

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

(11)

FURTHER:

5/2/83

Date: 5/17/83

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had CSSB 63(SA)Am

"An Act relating to the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with ^ACS for CSSB 63 (FINANCE) same title
 new title
- and recommends individual recommendations
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without ~~recommendations~~ Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

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MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 CHAIRMAN

Original sponsors: V. Fischer, Hodey
and Sturgulewski

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 63 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Commission on the
7 Status of Women; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 44.19.165 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 44.19.165. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
12 Office of the Governor the Alaska Women's Commission (ON THE STATUS OF
13 WOMEN).

14 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19.175 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (13) encourage the development of regional and municipal
16 women's councils or commissions.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 44.19.175 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the commission may not
19 attempt to influence the result of an election or the approval or
20 rejection of a ballot proposition.

21 * Sec. 4. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (12) Alaska Women's Commission -- June 30, 1987.

23 * Sec. 5. The Alaska Women's Commission established in sec. 1 of this
24 Act succeeds to all the powers, duties, and facilities of the Alaska Com-
25 mission on the Status of Women.

26 * Sec. 6. Section 2, ch. 120, SIA 1978 is repealed.

27 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
28 10.070(c).

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CS SB 63(SA)am
Title All Act relating to the Commission on the Status of Women
Requested by House Finance Committee Date 5/14/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Office of the Governor
Program Category Affected Commissions
BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Commission on the Status of Women
(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 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						
		0				

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

A zero fiscal note is attached to this bill because funding for the Commission appears in the FY 84 budget.

This funding procedure conforms with that utilized to extend termination dates of other boards and commissions in the House Finance Committee.

Funding information is attached in the form of the budget "cut sheet".

IV. DATE 5/14/83 PREPARED BY Rep. Al Adams RA
AGENCY House Finance Committee
Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-3706
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

STATE OF ALASKA -- OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

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5/07/83

* * * * * OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR * * * * *

SHORT FORM PAGE	BUDGET COMPONENT	FY83 ATH	GOVERNOR	GOV.AMD.	HOUSE	SENATE	HOUSE - GOV.AMD. COMPARISON	
	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE							
	COMMISSIONS							
2	STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION	348.1	342.7	342.7	326.1	336.1	-16.6	-4.7%
4	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION	1492.2	1464.9	1534.9	1481.7	1519.0	-53.2	-3.5%
	*** PROGRAM TOTAL ***	1840.3	1807.6	1877.6	1807.8	1855.1	-69.8	-3.6%
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
	EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS							
8	EXECUTIVE OFFICE	24282.2	4433.5	5257.9	5119.6	5064.1	-138.3	-2.5%
10	EXECUTIVE MANSION	292.8	373.6	516.8	373.6	373.6	-143.2	-27.6%
12	AK LAND USE COUNCIL	347.8	340.5	340.5	340.5	335.4		
14	CONTINGENCY FUND	750.0	750.0	750.0	500.0	750.0	-250.0	-33.2%
16	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	783.0	558.1	558.1	558.1	554.9		
18	COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC POLICY	674.7	100.0	100.0			-100.0	-100.0%
20	REGULATORY REFORM OFFICE	119.4						
	*** PROGRAM TOTAL ***	27249.9	6555.7	7523.3	6891.8	7078.0	-631.5	-8.3%
	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET							
24	BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	2291.0						
26	INTERNAL AUDIT	998.9						
28	POLICY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING	2095.6						
30	OFC OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET		6023.5	6123.5	5701.0	5973.8	-422.5	-6.8%
32	COASTAL ENERGY IMPACT PROGRAM					1127.4		
34	PLANNING ASSISTANCE					824.1		
36	COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT					1851.3		
	*** PROGRAM TOTAL ***	5385.5	6023.5	6123.5	5701.0	9776.6	-422.5	-6.8%
40	COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT	3888.0	1571.0	1571.0	1871.0		300.0	19.0%
44	ELECTIONS	3934.5	1898.8	2010.5	1569.0	1836.8	-441.5	-22.0%
48	SALARY & BENEFITS INCREASES			38866.3		38866.3	-38866.3	-100.0%
50	AGENCY UNALLOCATED REDUCTION			-258.0			258.0	-100.0%
	*** CATEGORY TOTAL ***	40457.9	16049.0	55836.6	16032.8	57607.7	-39803.8	-71.2%
	***** TOTAL AGENCY EXPENDITURES	42298.2	17856.6	57714.2	17840.6	59462.8	-39873.6	-69.0%
	***** AGENCY FUNDING							
	FED. RECEIPT	3702.5	266.0	1693.3	336.0	2911.8	-1357.3	-30.1%
	GENERAL FUND	38595.7	17590.6	50422.6	17504.6	50952.7	-32918.0	-65.2%
	OTHER FUNDS			5598.3		5598.3	-5598.3	-100.0%

The following individuals are expected to testify on CS
SB 63 (State Affairs) am:

Senator Vic Fischer, prime sponsor, may testify

A representative of the Commission on the Status of
Women may testify

Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives

Al Adams
Chairman
Committee on Finance

Official Business

May 14, 1983

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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Finance Committee Members
FROM: Al Adams, Chair *AAA*
SUBJ: SB 63, An Act relating to the Commission on
the Status of Women

This bill would extend the life of the Commission on
the Status of Women.

Section 1. Changes the name of the commission to the
Alaska Women's Commission.

