & Social Services  
Program Category Affected Health & Social Services  
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EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		100.0				
TOTAL		100.0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE April 6, 1982 PREPARED BY Senator Don Bennett, Co-Chairman  
AGENCY Senate Finance Committee  
Original: Legislative Finance PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
cc: Budget and Management  
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)  
33-001 (Rev. 12/81)

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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		100.0				
TOTAL		100.0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
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TEMPORARY						

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Chairman

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (HESS)

Title "An Act relating to medical and social service..."

Requested by House HESS Committee

Date December 21, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services

Program Category Affected Health and Social

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected various - see attached fiscal notes

(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) assuming effective April 1, and July 1, 1982;

Total for Section 2,3,4,5,6,7: MEDICAID, SOCIAL SERVICE AND MERCHANT SEAMEN

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		6.3	41.2	48.4		
200 TRAVEL			5.0	5.5		
300 CONTRACTUAL		1.0	2.6	2.8		
400 COMMODITIES		.2	.4	.4		
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		75.0	1,855.6	2,022.6	2,204.7	2,403.1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>82.5</b>	<b>1,904.8</b>	<b>2,079.7</b>	<b>2,204.7</b>	<b>2,403.1</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		82.5	1,689.8	1,845.2	1,949.1	3,124.5
FEDERAL FUNDS			215.0	234.5	255.6	278.6
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

*Merchant Seamen only* (handwritten note pointing to the 82.5 in the General Fund row)

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		1.0	1.0	1.0		
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

This fiscal note is a summary of total general and Federal funding identified in the attached Medicaid, Social Service and Merchant Seamen fiscal notes.

IV. DATE December 21, 1981

PREPARED BY Dwayne Peoples

AGENCY Division of Public Health

PHONE 465-3105

Original: Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

*Joanne C. Clark, Acting Director  
Div. of Hpt. + Budget* (handwritten signature)

POSITION PAPER

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to payment of the cost of care of pregnant women; and providing an effective date".

CSHB No. 330 provides for the expansion of pregnancy-related health and social services.

a) Section 2 expands the Medicaid Program coverage of medical care services to certain women, who have countable incomes of less than \$457 a month; are single, or separated from their spouses; and have no other dependent children living in the home. The provision of the medical services will be financed on a 50/50 matching basis with state and federal revenues.

b) Section 3 of this Act authorizes state funding of the cost of non-medical services for pregnant women experiencing social and economic difficulties during the prenatal and postpartum periods. These services are to include the cost of birthing centers and midwife services, adoption assistance, counseling, transportation, care received in maternity and foster homes, and training in parenting skills.

DISCUSSION

Current Services

The Department of Health and Social Services is one of multiple private and public resources providing pregnancy-related services to Alaskan women. The Department takes an active role in assuring that public health nursing and social services are available throughout the State.

1) The Division of Family and Youth Services provides adoption placement and family counseling for Alaskans.

2) The Division of Public Assistance provides financial, food and medical assistance for low income women through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamp, Medicaid, General Relief Medical and Adult Public Assistance programs.

3) The Division of Public Health provides health care screening, including pregnancy testing and prenatal counseling, education, referral and follow-up through the activities of Public Health Nurses. Nutrition supplement and education is offered to low income pregnant women and their children in 26 communities by the Women, Infant and Children Program. In addition, the Division also sponsors medical care financing for low income and medically high risk women through demonstration projects in Juneau and Fairbanks.

### Gaps in Services

Although the Department offers a wide range of public services, many women experience difficulties and hardships in obtaining timely and adequate pregnancy care. These difficulties are associated with economic barriers to private care and the unavailability of many services in rural communities. These gaps in pregnancy related services may be summarized as:

(1) Financial inability of many low income and adolescent women to purchase medical care from private providers, and to pay for travel outside of their communities for medically necessary care.

(2) Fragmentation of the pregnancy care delivery system, that inhibits provision of education, counseling, referral, medical and follow-up services required by many women.

(3) Unavailability of many pregnancy-related services in rural communities.

(4) Lack of appropriate housing near major medical centers, where women from rural communities may stay while obtaining outpatient maternal care services.

(5) Insufficient adoption counseling and placement services.

