

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 717

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the longevity bonus program; and
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds and
10 declares that

11 (1) the high cost of goods and services in Alaska and the
12 state's remoteness and harsh environment, make it difficult for many elder-
13 ly Alaskans to remain in the state after retirement;

14 (2) when a person is forced to live out retirement years away
15 from home, family, and friends, that person suffers an irreparable loss;

16 (3) Alaska's elderly are a precious human resource, and it is in
17 the public interest to provide a financial incentive for them to remain in
18 the state after retirement; and

19 (4) it is in the public interest to continue the longevity bonus
20 program for elderly Alaskans irrespective of need.

21 (b) The longevity bonus program is not a form of welfare and is not a
22 substitute for or supplement to public assistance. Other programs are
23 available to provide the basic necessities of life. The longevity bonus
24 program is intended to encourage elderly Alaskans to spend their retirement
25 years in the comfort of their homes.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS.

28 (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who resides in the state
29 for at least one year immediately preceding application for a

1 longevity bonus under this chapter [WAS DOMICILED IN THE TERRITORY ON
2 OR BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1959 AND WHO HAS MAINTAINED A CONTINUOUS DOMICILE
3 IN THE TERRITORY OR STATE FOR 25 YEARS] may apply to the commissioner
4 of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of
5 \$250.

6 (b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an
7 applicant qualifies under AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 the commissioner
8 [HE] shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

9 (c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided
10 for in AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 may continue to do so only as long as
11 that person continues to be a resident of [HE CONTINUOUSLY RETAINS A
12 DOMICILE IN] the state.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 47.45.030 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.45.030. ABSENCE FROM THE STATE. After qualification, a
15 [A] recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the
16 recipient [HE] expects to be absent from the state if the absence is
17 for a continuous period that exceeds 30 days. After that notifica-
18 tion, the recipient may [SHALL] no longer receive bonuses from the
19 Department of Administration after the [HIS] last regularly approved
20 monthly application. Upon returning [HIS RETURN] to the state, the
21 recipient [HE] may again make application for a bonus. Whenever the
22 absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 180 days the recipient
23 shall be disqualified from receiving bonuses for the next 12 calendar
24 months after returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. However, when the
25 commissioner of administration determines a period of absence is
26 beyond the control of the recipient, the recipient [HE] may not be
27 disqualified [,] if the recipient [HE] still otherwise qualifies upon
28 returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. Continual absences from the
29 state, even though reported, and failure to notify the commissioner of

1 an expected absence may be grounds for disqualification.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 47.45.150 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 47.45.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

4 (1) "bonus" means a monthly Alaska longevity bonus payment
5 made to a person or the person's [HIS] beneficiary who qualifies under
6 this chapter;

7 (2) "resident" or "resident of the state" means an indi-
8 vidual who is physically present in the state with the intent to
9 remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state; a
10 person demonstrates the requisite intent by maintaining a principal
11 place of abode in the state for one year and by providing other proof
12 of intent the commissioner may require by regulation, including proof
13 that the person is not claiming residency outside the state or obtain-
14 ing benefits under a claim of residency outside the state ["DOMICILE"
15 MEANS THE PLACE WITH WHICH A PERSON HAS A SETTLED CONNECTION FOR
16 DETERMINATION OF HIS CIVIL STATUS OR OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES BECAUSE IT
17 IS ACTUALLY OR LEGALLY HIS PERMANENT AND PRINCIPAL HOME].

18 * Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 205, SLA 1972, and AS 47.45.170 are repealed.

19 * Sec. 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The State Special Committee on the Alaska
20 Longevity Bonus Program is created, consisting of two members of the Alaska
21 Senate appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the Alaska
22 House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two members
23 of the executive branch selected by the governor, and three public members
24 appointed by the governor. The committee shall determine the feasibility
25 of replacing the longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act, with an
26 annuity program, a needs-based program, or other longevity program. In
27 making the determination of feasibility required by this section, the
28 committee shall consider (1) the format and structure of alternative pro-
29 grams; (2) the cost of alternative programs as compared to the cost of the

1 longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act; (3) opinions of recipients
2 of longevity bonus payments on the question of replacing the longevity
3 bonus program with an alternative program; and (4) sources of funding for
4 the alternative programs. The committee shall report its findings on the
5 feasibility of alternative programs, together with draft legislation to
6 implement the alternative programs if the committee finds that one or more
7 programs are feasible, to the legislature and the governor by February 1,
8 1985.