Section 2. Adds a new subsection to the powers and
duties of the commission stating that the commission
should encourage the development of regional and
municipal women's councils and commissions.

Section 3. Extends the life of the commission to June
30, 1987.

Section 4. Provides that all the powers, duties and
facilities of the Commission on the Status of Women are
those of the Alaska Women's Commission.

Section 5. Repeals the commission's termination date
in the original legislation establishing the
commission.

Section 6. Provides for an immediate effective date.

You may recall that the Committee has already passed
out the House version of this bill. That bill included
two additional sections not in SB 63. One section
contained a technical change to provide for submission
of the Commission's annual report each fiscal year
instead of each calendar year. The other section

included a retroactive effective date clause that would only have had the force of law if the bill passed after June 30, 1983.

I have attached a zero fiscal note to CS SB 63 (SA) am since both the House and Senate budgets include funding for the Commission. This is consistent with our consideration of the House bill.



STATE OF ALASKA

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ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Vic Fischer, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Katie Hurley, Executive Director *Katie Hurley*

SUBJECT: S.B. 63, A bill to extend the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women

DATE: February 17, 1983

The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women has been asked to respond to a suggestion that the Women's Commission be located in the Department of Health and Social Services.

As you know, the PURPOSE of the Women's Commission is to improve the status of women in Alaska. This broad legislative mandate requires research, advocacy, public education and policy analysis in many diverse areas. Topics such as education, labor and employment, the availability of commercial credit, health needs of low income women, fisheries, legal rights of women, subsistence and the transition to the cash economy are some of the many areas in which the Commission has been actively involved. Its purpose has a great bearing on the Commission's location within the governmental structure, because its location will greatly affect its ability to be effective in carrying out its mandate.

EFFECTIVENESS in bringing public attention to the inequalities which exist for women in some of the areas listed above requires that the Commission have access to the Governor, to the legislature and to all of the relevant departments within state government. The stature accorded a Commission which is located within the Governor's office is often a necessary element in securing the participation of those parties who are essential to the discussion at hand. While locating the Commission within one of the established departments might lend an air of permanence to its existence, it is doubtful whether this gain would adequately offset the loss in stature which many would perceive such a move to indicate. In other words, an action taken for purely administrative purposes might easily be misinterpreted by many as a diminution of the importance of the Commission's work. Because of the nature of the legislative mandate it is essential that the Commission be located within an office that has a strong public presence and which deals with policy analysis and development. This would preclude, for instance, the Department of Administration providing an appropriate framework for the Commission.

Memorandum - February 17, 1983

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The Commission's effectiveness might be hampered along purely administrative lines as well. The Commission currently strictly adheres to all of the state's administrative regulations. Because it is located within an office which deals with a number of similarly constituted commissions, the amount of time and effort involved in administrative procedures is kept to a minimum. While the issues which the Commission addresses relate to many departments, no one department encompasses the breadth of concern which characterizes the work of the Commission. Thus, procedures currently processed in a cost efficient and timely manner in the Governor's office might become lengthy and cumbersome delays if the Commission were an appendage of a large and unrelated department whose priorities were understandably different from the Women's Commission.

Finally, protection of the Commission's PERSONNEL by including them in the state classification system has been raised as an issue. This item is one which has been discussed and there is unanimous concurrence in this regard. The issues with which the Commission must grapple are of paramount importance, to its staff as well as its appointed members. It is unrealistic to anticipate ever having the numbers of staff necessary to provide individual expertise in each area which the Commission addresses. We will continue to expect staff to perform a variety of diverse functions at a high level of expertise. In other words, we will continue to need a small number of people who can do a lot of things, and do them well. For example, in addition to her research work our research analyst provides policy analysis, does legislative monitoring, writes Requests for Proposals, draws up contracts, provides contract management and provides technical assistance to regional conference sponsors throughout the state. Our public information officer, in addition to her extensive publication efforts, provides budgetary and administrative backup, writes Requests for Proposals, draws up contracts and provides contract management. Our secretary performs the duties and functions of an experienced administrative assistant in addition to voluminous clerical duties. Neither classified positions nor partially exempt ones provide the necessary framework for designing and compensating such "multi-positions." It was for this reason that the Commission recommended from its inception that the staff be fully exempt. It is the continued recommendation of the Commission and the staff that the positions in the Women's Commission be made FULLY EXEMPT so that a small, effective working group can be maintained but can be rated and compensated according to the varied skills and experience they bring to their positions, something not possible within either the partially exempt or classified services.

In summary, I would like to reiterate the Commission's appreciation for your interest in and concern for the status of women in Alaska. With regard to the location of the Women's Commission we would continue to recommend that it be located within the Office of the Governor and that the personnel positions be fully exempt for the reasons listed above.

If we can provide any additional information please do not hesitate to call upon us.



