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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Senator Bob Mulcahy  
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Dear Senator Mulcahy:

In response to your call requesting a position statement from the commission regarding HB148:

The real estate commission requested that HB148 be introduced to enable the commission to carry out the function dictated by last year's sunset report. The commission was separated from the division of occupational licensing by "sunset" but the funding for the newly created commission BRU was not approved before the legislature adjourned.

The commission feels that the lack of funds is seriously affecting the public welfare by preventing the commission from properly and timely investigating complaints and prosecuting violations. HB148 provides funds to hire an investigator which will alleviate this problem and materially benefit Alaskans.

HB148 also provides funds to move the license examiner to the commission's office in Anchorage which will increase the efficiency of the commission in handling the issuance and transfer of licenses and the maintenance of commission records. The commission is installing an up to date processor to increase the efficiency in maintaining license records. Delay in transferring the license examiner results in more duplication of work when the records are transferred.

The bill also provides for the employment of an additional clerk-typist. The commission has a serious problem in routine paperwork processing and responding to the public because the paperwork processing is constantly interrupted by the "walk-in or phone in" public but "no job is finished till the paperwork is done". The additional position will permit clerical functions and public contact functions to both be carried out satisfactorily without interfering with each other.

This budget also purchases the necessary desks, etc. for the new positions.

This budget also provides funds to pay the balance of the executive director's salary for FY81. The executive director has been in office since July, 1980 but has drawn the salary of the executive secretary due to the lack of funds to fund the change in grade. This change is from range 18 to range 22.

Funds must be approved before the division of personnel will begin to classify the new positions. We have been informed that much of this money will not actually be spent because some positions will take 5 to 6 months to be classified and approved by the division of personnel but the 5 to 6 month period begins only when funds are approved. If this budget is approved we will have an investigator by August or September. If not we will be looking at December or January before the position is filled.

A major effect of passing this bill will be that the commission will consolidate its activities and begin administering them with minimum additional confusion and duplication of efforts due to funding related delays. It will also enable the commission to better protect the public much sooner and more efficiently than will otherwise be the case.

The commission and its staff are ready to assist you in any way possible questions. Please do not hesitate to call upon us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Lance Youngquist, Chairman  
Alaska Real Estate Commission

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cc: Division of Budget and Management



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# Alaska State Legislature

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HB 148; SUMMARY:

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$44,700 to the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development for the Real Estate Commission for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1981.