9 * Sec. 7. If any provision of this Act, or the application of this Act
10 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act
11 and the application of this Act to other persons or circumstances is not
12 affected by that holding.

13 * Sec. 8. (a) A person who was qualified to receive a monthly longevi-
14 ty bonus under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984 is presumed to be qualified to
15 receive a monthly bonus under AS 47.45 as amended by this Act. Payments
16 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, may be made to that person as long
17 as the person continues to qualify for payments under those provisions.

18 (b) A person (1) who is eligible to receive a monthly longevity bonus
19 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, for which that person was not
20 eligible under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984, and (2) whose application for a
21 longevity bonus for a month beginning on or after May 1, 1984 is received
22 by July 1, 1984, may be paid for each month for which that person is qual-
23 ified and for which such an application was filed, notwithstanding any
24 other provision of law to the contrary.

25 * Sec. 9. Sections 1 -- 8 of this Act are retroactive to May 1, 1984.

26 * Sec. 10. This Act and AS 47.45 are repealed June 30, 1985.

27 * Sec. 11. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
28 10.070(c).

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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 717
Title: Longevity Bonus Program

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Dept. of Administration
Program Category Affected: Social Services

Sponsor: Rules by request of Gov.
Requestor: House Finance
Date of Request: 4/17/84

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
Longevity Bonus Program

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	11.8	49.9	---	---	---	---
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL	10.2	60.9	---	---	---	---
400 SUPPLIES	1.0	3.0	---	---	---	---
500 EQUIPMENT	3.0					
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	2750.5	15350.0	---	---	---	---
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	2776.5	15463.8	---	---	---	---
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	2776.5	15463.8	---	---	---	---
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1	---	---	---	---
PART-TIME	3	2	---	---	---	---
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Rep. Al Adams, Chair *APA* Phone: 465-3706
Division: House Finance Committee Date: 4/17/84

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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1. FY 84 Costs

The amount provided for administration of the Alaska Longevity Bonus program is the same as that requested by the Department without providing funds for the study. It is the intent of the committee that the study be paid for within the Department's existing budget.

The breakdown of funds is as follows:

Personal Services		\$11,836
Clerk V, PFT (2 months)	\$4,785	
Clerk II, PPT (2 pos, 2 mos)	7,051	
Contractual Services		10,156
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls		
Commodities		1,000
Office Supplies		
Equipment		3,000
Office furniture		

The amount provided for bonus clerks is based on House Research Agency projections. The population count for FY 84 is based on data provided in the 2/24/84 memorandum from House Research to Representative Al Adams.

2. FY 85 Costs

The amount provided for administration of the Alaska Longevity Bonus program is the same as that requested by the Department without providing funds for the study.

The breakdown of funds is as follows:

Personal Services		\$49,862
Clerk V, PFT	\$28,710	
Clerk II, PPT (2 pos., 6 mos)	21,152	
Contractual Services		60,937
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls		
Commodities		3,000
Office Supplies		

The amount provided for payment of bonuses (shown in the grants line item) is based on House Research Agency calculations of the number of ALB recipients in the first year after establishing a program that pays bonuses of \$250/month to each person 65 and older who has lived in the state for a year. The figure shown under the grants column in the fiscal note is only for those costs above the \$32.5 million in the House budget for longevity bonuses. Please refer to the House Research memorandum to Representative Adams (dated 2/24/84) for further details on the amount in the grants line item. The total program costs in FY 85 are approximately \$47-48 million.

