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STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

February 17, 1981

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill which would make Alaska a party to the Interstate Corrections Compact.

Under current law, Alaska is a party to the Western Interstate Corrections Compact, along with eleven other states. This measure is similar to that compact; however, it allows the state a broader choice of correctional facilities nationwide in which prisoners may be incarcerated than is presently available. By joining the Interstate Corrections Compact, Alaska will be able to place offenders in an additional eleven states. It is not necessary to withdraw from the Western Interstate Corrections Compact in order to become a party to this compact.

Enactment would enable the Division of Corrections to enter into contracts with party states for incarceration of our prisoners. Thus a wider range of rehabilitative programs would be available without the increased costs attendant in establishing such programs within our own correctional facilities.

Jurisdiction over persons confined out-of-state is retained by Alaska although such persons would still be subject to the rules of the institution where confined. The state also retains the power to inspect the facilities utilized and to visit the inmates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay S. Hammond".

Jay S. Hammond  
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Interstate Corrections Compact  
 Requested by Governor Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Sevices - Division of Adult Corrections  
 Program Category Affected Offender Confinement, Reformation & Supervision  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Adult Confinement  
 (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 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>			-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS

FULL TIME			-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

It is estimated that enactment of this legislation would not result in any increase of expenditures. It will provide for an increased number of out-of-state facilities for placement of convicted offenders. Since the census of Alaskan State Correctional Centers are at maximum levels now, the Federal Bureau of Prison System must be relied upon to provide bed space. Entering into the compact would also open several other state resources, when appropriate, to Alaska.

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

*Roger C. Lange*  
 Prepared by: Roger C. Lange Date: December 30, 1980  
 Division/Office: Adult Corrections PH: 465-3376  
 Department of Health & Social Services

## POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 186

"An Act adopting the Interstate Corrections Compact; and providing for an effective date."

Basically, this law would enable the State of Alaska to engage in contracts with the 16 other party states for the placement and/or exchange of prisoners for the purpose of treatment, long-range release planning and, in some cases, for protection purposes.

Alaska is presently signatory to the Western Corrections Compact (AS 33.25.010) along with 11 other states. The two compacts are very similar; in fact, the Interstate Corrections Compact was developed in order to encompass eastern states that were interested in expanding their placement resources. By adding the Interstate Corrections Compact, Alaska would increase placement resources by 100% or 11 additional states.

Although it is true that we are expanding our correctional facilities in order to return prisoners to the state, we must realize that for two to three years more, we will have no choice but to house many of our prisoners out of state. Recent developments indicate that the Federal Bureau of Prisons is having problems in accommodating so many state prisoners and may not be able to help us indefinitely to the extent they have in the past. We think it essential for us to develop other options.

Membership in the Interstate Corrections Compact would enable us to return some prisoners to home states, rather than placing them in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and, in some cases, accept Alaska residents who have been convicted and sentenced in other states. Alaska would not be under obligation to accept prisoners from other party states as mandatory reciprocity is not required in the Compact, nor would other party states be obligated to accept Alaska inmates. In each case of interstate placement, a contract must be negotiated between the party states.

Even though we are expanding our correctional facilities, there will always be a few prisoners with special needs who would benefit from being placed in specialized facilities outside of Alaska. By being party to the Interstate Corrections Compact, we would be in a better position to place those few offenders in appropriate settings. It should be noted some prisoners request to be returned to their home states and the Compact would provide an expedient means for us to do so.

**POSITION PAPER/Department of Health & Social Services**

Recommended by:

C. F. Campbell

Charles F. Campbell, Director  
Division of Adult Corrections

Date:

2/27/81

Approved by:

Alexander J. Berman

Commissioner  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

Date:

2-28-81

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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