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TO: Senator Fischer, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Ferguson, Chairman *JK*
REAA Budget Oversight Committee

SUBJ: Senate Bill 846 - Architectural Barrier Regulations

DATE: March 29, 1982

Testimony received by the REAA Budget Oversight Committee has indicated that regulations regarding architectural barriers have had an adverse impact on maintenance and operations costs as well as construction costs in the rural school districts. These regulations include both the interim regulations for barrier-free facilities as well as the exterior ramps required by these regulations. Compliance involves an abnormal amount of manual labor during the winter months to keep the ramps free of snow and ice.

Although a multi-story structure has proven to be the most fuel efficient, the code requirements for elevators cause many districts having "bush" schools to utilize single story construction. The primary objection to the elevator installation in bush communities is the prohibitive costs of maintenance and restricted availability of service. The result of this code restriction is less energy efficient buildings.

REAA school districts are required to build ramps for the handicapped and to comply with other regulations for the access of the handicapped in villages without sidewalks or roads.

Senate Bill 846 would allow the Commissioner of DOTPF to make exemptions to these regulations in such cases as those that have been occurring in the REAA school districts.

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 846
 Title An Act relating to architectural barrier regulations
 Requested by Senator Fischer Date _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
 Program Category Affected Planning and Programming
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
 (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						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

In those Capital Projects where the Commissioner waives the existing handicapped regulations, it would facilitate the better development of the Capital Projects.

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