3. Years beyond FY 85

The bill has fiscal impact in years beyond FY 85. However, the fiscal impact is entirely dependent on the work of the special committee and legislative action in the 1985 session. Hence, the hatch marks shown on the fiscal note for years beyond FY 85 indicate that the fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

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Amendment #2

Page 4 line 26

change 1985 to 1986.

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Amendment #1

Page 3 line 11.

change "one" to "Two"

Given to Rep. Adams by Commissioner Rudd: 4/17/84

Proposed "a" ~~attached~~
Attached

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Requestor: _____
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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	23.5	120.0				
200 TRAVEL		113.9				
300 CONTRACTUAL	10.2	110.9				
400 COMMODITIES	1.0	3.0				
500 EQUIPMENT	3.0					
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	3,225.0	19,350.0				
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	3,262.7	19,697.8				
CAPITAL	0	0				
REVENUE	0	0				

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	3,262.7	19,697.8				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	3,262.7	19,697.8				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME (FTE)	.5	3.0				
PART-TIME (FTE)	.3	1.0				
TEMPORARY	0	0				

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

Not indicated by sponsor.

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: E. Louis Keller, Director Phone: 465-4400
Division: Pioneers' Benefits Date: April 17, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd Date: _____
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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Fiscal Note Analysis
Prepared By Division of Pioneers' Benefits
Department of Administration
April 17, 1984

This bill would increase the number of persons eligible for the Longevity Bonus Program.

ASSUMPTIONS

- a. All persons who are age 65 and older who have been residents of Alaska for at least one year would be eligible.
- b. It is believed that there are approximately 16,500 persons now living in Alaska who will qualify under new eligibility requirements, and that there will be approximately 10,050 persons on the program by July 1, 1984. Therefore, it is assumed that an additional 6,450 persons will be enrolled on the program under the bill.
- c. The amount of the bonus would be \$250 per month.
- d. No retroactive payments would be paid.
- e. It is assumed that this program will end on June 30, 1985.
- f. A nine-member committee would be appointed to determine the feasibility of replacing the longevity bonus program with another type of program. It is assumed that in order to solicit citizens' input, travel to various cities in Alaska will be required.
- g. An increase in the Longevity Bonus staff would be needed to process the flood of new applications, and support staff will be required for the nine-member commission.
- h. All expenses would be paid from the State General Fund.
- i. The Act would become effective on May 1, 1984.

Fiscal Note Analysis
 Prepared By Division of Pioneers' Benefits
 Department of Administration
 April 17, 1984

Additional funds needed for FY 84 are computed as follows:

	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Personal Services	\$ 23,532
Clerk V, PFT (2 months)	\$4,785
Clerk II, PPT (2 positions, 2 months)	7,051
Administrative Asst. III PFT (2 months)	6,797
Secretary I, PFT (2 months)	4,899
 Contractual Services	 10,156
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls	
 Commodities	 1,000
Office supplies	
 Equipment	 3,000
Office furniture	
 Grants	 3,225,000
Additional funds needed for Bonus payments to additional persons who will be eligible (6,450 x 2 x \$250)	
	\$ 3,262,688
 Total additional funds required for FY 84	 \$ 3,262,688

Fiscal Note Analysis
 Prepared By Division of Pioneers' Benefits
 Department of Administration
 April 17, 1984

Additional funds needed for FY 85 are computed as follows:

		<u>Annual Cost</u>
Personal Services		\$ 120,036
Clerk V, PFT	\$28,710	
Clerk II, PPT (2 positions, 6 months)	21,152	
Administrative Asst. III, PFT (12 mos.)	40,781	
Secretary I, PFT (12 months)	29,393	
Travel for Commission and staff		113,850
Transportation	77,000	
Per Diem	36,850	
Contractual Services		110,937
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls	60,937	
Actuarial consultant	50,000	
Commodities		3,000
Office supplies		
Grants		19,350,000
Additional funds needed for Bonus payments to additional persons who will be eligible (6,450 x 12 x \$250)		
Total additional funds required for FY 85		\$ 19,697,823

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Travel

Travel for nine committee members and two-member staff from Juneau round-trip coach class to the following cities:

Cost For
Each Person

Anchorage	\$ 352.00
Barrow	876.00
Bethel	592.00
Cordova	258.00
Dillingham	490.24
Fairbanks	422.00
Haines	114.00
Ketchikan	180.00
Kodiak	536.00
Kotzebue	664.00
Nome	664.00
Palmer	352.00
Petersburg	146.00
Seward	448.00
Sitka	120.00
Valdez	460.00
Wrangell	166.00
Yakutat	158.00
Total	<u>\$6,998.24</u> each

\$7,000 x 11 persons = \$77,000

Per Diem

(Based on three days each to far northern areas, and two days to all others)

Barrow, Fairbanks, Kotzebue, and Nome @ \$90/day x 3 days x 11 persons	\$ 11,880
Bethel, Dillingham and Kodiak @ \$85/day x 2 days x 11 persons	5,610
Anchorage, Cordova, Haines, Ketchikan, Palmer, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Valdez, Wrangell and Yakutat @ \$80/day x 2 days x 11 persons	<u>19,360</u>
Total per diem	<u>\$ 36,850</u>

1.	POSITION TITLE Administrative Assistant III				RANGE/STEP 16A	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	COV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 4	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL		ADDITION		JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT	<p>The State Special Committee on the Longevity Bonus Program will need support staff to assist in conducting public hearings and special studies to determine the feasibility of replacing the Longevity Bonus Program with another type of program.</p> <p>The Administrative Assistant III will provide organizational and fiscal support for the Committee and act as coordinator for the efforts of the group.</p>					
	1	2	3							
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	2.573/mo.	30.876							
6.	Benefits		5.132							
7.	Supplemental Benefits		1.893							
8.	Fixed Benefits		2.880							
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	40,781						
10.	Travel		02							
11.	Contractual		03							
12.	Commodities		04							
13.	Equipment		05							
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST			40,781						
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Match 1003								
18.	100	General Funds 1004		40,781						
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
21.		Other								
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Social and Economic
PROGRAM Assistant for the Aged
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1.	POSITION TITLE Secretary I				RANGE/STEP 10B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.						
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 5	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.								
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION											
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE				<p>The State Special Committee on the Longevity Bonus Program will need support staff to assist in conducting public hearings and special studies to determine the feasibility of replacing the Longevity Bonus Program with another type of program.</p> <p>The Secretary I position will provide office management and clerical support for the group, reporting to and providing personal support to the chairman of the committee.</p>											
	1		2								3					
	PERSONAL SERVICES															
5.	Salary	1,803/mo.	21,636													
6.	Benefits		3,551													
7.	Supplemental Benefits		1,326													
8.	Fixed Benefits		2,880													
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	29,393												
10.	Travel		02													
11.	Contractual		03													
12.	Commodities		04													
13.	Equipment		05													
14.	Other															
15.	TOTAL COST			29,393												
16.	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE														
17.		Federal Receipts 1002														
18.	100	G.F. Match 1003														
19.		General Funds 1004		29,393												
20.		I-A Receipts 1005														
21.		Program Receipts 1028														
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1.	POSITION TITLE Clerk V				RANGE/STEP 11B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPRDV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN. NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 1	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL	ADDITION			JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT	<p>The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. A Clerk V position is required to supervise two PPT Clerk II positions, who will be required to process the volume of applications. In addition, the Clerk V will be responsible for calculation of any retroactive benefits which may be due.</p> <p>At the end of eight months, it is expected that the receipt of applications will level off and the Clerk V position will then be required to assist with actions necessary for continuing eligibility of increased number of recipients, and added volume of data input.</p>					
	1	2	3							
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	1,914/mo.	22,968							
6.	Benefits		1,454							
7.	Supplemental Benefits		1,408							
8.	Fixed Benefits		2,880							
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	01	28,710							
10.	Travel	02								
11.	Contractual	03								
12.	Commodities	04								
13.	Equipment	05								
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST		28,710							
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Match 1003								
18.	100	General Funds 1004		28,710						
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
21.		Other								
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1.	POSITION TITLE Clerk II				RANGE/STEP 7B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PPT	STAFF MONTHS 8	RP NUMBER	PCN-NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 2	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE				AMOUNT					
	1		2		3					
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	1,510/mo.			12,080					
6.	Benefits				2,022					
7.	Supplemental Benefits									
8.	Fixed Benefits									
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	14,102						
10.	Travel		02							
11.	Contractual		03							
12.	Commodities		04							
13.	Equipment		05							
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST			14,102						
	RECEIPT CODE				FUNDING SOURCE					
16.					Federal Receipts 1002					
17.					G.F. Match 1003					
18.	100				General Funds 1004					
19.					I-A Receipts 1005					
20.					Program Receipts 1028					
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The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. Prior to approval, each application received must be date-stamped, registered, scrutinized for completeness, acknowledged and filed. In addition, documentation verifying applicant's completion of the requirements will be requested if not received with the application.