STATE OF ALASKA

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ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1982 - December 31, 1982

PURPOSE

The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women was formed in 1978 by the Alaska State Legislature in order to "...implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, under ch. 99 SLA 1976, and improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including, by not limited to (1) education, (2) homemaking, (3) civil and legal rights, and (4) labor and employment." (AS 44.19)

ADMINISTRATION

The Commission has 10 unpaid members who are appointed by the Governor to set policy and direction for the Commission. In 1982 the commissioners were:

Barbara Schuhmann, chair, Fairbanks
Barbara Dale, vice chair, Juneau
Evallee Azar, Anchorage
Pat Berkley, Anchorage
Mary Anne Henry, Ketchikan (ex officio member representing
the office of the attorney general)
Dorothy Jones, Eagle River
Roxane Lee, Petersburg
Fr. James Poole, S.J., Nome
Teresa Sockpealuk-Perry, Shaktoolik
Carla Timpone, Fairbanks

There are four staff members working for the Commission. They are:

Katherine T. Hurley, executive director
Laurie Anderson, secretary
Christine Callahan, research analyst
Kathy Keisor Wisthoff, public information officer

* Wherever this symbol occurs it identifies legislative and administrative recommendations which the Commission made during 1982.

The Commission operates on a fiscal year budget (July to June) of approximately \$289,000, and generally holds four to five meetings a year in various communities around the state. In 1982 the meeting schedule was:

- February - Meeting in Juneau.
- March - The Commissioners attended the statewide women's conference sponsored by the Commission in Anchorage.
- May - Work session in Anchorage to establish goals for fiscal year 1983.
- June - Meeting in Anchorage.
- October - Meeting in Kodiak.

PROJECTS AND ACTIONS IN 1982

- * Women and Employment ● Provided testimony before the state Human Rights Commission and the Blue Ribbon Commission. Recommended changes to the state's personnel system which would make it equitable and accessible to women.
- * ● Met with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and the Federal Inspector's Office to discuss the efforts necessary to improve women's opportunities in non-traditional labor.
- * ● Contacted the Department of Administration regarding the concerns with the state personnel system.
- * ● Responded to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's request for "reasonable and appropriate affirmative action goals" for hire on the proposed natural gas pipeline. The Commission's proposed goal was 42.3 percent women to be hired in each of the occupational categories.
- * ● Co-sponsored with the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, and other agencies a training session on "Women in Apprenticeships and Blue Collar Jobs."
- * Advocacy and Outreach ● Sponsored a statewide women's conference, "Alaska's Women: Determining Our Futures." Close to 1,000 people from all over Alaska attended this highly successful event in Anchorage. Recommendations from this conference were forwarded to political leaders throughout the state.

- Provided travel assistance grants to women from 21 communities to attend the statewide women's conference.
- Contacted the Rural Alaska Television Network recommending the elimination of alcohol advertisements in bush communities where alcohol has been banned or where there is a severe alcoholism problem. A message was also sent to Governor Jay Hammond asking for his support of this request.
- Began a media campaign to combat sex-role stereotyping. Four 30-second television public service announcements were produced by Affinityfilms, Inc. and aired statewide. The spots received a second place award at the Annual Public Relations Society of America Awards Banquet.
- Published a bimonthly newsletter on Commission and women-related issues. Newsletter first published in 1981 has increased from a mailing list of 700 to 2600 - a 350% increase.
- Provided speakers for the following community efforts:
 - National Convention of Colored Women's Clubs
 - PBS Documentary, By the People, on the pros and cons of Ballot Measure 6, which would have prohibited state funding for abortions
 - National Organization for Women, Fairbanks Chapter Meeting
 - Soroptomists International meeting
 - 14th Biennial Alaska Federation of Women's Clubs Convention
 - End Violence Against Women and Children Week activities
 - National Organization for Women, Anchorage Chapter, "ERA A New Day" rally
 - Anchorage Women Lawyers meeting
 - Valley Women's Resource Center, brown bag lunch
 - Valley League of Women Voters meeting
 - Business and Professional Women's Club, Political Awareness Conference
 - Alaska Women's Political Caucus, Political Skills Conference
 - National Organization for Women, state organizational meeting
 - American Association of University Women, Fairbanks Chapter meeting

- Assisted the state Department of Education with drafting the Chapter 17 (Sex Equity in Education) regulations.
- Appointed to the Equity Coordinating Council for Alaska to assist school districts with implementing the new sex equity in education law.
- Co-sponsored the "Women and Alcohol" conference with the state Office on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Salvation Army.
- Sponsored a seminar, "Women in the Political Process" in Kodiak. State Senator Arliss Sturgulewski and lobbyist Jana Varrati were panelists.
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● Created a Health Task Force to define women's health needs and problems; acted upon the recommendations of the task force regarding health care for Native women, the elderly, and the poor. Scheduled a statewide teleconference on health needs for April, 1983.
- Sponsored a women's regional conference in Barrow.
- Represented the Commission at the Men's Support Network statewide conference, "The Alaskan Male: Men in Transition."
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● Met with Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles and Anchorage women to discuss women's issues. Recommended formation of Task Force on Child Care.
- Served as a clearinghouse of information on issues affecting women. The Commission receives many inquiries on topics ranging from employment to sexual harassment to the availability of small business loans.
- Sponsored a statewide teleconference hearing as a public forum for comment on topics of special concern to the Commission and Alaska's women.
- Prepared and distributed a Request for Proposals from groups interested in sponsoring regional women's conferences during 1983. Funding provided for three conferences.

- Formed steering committees and met with representatives of various women's groups in Kodiak and Fairbanks to determine the topics of seminars the Commission sponsored while meeting in these communities.
- Prepared and delivered a statement, "The Impact on Women" for the Alaska Symposium on Social, Economic, and Cultural Impacts of Natural Resource Development. Provided recommendations for sociologists and economists attending the symposium on research related to women and minorities.