CSHB No. 330 addresses some of the gaps that occur in the delivery of prenatal care. Section 2 offers medical care coverage to single or separated, low income women who have no dependents living in the home. This Act will effectively provide medical care to certain women (approximately 286), who have not been Medicaid eligible. The state previously had this unborn child coverage in the Medicaid Program, but the legislature eliminated it in 1976 for budgetary reasons.

Section 3 of this Act will expand the types of social and other non-medical services available to maternal clients beyond the present scope of State sponsored activities. The services offered will include birthing center and midwife services, counseling, round trip transportation between a client's residence and maternity or foster home, adoption assistance and training parenting skills to potentially all women experiencing social and economic difficulties associated with childbearing. It is anticipated that provision of maternity and foster home care will be administered through contract arrangements with community based services by the Division of Family and Youth Services.

While Section 3 offers fairly comprehensive social and other non-medical support services, there will continue to be gaps in the medical care services. Many women with countable annual incomes exceeding approximately \$5,500 do not qualify for medical assistance. These women often experience more difficulties in purchasing medical care than those who are eligible for public assistance.

In some cases women who are receiving the social and other non-medical services provided by this Act, will continue to be ineligible for medical care assistance that is necessary for a successful pregnancy outcome.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation A:

This Act offers transportation, counseling, adoption assistance and maternity or foster home care to women experiencing economic and social difficulties associated with childbearing. The Bill at the present time does not include specific definitions of "economic and social difficulties associated with childbearing", but allows the department to adopt regulations to define those terms. As part of the adoption of regulations process, we intend to conduct public hearings to assist us in formulating appropriate standards on which to determine eligibility for such aid. At this point, it is perceived that we would draft proposed regulations which would define (1) economic need to be up to 200% of the Federal Community Services Administration's Alaska Non-Farm Poverty Guideline (attached), and (2) social need to include pregnant women who are at risk of being unemployed or under employed, dependent upon welfare, inadequately educated, unable to function socially or having psychiatric problems.

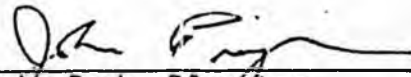
Recommendation B:

Section 3 provides for social and other non-medical services associated with the prenatal and postpartum periods of pregnancy. The House in passing CSHB 330 added a floor amendment to this Section which would cover the cost of midwife and birthing center care. Since these services are primarily associated with medical care, we recommend that CSHB 330 be amended to reflect the medical care status of these services. These amendments would add medicaid coverage for certain needy women for care received from a birthing center or a nurse midwife. By adding these services to medicaid, the state would realize additional federal funds for covering medical care services. To incorporate nurse midwife and birthing center services into the medicaid, the Department recommends the attached amendments.

POSITION

The Department recognizes the value of the needed services that will become available to certain women. We endorse the health promotion concepts of this Bill and feel that it will contribute to the comprehensiveness of pregnancy related services throughout Alaska.

Recommended by:

  
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John Pugh, Director  
Division of Family and Youth  
Services

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
5/18/81

Rod Betit

Rod Betit, Director  
Division of Public Assistance

Date:

May 18, 1981

David Bruce

David Bruce, Deputy Director  
Division of Public Health

Date:

May 15, 1981

Approved by:

Helen D. Beirne

Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

Date:

5/18/81

Community Services Administration  
Non-Farm Poverty Income Levels for Alaska

March 5, 1981

<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>Poverty Income</u>	<u>200% Poverty Income</u>
1	\$5,410	\$10,810
2	7,130	14,260
3	8,850	17,700
4	10,570	21,140
5	12,290	24,580
6	14,010	28,020

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
Bill/Resolution No. CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am  
Title "An Act relating to payment of the cost of care for pregnant women"  
Requested by House HESS Committee Date May 7, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
Program Category Affected Health & Social Services  
BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Various - See separate fiscal notes attached.  
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100 PERSONAL SERVICES		40.7	44.4	48.4	52.7	57.4
200 TRAVEL		1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.8	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.8
400 COMMODITIES		.4	.4	.5	.5	.6
500 EQUIPMENT		1.2				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		584.1	2,816.6	3,070.2	3,346.5	3,647.7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,632.9</b>	<b>2,868.5</b>	<b>3,126.8</b>	<b>3,408.1</b>	<b>3,714.9</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	2,418.4	3,034.7	2,872.0	3,130.3	3,412.1
FEDERAL FUNDS	214.5	233.8	254.8	277.8	302.8
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)					

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME					
TEMPORARY					

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

Attached Social and Health Service Analysis.

