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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SCR 13

Title Preservation of the House of Wickersham

Requested by Senate Finance

Date 5/8/81

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Natural Resources - Parks

Program Category Affected NRMEC - Parks & Recreation

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Park Operations - Parks Administration

(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 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		3.0				
200 TRAVEL		9.4				
300 CONTRACTUAL		5.0-10.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		17.4-22.4				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
GENERAL FUND		17.4-22.4				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY		1				

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

The costs identified above would be used by the task force to develop a plan for the continued operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham. Tasks to be accomplish would include the following: (1) prepare the work plan; (2) evaluate the academic and research significance of the collection; (3) inventory and appraise the value of the documents, artifacts, and real estate; (4) identify acquisition and operating program alternatives with cost estimates; (5) identify a recommended program with cost analysis.

Travel costs would be for two or three meetings of the task force, composed of the Director of Parks, Tourism, and Libraries and Museums, the Executive Director of the Alaska Historical Commission, and certain members of the University of Alaska professorial staff; contractual costs would be for the inventory and appraisal of the collection and real estate; the project employee would serve as staff.

IV. DATE 5/11/81

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Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)



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March 4, 1981

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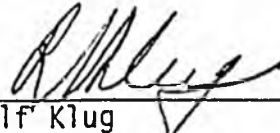
Dear Senator Fischer:

The attached "House of Wickersham" Resolution was passed by the Alaska Visitors Association Board of Directors at their meeting in Juneau, February 23, 1981.

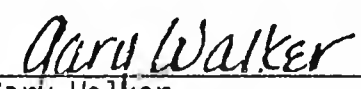
We respectfully draw it to your attention and request any assistance you may be able to offer in the implementation of this resolution.

Sincerely,

ALASKA VISITORS ASSOCIATION



Rolf Klug
President



Gary Walker
Executive Director

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 6

SUBJECT: "HOUSE OF WICKERSHAM"

WHEREAS, a significant portion of Alaska's documented and written history during the years 1900 through 1930 is recorded only in the diaries and papers and manuscripts of Alaska's pioneer judge, James Wickersham; and

WHEREAS, the House of Wickersham, located in Juneau, Alaska, is itself also of major historical significance because it probably is the first large home built in Alaska after the purchase from Russia and is a fine example of Victorian architecture of the period and is built upon the site of the New Boston Gold Mining Claim and was owned first by the principals of the Treadwell Mine and was later acquired by Judge Wickersham as his home; and

WHEREAS, the House of Wickersham is certified on the National Register of Historic Places and the private collection of historic documents, diaries and papers is of major significance along with the historic photo files and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, the histories of Nome, the Aleutians, Fairbanks, Eagle, Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, Valdez, Skagway, Wrangell, Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau are preserved and represented in these early documents, making the Wickersham collection of major statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, in years past most of the major private historic collections have been sold off or moved out of Alaska being lost forever to future generations; and because this is probably the last and single most important and largest private Alaskan historical collection remaining; and

WHEREAS, it seems appropriate that this historical treasure of our state should be recognized and preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans now and in centuries to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Alaska Visitors Association, acting on the sponsorship and request of the Juneau Chapter of AVA, recommends to the Governor and appropriate state officials, and to each member of the Legislature, and the Alaska Congressional Delegation that negotiations be commenced for the State to consider the acquisition of the historic real property known as the House of Wickersham and the Wickersham collection of documents, photos, diaries and artifacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate state officials be requested to coordinate with the various federal government agencies and private foundations who have grants and matching funds for such historical restoration and preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State consider the implementation of an appropriate plan coordinated to restore the home and preserve the documents to allow historians, scholars and all Alaskans and visitors to Alaska to view and share this historic treasure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above Resolution be distributed to all the above named state administration, legislative and congressional officials.

Introduced: 2/27/81
Referred: State Affairs

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation of the
6 House of Wickersham.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS a significant portion of Alaska's documented and written history
9 during the years 1900 through 1930 is recorded only in the diaries, papers,
10 and manuscripts of Alaska's pioneer judge, James Wickersham; and

11 WHEREAS the House of Wickersham, located in Juneau and built on the
12 site of the New Boston gold mining claim, is itself of major historical
13 significance as ^{ONE OF} the first large homes built in Alaska after the purchase from
14 Russia, and as a fine example of Victorian architecture; and

15 WHEREAS the House of Wickersham has been certified for inclusion on the
16 National Register of Historic Places, and its private collection of historic
17 documents, diaries, papers, photo files, and artifacts is of major signifi-
18 cance to scholars of early twentieth century Alaska; and

19 WHEREAS the histories of Nome, the Aleutian Islands, Fairbanks, Eagle,
20 Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, Valdez, Skagway, Wrangell, Sitka, Ketchikan, and
21 Juneau are preserved and represented in these early documents, making the
22 Wickersham collection of major statewide importance; and

23 WHEREAS in years past many private historic collections have been sold
24 or removed from Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS it seems appropriate that the Wickersham collection and its
26 repository should be recognized and preserved for the benefit of all Alaskans
27 now and in centuries to come;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
29 respectfully requested to establish a task force to develop a plan for the

1 continued operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham; and be it
2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor appoint the directors of the division
3 of tourism of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the
4 division of parks of the Department of Natural Resources and other officers
5 of state government concerned with the history of the state to serve on the
6 task force; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor invite the appropriate federal
8 agencies and historical associations to work with the task force toward the
9 achievement of its goal.

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