Research Projects

- Reviewed the recommendations contained in "A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska in the areas of education, employment, mental health, physical health and the justice system. Research is compiled in a report entitled "Five Years Later."
- Developed a comprehensive request for a proposal to study the economic status of Alaska Native women. The study is underway and will be completed by June 1983.

Political Action

- In 1982 the Commission made recommendations concerning approximately 40 pieces of legislation which were pending before the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress. A legislative report was produced and distributed to women's organizations. In addition, the Commission made recommendations to both bodies concerning the state and national budgets and the need to provide adequate funding for services to assist people in need, with particular emphasis on health care, child care, legal aid and job training and placement for displaced homemakers.
- Adopted resolutions which:
 - opposed Ballot Measure 6 which would have limited the use of public funds for abortion-related procedures;
 - opposed the anti-subsistence initiative, Ballot Measure 7; and
 - opposed Ballot Measure 8 which would have relocated the state capital.

- * ● Prepared a statement for the state's Official Election Pamphlet which encouraged voters to vote against Ballot Measure 6.
- Voted to support a change in the law to include the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.
- * ● Successfully requested that Alaska's congressional delegation reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Prepared and distributed a questionnaire to gubernatorial candidates asking them to respond to issues of concern to Alaskan women.
- * ● Provided testimony and recommendations before the State Affairs Committee during its statewide teleconference hearing on the future of the women's commission.
- Prepared and distributed a report entitled, "Five Years Later" which is a review of the recommendations contained in "A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska, 1977." The report is an update on the status of women in the areas of education, employment, mental health, physical health, and the justice system.
- Printed and distributed reports of regional women's conferences sponsored by the Commission in 1981. The conferences were held in Hoonah, Kotzebue, Fairbanks, and Galena.
- Contracted to produce a publication on women's political leadership. The publication will be printed and distributed in 1983, and will identify women from all regions of the state who have effected political change in their communities, workplace, or state.
- Continued to publish a bimonthly newsletter, STATUS REPORT, which highlights the work of the Commission and other topics of interest to women. Circulation 2600.

Publications

Goals

In June, 1983, the Commission established goals for fiscal year 1983 (July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983). They are:

1. To conduct and promote political action on women's issues.

- A. To support and propose legislation which addresses the needs of Alaska's women.
 - B. To extend the life of the Commission or recommend a new means of addressing women's needs.
 - C. To promote change or improvement in government agency services for women.
2. To identify the economic needs/status of Alaska Native women.
 3. To provide a comprehensive media campaign on issues pertinent to women.
 4. To monitor and comment on legislation and regulations concerning women and employment. To convince both the administrative branch and the legislature of the need for keeping adequate data on women and employment and of the need for studies to supply missing and needed information regarding women and employment.
 5. To sponsor four regional conferences.
 6. To develop and promote a network of women's groups, organizations, and social service agencies.
 7. To update existing information about the current health care situation for Alaska women.
 8. To increase the visibility of the Commission and of women through projects and promoting women's leadership.

(4) submit annually to the legislature, not later than the 10th day of each regular session, the portion of the coastal management program approved or amended by the council during the preceding year. (§ 3 ch 84 SLA 1977)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.893 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.162. Council staff. The council shall utilize the staff of the office of coastal management within the division of policy development and planning in discharging its powers and duties. The coordinator of the office, with the concurrence of the council, may contract with or employ personnel or consultants he considers necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the council. (§ 3 ch 84 SLA 1977)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.894 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Article 14. Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

Section	Section
165. Creation of commission	170. Compensation
166. Composition	171. Purpose
167. Appointment	175. Powers and duties
168. Meetings	180. Annual report
169. Terms of office	

Editor's note. — Section 2, ch. 120, SLA 1978, provides: "The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women created under AS 44.19.956 shall terminate on June 30, 1983."

Sec. 44.19.165. Creation of commission. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.956 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.166. Composition. The commission consists of nine members and an ex officio member representing the office of the attorney general who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

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Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.957 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.167. Appointment. (a) The members shall be appointed on a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory basis by the governor within 60 days of October 6, 1978. The members shall be residents of the state. At least one member shall be a homemaker who is not otherwise employed. In making the appointments, due consideration shall be given to

(1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's organizations, educational and vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church groups, homemakers' clubs and organizations, and other groups having an interest in the status of women;

(2) statewide geographical representation of the commission; and

(3) minority and low-income representation.

(b) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson and may select other commission officers as it considers necessary. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.958 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.168. Meetings. Within 60 days after the appointment of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the first meeting of the commission. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a majority of the members. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.959 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.169. Terms of office. The term of office of each member is five years. Terms shall be staggered. Initial terms shall be three members serving for one year, three members serving for three years, and three members serving for five years. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.961 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.170. Compensation. Members of the commission receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and commissions. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.962 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031. The provisions formerly contained in AS 44.19.170 are now contained in AS 44.99.008.

Sec. 44.19.171. Purpose. The purpose of the commission is to implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, under ch. 99 SLA 1976, and improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including, but not limited to,

- (1) education,
- (2) homemaking,
- (3) civil and legal rights,
- (4) labor and employment. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.963 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031. The provisions formerly contained in AS 44.19.171 are now contained in AS 44.19.048.

