

S

B

6

0

3

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

2/4/82

FURTHER: None

Date: MARCH 12, 1982

Mr. President:

The Committee on EDUCATION has had SB 603

regional resource centers

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

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Walter B. Anderson Jr.

CHAIRMAN



Official Business

Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

OF

March 12, 1982

Butrovich Committee Room, State Capitol Juneau, Alaska

Legislation Before Committee:

SB 741 - "An Act relating to child support enforcement."

SB 603 - "An Act relating to regional resource centers."

The meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee was called to order by Chairman Rodey at 1:35 P.M. Committee members present were: Senators Rodey, Anderson, Parr, and Ray. Senator Bennett was absent.

002 - Chairman Rodey calls to order.

012 - Chairman Rodey brought SB 741 before the committee.

380 - Robin Foster, representing herself, testified against SB 741, stating she was against the whole Child Enforcement Agency.

529 - Chairman Rodey moves that the committee adopt an amendment to SB 741 on Page 1, Line 17, to delete "an obligor to pay" and insert "the payment of". There was no objection.

720 - Chairman Rodey laid SB 741 on the table and directed staff to prepare a memorandum explaining the section of the bill which repeals AS 47.23.070.

724 - Chairman Rodey next brought SB 603 before the committee.

789 - After brief discussion, Senator Anderson moves to pass the bill from committee with a do pass recommendation. There was no objection and the bill was passed.

802 - Adjourn.

Alaska State Legislature

SB603

SENATOR
TERRY STIMSON
POUCH V
JULIAFAU, ALASKA 99811

WHILE IN ANCHORAGE
1610 E STREET
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501



Senate

TO: Senator Charlie Parr, Chair Senate HESS Committee
FROM: Senator Terry Stimson
SUBJECT: Statement of Intent for Senate Bill 551
DATE: May 26, 1981

Attached please find a statement of intent that I have written to accompany Senate Bill 551. As the bill currently resides in the Senate HESS Committee I would like to see that you attach it to any discussion of the bill.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Senate Bill 551

Statement of Intent

It is the intent of this bill that \$400,000 be appropriated to the Department of Education for payment of all outstanding claims, notes or other liabilities against the South Central Regional Resource Center.

While introduction and passage of this bill is not an indication that the Alaska State Legislature believes that the South Central Regional Resource Center is an agent of the Government of the State of Alaska, neither does it assume that the State is liable for the actions of the South Central Regional Resource Center, or other Resource Centers. It is rather a clear statement that it is not the best use of state resources to ^u pursue the case. Passage of this bill will allow the State and affected school districts to get on with the task of educating Alaska's youth and not force the same to spend additional education dollars on further litigation.



House of Representatives

COMMITTEES
 CHAIRMAN
 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION
 VICE CHAIRMAN
 HOUSE HEALTH EDUCATION
 AND
 SOCIAL SERVICES

REPRESENTATIVE
 BETTE CATO
 DISTRICT 5
 BOX 775
 VALDEZ ALASKA 99686
 (907) 835-4568
 WHILE IN JUNEAU
 POUCH V
 JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801
 (907) 465-4858

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Legislators
 All Interested Parties

FROM : Rep. Bette Cato *BC*

RE : Southcentral Regional Resource Center

DATE : May 29, 1981

Regional Resource Centers were established in 1975 with adoption of AS. 14.08.141. The intent was to establish a pool of knowledge and abilities for development of programs and studies for the school districts.

The Southcentral Regional Resource Center (S.C.R.R.C.) has the following member schools;

- Adak Regional School District
- Aleutian Chain School District
- Chugach School District
- Copper River School District
- Cordova School District
- Kodiak Island Borough School District
- Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
- King Cove School District
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District
- Pribilof Island School District
- Unalaska City School District
- Valdez City School District

dismissed

The school districts of; Delta-Greely, Railbelt, Sand Point, and Yukon Flats, applied for membership in 1980 and received it but are not to be included in the discussion that follows.

There were problems in this regional resource center when administrative costs and accounting practices got out of hand. There is currently an audit taking place to find the extent of the problems and persons involved. Consequently, the Attorney Generals office issued a complaint against S.C.R.R.C..

The underlying question: are the Regional Resource Centers an entity of the State or is it a voluntary association of individual members?

Page 2
Rep. Bette Cato

If it is a state agency, then the state is liable for all debts incurred. If it is a voluntary association, then each of the members is liable for the debts of the association.

While this is a moot point, the funding in either case comes from the State Legislature. The school boards are funded by the state as are the S.C.R.R.C and the attorney generals office. The point is, the state is suing itself over a problem that should be solved internally. The school districts involved are now going through the trouble and expense of hiring outside attorneys.

The Attorney Generals office says that they will not press charges until the legislature has a chance to vote on Senate Bill 551. The bill would fund the outstanding debts of the S.C.R.R.C..If the bill does not pass the legislature by the end of this session, then the litigation will begin over the summer. The amount of indebtedness is nearly \$400,000 and costs for attorneys, etc. to this point have gone over \$100,000, and will, if the case continues, go much higher, this cost, in one line item or another will be paid by the state of Alaska.

This point must be addressed this session to prevent further litigation and allow for a resolution to this matter without the outcome of "the State suing the State".

I hope that you will join with me in supporting this bill and preventing this waste of money in the litigation process.

cc. Governor Jay Hammond
Lt. Governor Terry Miller
Sen. Terry Stimson
Attorney General's Office
School District's in S.C.R.R.C.