Two permanent part time Clerk II positions will be required to process the volume of applications in a timely manner. It is expected that the large volume of applications will level off at the end of eight months and the additional positions will no longer be required.

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2.	TYPE OF POSITION PPT	STAFF MONTHS 8	RP NUMBER	PCN. NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 3	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE				<p>The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. Prior to approval, each application received must be date-stamped, registered, scrutinized for completeness, acknowledged and filed. In addition, documentation verifying applicant's completion of the requirements will be requested if not received with the application.</p> <p>Two permanent part time Clerk II positions will be required to process the volume of applications in a timely manner. It is expected that the large volume of applications will level off at the end of eight months and the additional positions will no longer be required.</p>					
	1		2	3						
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	1,510/mo.		12,080						
6.	Benefits			2,022						
7.	Supplemental Benefits									
8.	Fixed Benefits									
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	14,102						
10.	Travel		02							
11.	Contractual		03							
12.	Commodities		04							
13.	Equipment		05							
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST			14,102						
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Match 1003								
18.	100	General Funds 1004			14,102					
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
21.		Other								
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BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 17, 1984

The Honorable Joe Hayes
Speaker of the House
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hayes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the longevity bonus program. This bill will open up the program to all one-year residents who are 65 years of age or older, beginning May 1, 1984.

This bill also creates a special committee to study various alternative programs. The committee is to report on its findings by February 1, 1985.

Under this bill, the longevity bonus program (AS 47.45) and the provisions in the bill terminate June 30, 1985, allowing time in the 1985 session for action to either extend the bonus program or enact an alternative program.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield
Governor

BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 17, 1984

The Honorable Joe Hayes
Speaker of the House
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hayes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the longevity bonus program. This bill will open up the program to all one-year residents who are 65 years of age or older, beginning May 1, 1984.

This bill also creates a special committee to study various alternative programs. The committee is to report on its findings by February 1, 1985.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF HB 717

Title: An Act relating to the longevity bonus program; and providing for an effective date.

Section 1: States the findings and purpose for continuation of the Alaska Longevity Bonus (ALB) program.

Section 2: Describes the new ALB program. A person must be 65 or older with one year of residency to enter the program, and continue to be a resident of Alaska to remain in the program. The bonus is \$250 per month.

Section 3: The changes here are technical. Neutral pronouns and grammar corrections are made to the existing language of the statute.

Section 4: Redefines resident to mean a person physically present in the state with the intent to remain in the state indefinitely and provides for proof of residency.

Section 5: Repeals the nonseverability clause of current law and the purpose section of the current statute.

Section 6: Establishes the State Special Committee on the Alaska Longevity Bonus Program. The committee consists of 2 representatives, 2 senators, 2 members of the executive branch selected by the governor and 3 public members appointed by the governor. The committee shall look at replacing the current program as amended by HB 717 with an annuity plan, a needs based plan, or another option. The committee shall consider alternative formats, costs, what the recipients think, and sources of funding for alternative plans. The committee must report back to the governor and the legislature by February 1, 1985. The report will include draft legislation, if appropriate.