Sec. 44.19.175. Powers and duties. To accomplish its purpose, the commission may

- (1) hire an executive director and additional administrative staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;
- (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental information relating to the status of women;
- (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women in Alaska;
- (4) accumulate and compile information concerning discrimination against women;
- (5) disseminate the results of research and compilation of data acquired under (4) of this section by publication and other methods such as public hearings, conferences, and seminars;
- (6) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to equal protection for women under the state constitution;
- (7) recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for women;
- (8) select and retain the services of consultants whose advice is considered necessary to assist the commission in obtaining information;

- (9) encourage leadership roles;
- (10) establish and investigate areas of concern;
- (11) create and employ experts as needed;
- (12) accept and coordinate with any agency or association or any program for the purposes of this section.

Editor's note from AS 44.19.964 the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.180. The commission shall file a report with the previous legislative assembly as required under this section and convening of the assembly.

Editor's note from AS 44.19.965 the revisor under 01.05.031.

- Section
- 181. Yukon-Taiyehchee Commission established
 - 182. Duties of the Commission
 - 183. Composition of the Commission
 - 184. Term of office of the Commission

Sec. 44.19.181. The commission created in this section shall be composed of five members (§ 1 ch 85 SLA 1978).

Editor's note from AS 44.20.001 the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.182. The commission shall seek the information from the Yukon-Taiyehchee Commission. The commission shall seek the information from the develop

(9) encourage women to utilize their capabilities and to assume leadership roles;

(10) establish standing committees among the members to investigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

(11) create task forces composed of commission members and other experts as needed;

(12) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal government or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or professional association or from any other reputable sources for implementation of any program necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes of the commission. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.964 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

The provisions formerly contained in AS 44.19.175 are now contained in AS 44.19.050.

Sec. 44.19.180. Annual report. Each year the commission shall file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings for the previous calendar year and shall submit recommendations for legislative and administrative action. Reports and recommendations required under this section shall be prepared no later than the convening of the legislature. (§ 1 ch 120 SLA 1978)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.19.966 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Article 15. Yukon-Taiya Commission.

Section

- 181. Yukon-Taiya Commission established
- 182. Duties of the commission
- 183. Composition of commission
- 184. Term of membership

Section

- 185. Administration
- 186. Acceptance of grants and other aid
- 187. Expenditures
- 188. Reports

Sec. 44.19.181. Yukon-Taiya Commission established. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Yukon-Taiya Commission. (§ 1 ch 85 SLA 1967)

Editor's note. — This section derives from AS 44.20.010 and was renumbered by the revisor under 01.05.031.

Sec. 44.19.182. Duties of the commission. The commission shall seek the initiation of a joint United States-Canada study of the Yukon-Taiya hydroelectric project and related resources development. The commission is authorized to conduct studies, compile and publish information, and provide the good offices of the state for encouraging the development. (§ 1 ch 85 SLA 1967; am § 1 ch 131 SLA 1968)



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
September 28, 1982

ALASKA AREA NATIVE HEALTH SERVICE
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Refer to: A-EEO

Senator Vic Fisher, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
1024 W. 6th. Avenue, Suite 204C
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Fisher:

This is in response to your letter of September 8 inviting public comment on the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

During the past two years, I have served as the Federal Women's Program Manager for the Alaska Area Native Health Service (Anchorage and seven Service Units) and in that time, Katie Hurley, Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women, has been a tremendous support to me in addressing issues related to women. I was especially impressed with the booklet "Women's Legal Rights in Alaska".

Although I am not a spokesman for my agency, I would like to share my thoughts with you. From the comments that I have received from the women throughout the State of Alaska, the regional conferences have been extremely beneficial for women in our smaller towns. I hope that they will continue in the future and that additional regional conferences will be held throughout the State. I think it's very valuable for gathering information, sharing experiences, and becoming a more cohesive group to address issues of importance to women. Since I grew up in a small town, I can understand the anticipation and excitement related to upcoming regional conferences. If those gatherings are anything like the ones we have had in Sitka, they are extremely well-attended and very beneficial.

The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women held a statewide conference which had excellent participation. I attended as many sessions as I could and, of course, I wish that I could have gone to all of them. It was extremely well-organized and the topics were of great interest to the women in our State. I hope that it will be possible to continue and/or expand these programs in the future.

I feel that the Commission on the Status of Women should be an ongoing program incorporated into law. I think it's important for improving the status of women in our State and I do believe it will take longer than simply five-year blocks of time to accomplish this. I hope that legislative action will be taken to make it a permanent division of State government. I also feel that any program of this magnitude which is so important to all the women in our

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State should have adequate funding appropriated for this Commission. Although women are champion budgeters, it does take dollars to travel, meet, do research, publish documents and run an office. I highly recommend adequate funding to cover all the expenses that are necessary to maximize the needed changes to improve the status of women. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ann Breazeale
Federal Women's Program Manager

cc: FWP Representatives
Interagency FWP's
Network Alaska
Women's Resource Center
ACC Women's Center
Katie Hurley, Executive Director,
Alaska Commission on the Status of Women



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TESTIMONY FOR SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING
ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE
ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Prepared by Dorothy Jones, Commissioner
September 29, 1982

My name is Dorothy Jones. In my capacity as Professor of Sociology at the University's Institute for Social and Economic Research, I was the major author of the Preliminary Study on the status of women in Alaska produced for the Alaska Legislature. This study laid the basis for the establishment of the Commission.