IV. DATE May 7, 1981 PREPARED BY Dwayne Peeples  
AGENCY Department of Health and Social Services  
PHONE 465-3100  
Original: Legislative Finance  
cc: Budget and Management  
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M. Hubbard M&B Approval M. Hubbard Date 5/8/81

BUDGET

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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,155.1	2,349.0	2,560.5	2,790.9	3,042.1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,203.9</b>	<b>2,400.9</b>	<b>2,617.1</b>	<b>2,852.5</b>	<b>3,109.3</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		2,203.9	2,400.9	2,617.1	2,852.5	3,109.3
FEDERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

In 1979 there were 9,129 births to Alaskan residents. 1,273 or 14% were births to unmarried women.

Age of Mother	Number of Births
Under 15	9
15-19	440
20-24	504
25-29	224
30-34	76
35-39	16
40-44	4
	<u>1,273</u>

IV. DATE 5/18/81 PREPARED BY John R. Pugh John R. Pugh, Director  
 AGENCY Division of Family and Youth Services  
 PHONE 465-3170  
 Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) \_\_\_\_\_ M&B Approval [Signature] Date 5/18/81

The Department assumes that the services delineated in this Bill would be utilized mostly by unmarried women. Using this pool as the target group the Department would further assume that the more youthful unmarried women (under 25-24) would be more likely to utilize maternity and foster home care; whereas the older group (25-44) would utilize the community services, such as counseling and adoption assistance.

The younger age group consists of 953 women. The Department estimates that approximately 200 of this group would avail themselves of the services of a maternity home or foster home (75 maternity and 125 foster), another 250 would utilize available counseling and adoption assistance, and 30 would use birthing centers and midwife services.

The older age group consists of 320 women. The Department estimates that approximately 50 women would utilize maternity homes or foster home care (15 maternity and 35 foster homes). An additional 100 would utilize counseling and adoption assistance. The Department estimates 20 would use birthing centers and midwife services.

The Department recommends that the entire range of services be contracted out to local community providers. This would reduce the amount of administrative costs. However, it is recommended that an Associate Coordinator (Range 18) be established to coordinate the program on a statewide basis. This individual would be responsible for planning, program development, preparation of requests for proposals and contracts, and contract monitoring and program evaluation.

Estimated costs are as follows:

Foster Home Care

160 persons x \$422/mo. x 6 mos. = \$ 405,120

Maternity Home Care

90 persons x \$2,250 (\$75.00 per day) x 6 mos. = \$1,215,000

Counseling/Adoption Assistance

350 persons x \$1,000 = \$ 350,000

Transportation To and From Placement

250 persons x \$500 average/trip = \$ 125,000

Birthing Centers and Midwife Services

50 persons x \$1,200 = \$ 60,000

Subtotal \$2,155,120

Associate Coordinator, Range 18

Personal Services	\$40,665	
Travel	1,728	
Contractual	4,798	
Commodities	400	
Equipment	<u>1,230</u>	\$ 48,821

TOTAL \$2,203,941

The costs for Associate Coordinator position includes: Travel - two trips of three day each to perform program reviews; Contractual - telephone rental and long distance of \$678, postage of \$300, copier usage of \$120, printing and advertising of \$1,000, and office space rent of \$2,700; Commodities - \$400 for general office supplies; and Equipment - \$1,230.

A 9% inflation rate has been added to future years' estimated costs.

Medical costs will be borne by the Division of Public Assistance.

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 Requested by House HESS Committee Date 5/7/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Health  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Medicaid  
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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6
<b>TOTAL</b>		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		214.5	233.8	254.9	277.8	302.8
FEDERAL FUNDS		214.5	233.8	254.8	277.8	302.8
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

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

Approximately 286 pregnant women would be added to the Medicaid program. The addition of this coverage under Medicaid would reduce participation under the General Relief Medical program by approximately 95 women, who would become eligible for Medicaid. The remaining 191 women would be new eligibles who do not receive coverage under the General Relief Medical program because of the method used in counting available income.

The average cost per case is approximately \$1500 for FY 82. Because of the reduction in General Relief Medical participation, the cost of the program will also be reduced, making funds available to become the state General Fund matching portion of the Medicaid program coverage. Therefore, new state General Fund matching is 72.0 (214.5 - 142.5 = 72.0).