Section 7 - 9. These sections are technical and only insure that all new recipients will be covered and paid and that a severability clause is included in the new act.

Section 10. Makes first 8 sections retroactive to May 1, 1984, in the event that the bill passes after May 1.

Section 11. Repeals the Act and AS 47.45 on June 30, 1985.

Section 12. Immediate effective date.

STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

POUCH Y - STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
907-465-3600

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 16, 1984

SUBJECT: Hearing on Longevity Bonus Bill

TO: Representative Al Adams
Chairman
House Finance Committee

FROM: Billy G. Berrier *BGB*
Director
Division of Legal Services

The House Finance Committee has given notice in the committee meeting schedule of the House for the week of April 16 - 22, 1984 that it will consider CSSB 347(Fin) relating to the Alaska Longevity Bonus. You have indicated there is a possibility that the Governor may introduce a new bill on the subject. You have asked what is necessary for immediate consideration of the new bill.

Rule 23(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature provides:

RULE 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Written notice of the time, place and subject matter of all meetings of standing, special, and joint committees during a week shall be provided by the person who chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the preceding Thursday. The person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred shall provide to the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the time and place of the first public hearing on the bill or resolution at least five days before the hearing. However, this requirement may be waived by motion of the person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred if concurred in by majority vote of the full membership of the house. The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute copies of the weekly schedule of committee meetings and of the five-day notice of hearing.

Representative Al Adams
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No provision for waiver of the requirement of written notice to the clerk by the Thursday preceding the meeting is contained in the Rule. The five day notice requirement may be waived by the body.

Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules provides:

RULE 54. SUSPENSION OF RULES. Unless otherwise provided for in the case of a particular rule, the Uniform Rules may be suspended by a concurrent resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of each house. If either house violates a uniform rule a question of order may be raised in the other house. If it is decided by the other house that the Uniform Rules have been violated, the bill involved in that violation shall be returned to its house of origin without further action.

Under this Rule the notice requirement of Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules may be suspended by concurrent resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of each house. This is the only procedure in my opinion whereby the previous Thursday requirement may be waived.

A draft of the necessary resolution is enclosed. It is necessarily blank as to the bill number.

If you desire to follow this procedure please notify us and we will prepare the resolution when the bill number becomes available.

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Enclosure

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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Suspending Uniform Rule 23, of the
Alaska State Legislature concerning
House Bill No.

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

That under Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-
ture the provisions of Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules relating to notice of
meetings are suspended in the consideration of House Bill No.

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 717

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the longevity bonus program; and
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds and
10 declares that

11 (1) the high cost of goods and services in Alaska and the
12 state's remoteness and harsh environment, make it difficult for many elder-
13 ly Alaskans to remain in the state after retirement;

14 (2) when a person is forced to live out retirement years away
15 from home, family, and friends, that person suffers an irreparable loss;

16 (3) Alaska's elderly are a precious human resource, and it is in
17 the public interest to provide a financial incentive for them to remain in
18 the state after retirement; and

19 (4) it is in the public interest to continue the longevity bonus
20 program for elderly Alaskans irrespective of need.

21 (b) The longevity bonus program is not a form of welfare and is not a
22 substitute for or supplement to public assistance. Other programs are
23 available to provide the basic necessities of life. The longevity bonus
24 program is intended to encourage elderly Alaskans to spend their retirement
25 years in the comfort of their homes.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS.

28 (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who resides in the state
29 for at least one year immediately preceding application for a

1 longevity bonus under this chapter [WAS DOMICILED IN THE TERRITORY ON
2 OR BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1959 AND WHO HAS MAINTAINED A CONTINUOUS DOMICILE
3 IN THE TERRITORY OR STATE FOR 25 YEARS] may apply to the commissioner
4 of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of
5 \$250.