In my capacity as a psychotherapist at The Collective, which specializes in the special problems of women, I have become intimately familiar with the issues of concern to Alaskan women.

I have been a member of the Commission since its inception in 1978. One of my current Commission activities involves organizing a health task force made up of representatives of major Alaska health organizations to identify the health problems specific to Alaskan women and consider remedies for these problems. The task force members underscored the urgent need for the activities we have undertaken.

In these three capacities as a commissioner, research investigator, and psychotherapist I am keenly aware that the Commission plays a

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unique role in Alaska, in identifying the problems of Alaskan women, investigating the extent and nature of these problems, helping women to organize and articulate their needs, and advocating remedies. The Commission is necessary as the single voice that speaks for the comprehensive problems of Alaskan women. I strongly urge extension of this unique and necessary state organization.

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P.O. Box 80231
Fairbanks, Ak. 99702-0231
September 23, 1982

Vic Fischer, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee
1024 W. 6th Ave., Suite 204 C
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Senator Fischer:

I have served from May 1981 to September 1982 as Doyon Region Representative to the Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization, Inc.

During that time the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women was helpful in granting the Fairbanks Native Association and Women-In-Crisis Counseling and Assistance (WICCA) a joint grant to hold conferences in Fairbanks and the Galena area to allow women of this region to discuss and take action on issues important to them. As a result of these conferences, I have seen local women gain experience in leadership, organization, pinpointing of issues affecting women and children, parliamentary procedures, and enjoy sharing the commonality of issues affecting every one such as domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse and the knowledge that such hardships are not limited to one group.

I also attended the conference put on by the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women in March. I felt very good about attending a conference where women of all races, ethnic groups, and cultures got together and discussed problems affecting all women and how to resolve them.

A very important publication issued by the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women was the legal rights handbook. I personally have used information gleaned from the handbook and suggested that others obtain it also for their use. Someone commented that I must have talked to a lawyer, but thanks for the handbook, I had preliminary information on what to do about a problem.

The director Katie Hurley and commission members have been most helpful to the Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization, Inc. and Commissioner Dvaloe Azar has provided a crucial link with Alaska Native Women that did not exist before.

As women all working together and providing a network for information, consultation and leadership, I for one, would urge that the State of Alaska fund the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women for another five years. Some very fine activities and products have been seen as a result of the Commission's existence. It would be a shame to stop now that we have just started. Thanks for your support.



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TESTIMONY FOR SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HEARING ON S.B. 63

February 15, 1983

Mr. Chairman:

I regret I cannot appear in person to request an extension of time for or that a permanent Women's Commission be established in Alaska. However, I spoke extensively on the subject at this committee's hearing last fall, and I would ask that the record of that hearing be considered as part of this hearing.

Since 1978, we have seen many measures become law that the Commission worked toward:

- the Sex Equity in Education Act,
- the law allowing peace officers to make arrests for misdemeanors based on probable cause, and
- provisions allowing victims of domestic violence to obtain temporary restraining orders to prevent such violence in the future.

We have seen a tightening of the sentences to be given criminals, including those convicted of sexual assault. Prosecutions of those accused of sexual assault have received greater attention from our prosecutors and women victims of such assaults have received much better treatment from investigatory and prosecutorial arms of government.

We have seen funding continue for women's shelters, resource centers, and displaced homemaker programs.

We have been able to sow the seed^{of} several regional women's conferences, in Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Galena, Hoonah, Kenai, and Kotzebue, and more are planned. Our statewide conference one year ago sparked the interest, imagination and dedication that will be needed to address women's issues long into the future.

We measure our successes in a manner different than most governmental agencies. We are successful if we inspire high school girls to fulfill their fondest dreams, whether they be to be homemakers, welders, fisher(men), public servants or whatever. We are successful if we alleviate the misery of entrapment in a violent or abusive family situation, a jail that treats

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females worse than male inmates, or a system of employment or compensation that locks one into an inescapable continuum of disparate treatment because of sex. We are successful if we increase the options available for our citizens, and support the career, reproductive, and family choices our citizens make. We have been successful but so much more needs to be done.

Changes in government, as changes in attitude, do not occur overnight. The problems of rural, Native and minority women deserve more attention. The legislative changes I mentioned earlier need to be fully implemented and then reviewed. The steps we have begun to take need to be followed and completed. And there are many areas where we have yet to begin to take the first step.

I urge your committee, and this legislature, to pass an extension of present women's commission. The women of the state need a central group to act as an information clearinghouse, a lightning rod, a research agency and a lobbyist. The Commission needs to continue to act as an information resource, a prod and a conscience for government at all levels of the state. I urge the extension of the women's commission, preferably permanently.

Barbara L. Schuhmann
Chairwoman
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Status of Women



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February 15, 1983

Senator Vic Fischer, Chair
State Affairs Committee
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: SB63

Dear Senator Fischer:

In 1976 the Alaska State Legislature requested that the Human Rights Commission conduct a study on the status of women in Alaska in the four areas of health, education, employment, and the justice system. Although an initial cost estimate of such a study was put at \$200,000., only \$25,000. was appropriated; hence, the study was defined as "preliminary."