IV. DATE 5/7/81 PREPARED BY David M. Davidson  
 AGENCY Division of Public Assistance  
 PHONE 465-3347  
 Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M&B Approval [Signature] Date 5/7/81

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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No. CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am  
 Title "An Act relating to payment of the costs of care of pregnant women..."  
 Requested by House HESS Committee Date 5/7/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Health  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected General Relief Medical  
 (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.		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
TOTAL		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
GENERAL FUND		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE 5/7/81 PREPARED BY David M. Davidson  
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 Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) M&B Approval Atensho Hubbard Date 5/7/81

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirments	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
<p>Maternal &amp; Infant Care Project - Juneau</p>	<p>pregnant women who resides in the Juneau City and Borough</p> <p>high risk conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2) in the city care</p>	<p>a. education, and counseling available to all</p> <p>b. medical care assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale</p>	<p>approx. 125 per year</p> <p>approx. 70 per year</p>	<p>Limitation of financial assistance to only those women in target area. All other low income women experience difficulties in obtaining care.</p>
<p>Improved Pregnancy Outcome Project - Fairbanks</p>	<p>pregnant women who reside in the Fairbanks Borough</p> <p>pregnant and low income women (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p> <p>high risk medical conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p>	<p>a. education counseling, and patient follow-up to all</p> <p>b. Medical care assistance for initial prenatal physician visit. The amount of assistance is provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p> <p>c. Medical care assistance for all outpatient prenatal medical care. The amount of assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p>	<p>approx. 250 per year</p> <p>projected 70 per year</p>	<p>Prenatal medical care assistance not available to low income women who are not medically high risk. No inpatient medical care assistance is provided.</p>

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4. General Relief Medical	low income (Adult 1 child \$4,000 per year) who are not eligible for Medicaid coverage	medical care assistance	approx. 7,000 per month	Those who fall marginally above the income guidelines are not eligible for assistance
5. Catastrophic Illness	those who have suffered a catastrophic illness/injury and who do not have the resources to meet the expenses	medical assistance as determined by a three member committee	approx. 300 per year	Doesn't cover normal pregnancies and limited to "catastrophic illness"
6. Medicaid	must be covered by State and categorical programs such as AFDC or Adult Public Assistance	medical care assistance to those individuals eligible for categorical programs	approx. 18000 per month	Low income people not eligible for categorical programs experience difficulties in obtaining medical care.
<u>iv. of Public Health</u>				
1. Public Health Nursing	None	health screening, including pregnancy testing, prenatal education and counseling, post-partum follow-up home visiting and well child clinics	approx. 4,000 visits per month	Lack of unified counseling, education and referral services. The unavailability of some services on full-time basis in rural communities.
2. Women Infant Children (WIC)	low income (family of 2, up to \$12,500) pregnant women and children up to age 5	nutrition supplement coupons and nutrition education and counseling	approx. 1600 per month in 26 communities	Estimated 38000 potentially eligible statewide not being served
3. Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)	under 21 years of age, Medicaid eligible	preventive health screening services for children and adolescents, referral to treatment and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 7,000 per year	Low income families who are not qualified for Medicaid do not receive medical treatment services.
4. Handicapped Childrens Program	children with physical and handicapping conditions	Medical diagnostic assistance provided to all - medical treatment based upon a sliding fee scale - of a family's ability to pay. Transportation and per diem are also included.	approx. 1800 per year	Premature newborns are not covered by this program.

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<u>iv. of Family &amp; Youth Svs.</u>				
1. Family Counseling	None	marriage, parenting, family adolescent, and crisis intervention counseling	approx. 1000 per year	Staff time available is limited.
2. Foster Home Care	State must have legal custody of client.	counseling, foster care placement, financial assistance, medical care through Medicaid	approx. 1040 per year	Insufficient foster homes.
3. Adoption Counseling & Placement	State must have legal custody of client to provide adoption placement services. Adoption counseling is available to anyone on request.	counseling, screening and placement	approx. 40 adoption placements per year	Additional counseling services needed.
<u>iv. of Public Assistance</u>				
1. Food Stamps	low income (\$6,300 for a family of 2)	Food supplement coupons	approx. 38000 per month	There are no regional adjustment cost of living. One income and benefits standard is used state wide which results in inequities of purchasing power.
2. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)	low income women(\$5,500 per year for a family of 2) who are single or separated with dependent children living in the home	income maintenance and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 13000 per month	Women who meet the income and single/separated status but are pregnant with no dependents living in the home are ineligible.  Low income women who are married with the spouse living at home are ineligible.
3. Adult Public Assistance	blind, disabled and aged, with income of \$5,700 per year for single adults	income maintenance, and medical assistance through Medicaid	approx. 5000 per month	Those blind, disabled and aged that are above the income guidelines

