

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**SENATE**

4/3/82

FURTHER: None

Date: 4/2/82

Mr. President:

The Committee on FINANCE has had OSNY 549(FIN)

making a special appropriation to the Dept. of Administration for a cost analysis of alternative designed for state health communications network

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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

Original sponsor: Fuller

Offered: 3/26/82  
Referred: Rules

Funding Information  
General Fund \$130,000  
Other Funds -0-  
\$130,000

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 549 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Administration for a cost analysis of alternative designs for the state health communications network; and providing for an effective date."

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

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\* Section 1. The sum of \$130,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Administration for preparation of a cost analysis of alternative telecommunications designs for improvements to the statewide health communications network.

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\* Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1983.

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\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).

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HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
LETTER OF INTENT  
For  
CSHB 549 (Finance)

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Administration's preparation of a cost analysis of alternative telecommunications designs for improvements to the statewide health communications network include the following:

- (1) A comparative analysis of the initial installment cost and future operation and maintenance costs of various improvements. Such improvements include enhanced phone communications, enhanced radio communications, 2-way video communications, or combinations thereof.
- (2) An assessment of the level-of-service needs of five different kinds of communities: remote village, village with surface transportation to larger community, subregional center, regional center, and city. This component of the project is important since a combination of improvements listed in No. (1) above will likely best serve future needs and since the Legislature is in need of level-of-service guidelines in order to choose the best combination of improvements.
- (3) An analysis of cost savings to be achieved when different agencies share communications capability in certain communities. For example, the Department would analyze whether it would be more economical for EMS personnel, village health aides, Village Public Safety Officers or troopers, and other personnel to share communication facilities in certain communities.

The Legislature further intends that the \$130,000 appropriated for this project be allocated as follows:

<u>Contractual Services:</u>	\$ 90,000
Procurement and payment of a consultant to undertake a statewide survey and analysis of existing EMS, IHS, and other health communication capability in the state, in conjunction with Department of Administration personnel. Same consultant, in conjunction with the Department, will also prepare cost analysis of alternative design improvement for the existing systems.	

<u>Travel:</u>	\$ 30,000
Funding to travel to existing sites to conduct the survey, to discuss technological design innovations with in-state experts, to consult health corporations and other personnel familiar with the needs of individual areas.	

<u>Commodities:</u>	\$ 10,000
Secretarial work associated with project and preparation of report (50%), printing of final report to the Legislature (30%), telephone calls (10%), postage (5%), miscellaneous (5%).	

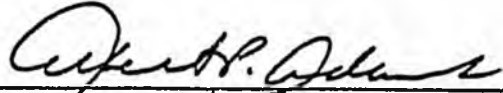
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TOTAL:	\$130,000
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House Finance Committee  
Letter of Intent  
CSHB 549 (Finance)  
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The project shall be completed in time for review by the Legislature during the First Session of the Thirteenth Alaska State Legislature.

  
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Representative Al Adams  
Chairman, House Finance  
Committee

5/14/82

HOUSE BILL 549

AN ACT MAKING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR COST ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS FOR THE STATE HEALTH COMMUNICATION NETWORK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

05/01/81

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FULLER  
REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS  
THEN FINANCE

05/04/81

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS REPORTED OUT WITH  
4 'DO PASS' AND 1 'NO REC' (BYLSMA)

03/26/82

HOUSE FINANCE REPORTED BILL OUT AS COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE WITH 6 'DO PASS' 3 'NO REC' AND  
1 'DO NOT PASS'

\*\* ORIGINAL BILL SOUGHT TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 TO DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS FOR A GRANT TO THE NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A VHF NETWORK.

\*\* THE SUBSTITUTE WOULD APPROPRIATE \$130,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR PREPARATION OF A COST ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE TELECOMMUNICATION DESIGNS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATEWIDE HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. THE UNSPENT PORTION WOULD LAPSE ON JUNE 30, 1983 AND THE MONEY WOULD BE APPROPRIATED IMMEDIATELY.

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTACHED A LETTER OF INTENT (SEE ATTACHED)

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04/07/82

HOUSE ADOPTED FINANCE SUBSTITUTE AND PASSED  
33-2-5 WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE ADOPTED.

04/08/82

RECEIVED BY THE SENATE  
REFERRED: SENATE FINANCE

Original sponsor: Fuller

Offered: 3/26/82  
Referred: Rules

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

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12 the Department of Administration for preparation of a cost analysis of alter-  
13 native telecommunications designs for improvements to the statewide health  
14 communications network.

15 \* Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation  
16 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1983.

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Rec'd after  
bill rep. out  
4-13-82

POSITION PAPER  
CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 549

CSHB 549; "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Administration for a cost analysis of alternative designs for the state health communications network; and providing for an effective date."

CSHB 549 would appropriate the sum of \$130,000 to the Department of Administration for preparation of a cost analysis of alternative telecommunications designs for improvements to the state health communications network.

The Department of Health and Social Services strongly endorses this bill. Reliable health communications continues to be a significant problem in many areas of the state, especially in some rural and bush areas. Necessary health communications include clinic-to-hospital and ambulance-to-hospital communications. In some areas, the communications links are either non-existent (concerning ambulance-to-hospital communications in some areas) or unreliable. Current technology includes HF single side band radios, VHF radios, VHF microwave links, and satellite earth stations. Involved organizations include state agencies, the Indian Health Service, private long line carriers, ambulance services, native health corporations, and hospitals. It is expected that, with funding appropriated under CSHB 549, the Department of Administration, Divisions of Telecommunications, will be able to work with all of these organizations and identify health communications needs throughout the state, and to determine cost effective designs to improve availability and reliability of health communications systems.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports this bill.

Recommended by: E. S. Rabeau  
E. S. Rabeau, M.D., Director  
Division of Public Health

Date: April 2, 1982

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

Date: 4-6-82

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. CS for House Bill No. 549  
 Title Appropriation to Dept. of Admin. for cost analysis for state health communi-  
 Requested by Finance Committee Date 3/26/82 cations

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Health/Public Health  
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Emergency Medical 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 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify 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 Instruction, Section III).

IV. DATE April 2, 1982 PREPARED BY Mark S. Johnson

AGENCY Public Health

Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-3027

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

33-001 (Rev. 12/81)

JCC