The "Preliminary Study on the Status of Women in Alaska" was presented to the Legislature in 1977. One of the primary recommendations of the study was the establishment of a fully funded state commission. In 1978, the tenth Legislature created the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

Since that time, the Commission has undertaken numerous projects and activities in an attempt to implement the recommendations made in the preliminary study, as well as other issues:

- the Commission has served as an advocate for improving the status of Alaskan women by serving on several task forces, committees, and councils
- The Commission has produced and/or co-sponsored a state-wide conference, an apprenticeship training program, and a program on women and alcohol
- the Commission has testified before legislative bodies on many issues, and was instrumental in securing the passage of mini Title IX and the displaced homemaker program
- the Commission's "Legislative Report" is distributed to women's organizations across the State
- the Commission's publications include, among others, "Women in Alaska's Labor Force" and the "Women's Legal

"Rights in Alaska" handbook

- The Commission has conducted public hearings and statewide teleconferences on the issues of welfare, violence against women, sex bias in education, displaced homemakers, and women in construction
- the Commission has sponsored to date ten regional women's conferences, including Asian-American women, Black women, women and poverty, the NANA Regional Conferences, Northern Native Women's Conference, and two annual conferences of the Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization
- the Commission has conducted research studies on child support enforcement, battered women, homemakers, and displaced homemakers
- the Commission has drafted resolutions, compiled resource materials, adopted policy statements, provided workshop leaders, compiled information fact sheets, and conducted media campaigns

We feel that this is an impressive partial listing of accomplishments. In many ways, it is discouraging to know that so much more needs to be done:

women still receive only 60¢ on every dollar made by her male co-worker

women are still at the low end of the wage scale, stuck in deadend, pink collar jobs

the majority of citizens living below the poverty level are women and their dependent children

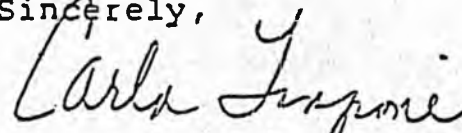
there continues to be a disproportionate number of women in apprenticeship and training programs

there continues to be a two month waiting list for day care programs

There continues to be a need to improve the status of women in Alaska.

We urge your support for passage of this bill in order to meet those needs, and we thank you for your continued support of the Commission's efforts.

Sincerely,



Carla Timpone, Chair
Political Action Committee



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ATTACHMENT A

RURAL REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCES
FUNDED BY THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>TARGET AUDIENCE</u>
1. Alaska Native Women's Statewide Convention, May 1979	Native Women
2. Voices of Black Women in Alaska, December 1979	Black Women
3. First Regional Women's Conference, Bethel, October 1980	Rural Native Women
4. Status and Problems of the Asian-American Women in Alaska, Nov. 1980	Asian-American Women
5. Women and Poverty Conference, September 1980	Low income Women
6. Alaska Native Women's Statewide Convention, May 1981 (report)	Native Women
7. Hoonah Regional Women's Conference, September 1981	Rural Women (Geographic area is approx. 90% Native, 10% non-Native)
8. NANA Regional Women's Conference, Kotzebue, September 1981	Rural Native Women
9. Kenai-Soldotna Regional Women's Conference, October 1981	Rural Women (Geographic area is approx. 90% non-Native, 10% Native)
10. Interior & Northern Native Women's Conference, Fairbanks - July 1981 Galena - November 1981	Urban Native Women Rural Native Women
11. Arctic Slope Regional Women's Conference, Barrow, April 1982	Rural Native Women

Attachment A (Continued)

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>TARGET AUDIENCE</u>
*12. Southeast Alaska Regional Women's Leadership Conference, March 1983	Significant emphasis on rural and Native communities in Southeast
*13. Norton Sound Women's Conference, March 1983	Rural Native Women
*14. Kodiak Regional Women's Conference, May 1983	Rural & Native Women from places such as the Aleutians will be funded to attend this conference.

*Funded from the current year's appropriation.



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March 1, 1983

ALASKA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY
FOR ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN

RESEARCH

In each annual budget request since its inception the Commission has requested funds to conduct a study of Native women and employment. The need for such a study has been overwhelmingly documented and supported by labor economists and Native women's groups. The Commission was finally successful in securing these funds for the current fiscal year. After an extensive and competitive search, an Alaskan firm has been selected to conduct Phase I of a study on "The Economic Status of Alaska Native Women." The results of this phase of the study are expected in June 1983.

ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL ACTION

In one of its first acts the Commission formed a Task Force on Violence Against Native Women. It has pursued the resolutions passed by this task force to the highest levels of state government. In addition, in all of its testimony to the House Task Force on Violence and to other legislative committees dealing with the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault the Commission has continually supported proposals which accommodated the special needs and compelling concerns of rural and Native women. Recommendations such as improved training and increased funding for Village Public Safety Officers; adequate shelters for rural and bush women, and other similar suggestions have been high on the list of Commission priorities when advocating for political change.

In each of the committees which the Commission has formed over the years, a special focus has been placed on the concerns of Native women. For example, the Women and Employment Committee has testified extensively on the need for adequate affirmative action, particularly for rural and Native women, on major construction projects such as the proposed gas pipeline and on the need for improved remote dispatch procedures. In many instances the Commission has been the single voice raising and supporting these issues.

COMMUNICATION AND INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS

A large part of the Commission's effort has occurred within this classification. The Statewide Women's Conference of March, 1982, which brought more than 1,000 women together from all over the state, provided travel assistance and scholarships to numerous women from remote villages and population centers in the state, the majority of whom were Alaska Native participants. Native women and issues particular to their needs were a highlight of the conference with keynote speakers and workshop leaders drawn from the Native community.