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Offered: 4/30/81  
Referred: Rules

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4 \* Sec. 7. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR CERTAIN SEAMEN. The Department of  
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6 was entitled to contract care from the United States Public Health Service  
7 under 42 U.S.C. sec. 249(e) and who, because of a medical condition existing  
8 before the termination of contract care on May 8, 1981, is unable to secure  
9 health insurance coverage for that condition. Payment under this section is  
10 limited to services associated with the medical condition that are not  
11 reasonably available from a Public Health Service facility and for which  
12 payment is not available from a source other than the applicant. Payment  
13 shall be made on applications submitted to the Department of Health and  
14 Social Services on or before June 30, 1982, under procedures established  
15 under AS 47.08, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000.

16 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
17 070(c).



**Representative Mike Miller**

March 31, 1982

To: Senator Don Bennett

From: Representative Mike Miller

Re: HB 330

Don -

This is a follow-up to our conversation earlier today in which I requested a hearing on HB 330 - the bill which would fund (to the amount we appropriate, of course) prenatal, delivery and postnatal care for low income, pregnant women.

As I mentioned earlier, the state will fund an abortion for such women, however, the state does not provide an alternative to state-funded abortions. This bill would provide such an alternative.

At present, this bill carries a fiscal note of about one million dollars. However, the nature of the bill is that we could appropriate whatever amount we feel is available for this purpose. Only to the extent of the funding would the program be carried out.

If you have any questions, I will, of course, be happy to answer them.

cc. Senator John Sackett

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POSITION PAPER

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am

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CSHB No. 330 provides for the expansion of pregnancy-related health and social services.

a) Section 2 expands the Medicaid Program coverage of medical care services to certain women, who have countable incomes of less than \$457 a month; are single, or separated from their spouses; and have no other dependent children living in the home. The provision of the medical services will be financed on a 50/50 matching basis with state and federal revenues.

b) Section 3 of this Act authorizes state funding of the cost of non-medical services for pregnant women experiencing social and economic difficulties during the prenatal and postpartum periods. These services are to include the cost of birthing centers and midwife services, adoption assistance, counseling, transportation, care received in maternity and foster homes, and training in parenting skills.

DISCUSSION

Current Services

The Department of Health and Social Services is one of multiple private and public resources providing pregnancy-related services to Alaskan women. The Department takes an active role in assuring that public health nursing and social services are available throughout the State.

1) The Division of Family and Youth Services provides adoption placement and family counseling for Alaskans.

2) The Division of Public Assistance provides financial, food and medical assistance for low income women through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamp, Medicaid, General Relief Medical and Adult Public Assistance programs.

3) The Division of Public Health provides health care screening, including pregnancy testing and prenatal counseling, education, referral and follow-up through the activities of Public Health Nurses. Nutrition supplement and education is offered to low income pregnant women and their children in 26 communities by the Women, Infant and Children Program. In addition, the Division also sponsors medical care financing for low income and medically high risk women through demonstration projects in Juneau and Fairbanks.

Rec'd 5/12/81  
after bill  
was reported  
out of HFC

## Gaps in Services

Although the Department offers a wide range of public services, many women experience difficulties and hardships in obtaining timely and adequate pregnancy care. These difficulties are associated with economic barriers to private care and the unavailability of many services in rural communities. These gaps in pregnancy related services may be summarized as:

(1) Financial inability of many low income and adolescent women to purchase medical care from private providers, and to pay for travel outside of their communities for medically necessary care.

(2) Fragmentation of the pregnancy care delivery system, that inhibits provision of education, counseling, referral, medical and follow-up services required by many women.

(3) Unavailability of many pregnancy-related services in rural communities.

(4) Lack of appropriate housing near major medical centers, where women from rural communities may stay while obtaining outpatient maternal care services.

(5) Insufficient adoption counseling and placement services.

CSHB No. 330 addresses some of the gaps that occur in the delivery of prenatal care. Section 2 offers medical care coverage to single or separated, low income women who have no dependents living in the home. This Act will effectively provide medical care to certain women (approximately 286), who have not been Medicaid eligible. The state previously had this unborn child coverage in the Medicaid Program, but the legislature eliminated it in 1976 for budgetary reasons.