6 (b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an
7 applicant qualifies under AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 the commissioner
8 [HE] shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

9 (c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided
10 for in AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 may continue to do so only as long as
11 that person continues to be a resident of [HE CONTINUOUSLY RETAINS A
12 DOMICILE IN] the state.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 47.45.030 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.45.030. ABSENCE FROM THE STATE. After qualification, a
15 [A] recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the
16 recipient [HE] expects to be absent from the state if the absence is
17 for a continuous period that exceeds 30 days. After that notifica-
18 tion, the recipient may [SHALL] no longer receive bonuses from the
19 Department of Administration after the [HIS] last regularly approved
20 monthly application. Upon returning [HIS RETURN] to the state, the
21 recipient [HE] may again make application for a bonus. Whenever the
22 absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 180 days the recipient
23 shall be disqualified from receiving bonuses for the next 12 calendar
24 months after returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. However, when the
25 commissioner of administration determines a period of absence is
26 beyond the control of the recipient, the recipient [HE] may not be
27 disqualified [,] if the recipient [HE] still otherwise qualifies upon
28 returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. Continual absences from the
29 state, even though reported, and failure to notify the commissioner of

1 an expected absence may be grounds for disqualification.

2 * Sec. 4. AS 47.45.150 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 47.45.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

4 (1) "bonus" means a monthly Alaska longevity bonus payment
5 made to a person or the person's [HIS] beneficiary who qualifies under
6 this chapter;

7 (2) "resident" or "resident of the state" means an indi-
8 vidual who is physically present in the state with the intent to
9 remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state; a
10 person demonstrates the requisite intent by maintaining a principal
11 place of abode in the state for one year and by providing other proof
12 of intent the commissioner may require by regulation, including proof
13 that the person is not claiming residency outside the state or obtain-
14 ing benefits under a claim of residency outside the state ["DOMICILE"
15 MEANS THE PLACE WITH WHICH A PERSON HAS A SETTLED CONNECTION FOR
16 DETERMINATION OF HIS CIVIL STATUS OR OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES BECAUSE IT
17 IS ACTUALLY OR LEGALLY HIS PERMANENT AND PRINCIPAL HOME].

18 * Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 205, SLA 1972, and AS 47.45.170 are repealed.

19 * Sec. 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The State Special Committee on the Alaska
20 Longevity Bonus Program is created, consisting of two members of the Alaska
21 Senate appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the Alaska
22 House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two members
23 of the executive branch selected by the governor, and three public members
24 appointed by the governor. The committee shall determine the feasibility
25 of replacing the longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act, with an
26 annuity program, a needs-based program, or other longevity program. In
27 making the determination of feasibility required by this section, the
28 committee shall consider (1) the format and structure of alternative pro-
29 grams; (2) the cost of alternative programs as compared to the cost of the

1 longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act; (3) opinions of recipients
2 of longevity bonus payments on the question of replacing the longevity
3 bonus program with an alternative program; and (4) sources of funding for
4 the alternative programs. The committee shall report its findings on the
5 feasibility of alternative programs, together with draft legislation to
6 implement the alternative programs if the committee finds that one or more
7 programs are feasible, to the legislature and the governor by February 1,
8 1985.

9 * Sec. 7. If any provision of this Act, or the application of this Act
10 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act
11 and the application of this Act to other persons or circumstances is not
12 affected by that holding.

13 * Sec. 8. (a) A person who was qualified to receive a monthly longevi-
14 ty bonus under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984 is presumed to be qualified to
15 receive a monthly bonus under AS 47.45 as amended by this Act. Payments
16 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, may be made to that person as long
17 as the person continues to qualify for payments under those provisions.

18 (b) A person (1) who is eligible to receive a monthly longevity bonus
19 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, for which that person was not
20 eligible under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984, and (2) whose application for a
21 longevity bonus for a month beginning on or after May 1, 1984 is received
22 by July 1, 1984, may be paid for each month for which that person is qual-
23 ified and for which such an application was filed, notwithstanding any
24 other provision of law to the contrary.

25 * Sec. 9. Sections 1 -- 8 of this Act are retroactive to May 1, 1984.

26 * Sec. 10. This Act and AS 47.45 are repealed June 30, 1985.

27 * Sec. 11. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
28 10.070(c).

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