Section 3 of this Act will expand the types of social and other non-medical services available to maternal clients beyond the present scope of State sponsored activities. The services offered will include birthing center and midwife services, counseling, round trip transportation between a client's residence and maternity or foster home, adoption assistance and training parenting skills to potentially all women experiencing social and economic difficulties associated with childbearing. It is anticipated that provision of maternity and foster home care will be administered through contract arrangements with community based services by the Division of Family and Youth Services.

While Section 3 offers fairly comprehensive social and other non-medical support services, there will continue to be gaps in the medical care services. Many women with countable annual incomes exceeding approximately \$5,500 do not qualify for medical assistance. These women often experience more difficulties in purchasing medical care than those who are eligible for public assistance.

In some cases women who are receiving the social and other non-medical services provided by this Act, will continue to be ineligible for medical care assistance that is necessary for a successful pregnancy outcome.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation A:

This Act offers transportation, counseling, adoption assistance and maternity or foster home care to women experiencing economic and social difficulties associated with childbearing. The Bill at the present time does not include specific definitions of "economic and social difficulties associated with childbearing", but allows the department to adopt regulations to define those terms. As part of the adoption of regulations process, we intend to conduct public hearings to assist us in formulating appropriate standards on which to determine eligibility for such aid. At this point, it is perceived that we would draft proposed regulations which would define (1) economic need to be up to 200% of the Federal Community Services Administration's Alaska Non-Farm Poverty Guideline (attached), and (2) social need to include pregnant women who are at risk of being unemployed or under employed, dependent upon welfare, inadequately educated, unable to function socially or having psychiatric problems.


Recommendation B:

Section 3 provides for social and other non-medical services associated with the prenatal and postpartum periods of pregnancy. The House in passing CSHB 330 added a floor amendment to this Section which would cover the cost of midwife and birthing center care. Since these services are primarily associated with medical care, we recommend that CSHB 330 be amended to reflect the medical care status of these services. These amendments would add medicaid coverage for certain needy women for care received from a birthing center or a nurse midwife. By adding these services to medicaid, the state would realize additional federal funds for covering medical care services. To incorporate nurse midwife and birthing center services into the medicaid, the Department recommends the attached amendments.

POSITION

The Department recognizes the value of the needed services that will become available to certain women. We endorse the health promotion concepts of this Bill and feel that it will contribute to the comprehensiveness of pregnancy related services throughout Alaska.

Recommended by:

  
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 John Pugh, Director  
 Division of Family and Youth  
 Services

Date:

5/18/81

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Rod Betit, Director  
Division of Public Assistance

Date:

May 18, 1981

David Bruce

David Bruce, Deputy Director  
Division of Public Health

Date:

May 15, 1981

Approved by:

Helen D. Beirne

Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

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5/18/81

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(b) Nothing in this section requires the licensing of [MIDWIFE AND] transportation services provided to a pregnant woman under this chapter.

\*Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

Community Services Administration  
Non-Farm Poverty Income Levels for Alaska

March 5, 1981

<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>Poverty Income</u>	<u>200% Poverty Income</u>
1	\$5,410	\$10,810
2	7,130	14,260
3	8,850	17,700
4	10,570	21,140
5	12,290	24,580
6	14,010	28,020

The Department assumes that the services delineated in this Bill would be utilized mostly by unmarried women. Using this pool as the target group the Department would further assume that the more youthful unmarried women (under 15-24) would be more likely to utilize maternity and foster home care; whereas the older group (25-44) would utilize the community services, such as counseling and adoption assistance.

The younger age group consists of 953 women. The Department estimates that approximately 200 of this group would avail themselves of the services of a maternity home or foster home (75 maternity and 125 foster), another 250 would utilize available counseling and adoption assistance, and 30 would use birthing centers and midwife services.

The older age group consists of 320 women. The Department estimates that approximately 50 women would utilize maternity homes or foster home care (15 maternity and 35 foster homes). An additional 100 would utilize counseling and adoption assistance. The Department estimates 20 would use birthing centers and midwife services.

The Department recommends that the entire range of services be contracted out to local community providers. This would reduce the amount of administrative costs. However, it is recommended that an Associate Coordinator (Range 18) be established to coordinate the program on a statewide basis. This individual would be responsible for planning, program development, preparation of requests for proposals and contracts, and contract monitoring and program evaluation.

Estimated costs are as follows:

Foster Home Care

160 persons x \$422/mo. x 6 mos. = \$ 405,120

Maternity Home Care

90 persons x \$2,250 (\$75.00 per day) x 6 mos. = \$1,215,000

Counseling/Adoption Assistance

350 persons x \$1,000 = \$ 350,000

Transportation To and From Placement

250 persons x \$500 average/trip = \$ 125,000

Birthing Centers and Midwife Services

50 persons x \$1,200 = \$ 60,000

Subtotal \$2,155,120

Associate Coordinator, Range 18

Personal Services	\$40,665	
Travel	1,728	
Contractual	4,798	
Commodities	400	
Equipment	<u>1,230</u>	\$ 48,821

TOTAL \$2,203,941

The costs for Associate Coordinator position includes: Travel - two trips of three day each to perform program reviews; Contractual - telephone rental and long distance of \$678, postage of \$300, copier usage of \$120, printing and advertising of \$1,000, and office space rent of \$2,700; Commodities - \$400 for general office supplies; and Equipment - \$1,230.

A 9% inflation rate has been added to future years' estimated costs.

Medical costs will be borne by the Division of Public Assistance.

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 Program Category Affected Health  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Medicaid  
 (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.		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6
<b>TOTAL</b>		429.0	467.6	509.7	555.6	605.6

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
GENERAL FUND		214.5	233.8	254.9	277.8	302.8
FEDERAL FUNDS		214.5	233.8	254.8	277.8	302.8
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Approximately 286 pregnant women would be added to the Medicaid program. The addition of this coverage under Medicaid would reduce participation under the General Relief Medical program by approximately 95 women, who would become eligible for Medicaid. The remaining 191 women would be new eligibles who do not receive coverage under the General Relief Medical program because of the method used in counting available income.

The average cost per case is approximately \$1500 for FY 82. Because of the reduction in General Relief Medical participation, the cost of the program will also be reduced, making funds available to become the state General Fund matching portion of the Medicaid program coverage. Therefore, new state General Fund matching is 72.0 (214.5 - 142.5 = 72.0).

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am  
 Title "An Act relating to payment of the costs of care of pregnant women..."  
 Requested by House HESS Committee Date 5/7/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Health  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected General Relief Medical  
 (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.		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
<b>TOTAL</b>		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		(142.5)	(155.3)	(169.3)	(184.5)	(201.1)
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

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Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirments	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
5. Maternal & Infant Care Project - Juneau	<p>pregnant women who resides in the Juneau City and Borough</p> <p>high risk conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2) in the city care</p>	<p>a. education, and counseling available to all</p> <p>b. medical care assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale</p>	<p>approx. 125 per year</p> <p>approx. 70 per year</p>	<p>Limitation of financial assistance to only those women in target area. All other low income women experience difficulties in obtaining care.</p>
6. Improved Pregnancy Outcome Project - Fairbanks	<p>pregnant women who reside in the Fairbanks Borough</p> <p>pregnant and low income women (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p> <p>high risk medical conditions of pregnancy and low income (up to \$12,500 for a family of 2)</p>	<p>a. education counseling, and patient follow-up to all</p> <p>b. Medical care assistance for initial prenatal physician visit. The amount of assistance is provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p> <p>c. Medical care assistance for all outpatient prenatal medical care. The amount of assistance provided according to a family's ability to pay based on a sliding fee scale.</p>	<p>approx. 250 per year</p> <p>projected 70 per year</p>	<p>Prenatal medical care assistance not available to low income women who are not medically high risk. No inpatient medical care assistance is provided.</p>

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirements	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
4. General Relief Medical	low income (Adult 1 child \$4,000 per year) who are not eligible for Medicaid coverage	medical care assistance	approx. 7,000 per month	Those who fall marginally above the income guidelines are not eligible for assistance.
5. Catastrophic Illness	those who have suffered a catastrophic illness/injury and who do not have the resources to meet the expenses	medical assistance as determined by a three member committee	approx. 300 per year	Doesn't cover normal pregnancies and limited to "catastrophic illness"
6. Medicaid	must be covered by State and categorical programs such as AFDC or Adult Public Assistance	medical care assistance to those individuals eligible for categorical programs	approx. 18000 per month	Low income people not eligible for categorical programs experience difficulties in obtaining medical care.
<u>Div. of Public Health</u>				
1. Public Health Nursing	None	health screening, including pregnancy testing, prenatal education and counseling, post-partum follow-up home visiting and well child clinics	approx. 4,000 visits per month	Lack of unified counseling education and referral services. The unavailability of some services on full-time basis in rural communities.
2. Women Infant Children (WIC)	low income (family of 2, up to \$12,500) pregnant women and children up to age 5	nutrition supplement coupons and nutrition education and counseling	approx. 1600 per month in 26 communities	Estimated 38000 potentially eligible statewide not being served
3. Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)	under 21 years of age, Medicaid eligible	preventive health screening services for children and adolescents, referral to treatment and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 7,000 per year	Low income families who are not qualified for Medicaid do not receive medical treatment services.
4. Handicapped Childrens Program	children with physical and handicapping conditions	Medical diagnostic assistance provided to all - medical treatment based upon a sliding fee scale - of a family's ability to pay. Transportation and per diem are also included.	approx. 1800 per year	Premature newborns are not covered by this program.

Pregnancy Related Health and Social Services

Service Agencies	Eligibility Requirements	Services	Population Served	Service Gaps
<u>Div. of Family &amp; Youth Svs.</u>				
1. Family Counseling	None	marriage, parenting, family adolescent, and crisis intervention counseling	approx. 1000 per year	Staff time available is limited.
2. Foster Home Care	State must have legal custody of client.	counseling, foster care placement, financial assistance, medical care through Medicaid	approx. 1040 per year	Insufficient foster homes.
3. Adoption Counseling & Placement	State must have legal custody of client to provide adoption placement services. Adoption counseling is available to anyone on request.	counseling, screening and placement	approx. 40 adoption placements per year	Additional counseling services needed.
<u>Div. of Public Assistance</u>				
1. Food Stamps	low income (\$6,300 for a family of 2)	Food supplement coupons	approx. 38000 per month	There are no regional adjustments for cost of living. One income and benefits standard is used state-wide which results in inequities of purchasing power.
2. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)	low income women(\$5,500 per year for a family of 2) who are single or separated with dependent children living in the home	income maintenance and medical care assistance through Medicaid	approx. 13000 per month	Women who meet the income and single/separated status but are pregnant with no dependents living in the home are ineligible.  Low income women who are married with the spouse living at home are ineligible.
3. Adult Public Assistance	blind, disabled and aged, with income of \$5,700 per year for single adults	income maintenance, and medical assistance through Medicaid	approx. 5000 per month	Those blind, disabled and aged persons that are above the income guidelines

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 330 (Finance) am  
 Title "An Act relating to payment of the cost of care for pregnant women"  
 Requested by House HESS Committee Date May 7, 1981

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Health & Social Services  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Various - See separate fiscal notes attached.  
 (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		40.7	44.4	48.4	52.7	57.4
200 TRAVEL		1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.8	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.8
400 COMMODITIES		.4	.4	.5	.5	.6
500 EQUIPMENT		1.2				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,584.1	2,816.6	3,070.2	3,346.5	3,647.7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,632.9</b>	<b>2,868.5</b>	<b>3,126.8</b>	<b>3,408.1</b>	<b>3,714.9</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
GENERAL FUND		2,418.4	3,634.7	2,872.0	3,130.3	3,412.1
FEDERAL FUNDS		214.5	233.8	254.8	277.8	302.8
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
FULL TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

Attached Social and Health Service Analysis.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

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II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Social Services  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		40.7	44.4	48.4	52.7	57.4
200 TRAVEL		1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.8	5.2	5.7	6.2	6.8
400 COMMODITIES		.4	.4	.5	.5	.6
500 EQUIPMENT		1.2				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		2,155.1	2,349.0	2,560.5	2,790.9	3,042.1
TOTAL		2,203.9	2,400.9	2,617.1	2,852.5	3,109.3

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

		2,203.9	2,400.9	2,617.1	2,852.5	3,109.3
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

		1	1	1	1	1
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

In 1979 there were 9,129 births to Alaskan residents. 1,273 or 14% were births to unmarried women.

Age of Mother	Number of Births
Under 15	9
15-19	440
20-24	504
25-29	224
30-34	76
35-39	16
40-44	4
	<u>1,273</u>

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