Through the Rural Regional Conference Project the Commission has provided funds for fourteen local or regional projects designed to assist local women in identifying their needs and recommending solutions. The fourteen projects have been directed primarily at Native and rural women. A list of the projects is included for your reference (Attachment A). These projects have, in many cases, promoted the development of women's networks which have in turn successfully affected the public policy process.

EDUCATION AND THE MEDIA

Extensive publication efforts have characterized the Commission's work and all of them have addressed the needs of Native women. The Legal Rights Handbook for Women, written in simple, layperson's language, has been distributed to almost 8,000 women in the state, many of those in rural Alaska. While a request for funds to produce multilingual pamphlets on legal rights has not yet been funded, the Commission will continue to seek funds for this purpose. Other Commission projects have included funding: a photographic essay on the women attending the First Regional Women's Conference in Bethel; a historical journal highlighting the accomplishments of many of Alaska's "unsung" leaders - Native and non Native women who have helped improve the lives of others in their communities; a bimonthly newsletter which reports on women's issues and accomplishments; rural regional conference reports which have been distributed widely; and, a 30 second videotape public service announcement (aired statewide), which highlights the accomplishments of Native women and the importance of their cultural heritage.

In addition to using all of these means for understanding and supporting the needs of Alaska Native women, the Commission has held its quarterly meetings in rural areas of Alaska. Rather than remaining in the fairly isolated environment of its Anchorage office, the Commission has formed steering committees in each of the communities where it meets, offering women there an opportunity to work with the staff in

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Identifying how best the meeting can meet their needs. As a result, each meeting is highlighted with a workshop designed by and for local women on a subject of importance to them.

These activities are indicative of the serious commitment that the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women has made to the needs of Native women. We hope to continue these efforts.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

The following is a partial list of the accomplishments of the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women since its inception in October of 1978. Thousands of women have been contacted, heard and given the opportunity to address their needs and concerns to the Commission. Issues of importance to the women and girls of the state have been identified through the Commission's advocacy, study and action. In addition to the accomplishments listed here, the Commission plans to continue this year with an active program that will include: legislative advocacy; regional and rural conferences; continuation of the media campaign to combat sexrole stereotyping; Phase I of a baseline data study on the needs of Alaska Native Women; continued lobbying for improvement of the State's data sources on women's employment status, and the state's affirmative action goals; further development of the informal network of women's organizations which has been fostered through the Commission's prior work; and, updating current information about women's health needs.

ADVOCACY

Active member of Ad Hoc Training Committee for the Office of the Federal Inspector, re: opportunities for women on the pipeline.
(6/81)*

Member of Equity Coordinating Council for Alaska, assisting school districts to implement the new Sex Equity in Education law.

Member of Interagency Task Force which wrote regulations for implementation of the state's new Sex Equity in Education law.

Alternate to Board of Directors of Alaska Plan Policy Board, working to open opportunities for women in non-traditional jobs.

Member of Advisory Board, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, University of Alaska, Anchorage. Addressing concerns of Commission regarding women and alcohol and rural alcohol problems.

Testifying before numerous committees regarding affirmative action in public and private sector and other issues regarding Women and Employment.

*(Dates in parentheses refer to Commission meeting where discussed, if appropriate.)

ADVOCACY (Continued)

Speakers provided for community efforts such as:

Senior Citizens' Law Day, Fairbanks.

End Violence Against Women and Children Month, Rallies and Marches, Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Fairbanks NOW, encouraging women to apply for boards and commissions.

National Secretaries Association, Palmer.

Alaska and Yukon meeting of Latin Lionesses.

American Association of University Women.

Women's Political Caucus.

Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization. Conferences, 1979, 1981.

EDUCATION

Produced: Alaska Statewide Women's Conference, 3/82.
Approximately 70 workshops; films; guest speakers;
over 1,000 attendees.

Co-sponsored: "Women in Apprenticeship Training," 5/82, with U.S. Women's Bureau and Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

"Women and Alcohol," 4/82, with State Office on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Salvation Army.

Workshop leaders provided for:

Petersburg B.P.W. seminar: "Horizons - A Second Look"

Anchorage Community College: "Women and the Law"

Kenai Regional Women's Conference: "Women and the Law"

Hoonah Regional Women's Conference: "Leadership Roles for Women in the Community"

Statewide Women's Conference: "Women and Self Employment;"
"Strengthening Traditional Leadership of Native Women;"
"Collective Organization: An Alternative for Women;"
"Exploring Ways of Raising Liberated Children"

EDUCATION (Continued)

Kenai Regional Women's Conference: "Women in Political Organizations"

National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, National Conference: "The Status of Women in Alaska"

Social Impact Assessment Seminar: "The impact on Women of Resource Development"

Information Fact Sheets:

Equal Rights Amendment

Equal Rights Amendment: Once a state has ratified the ERA is rescission legal?

Abortion

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Testimony at legislative hearings, legislative committees, special task forces and commissions on topics including the following:

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Sex Equity in Education
Child Support Enforcement
Displaced Homemakers
Affirmative Action
Equal Employment Opportunity
Discrimination in the Housing Market based on Parenthood
Need for Free Legal Services
Gender-free Terminology in State Statutes.

The passage of state laws providing for sex equity in education and displaced homemaker programs are accomplishments which the Commission shared with many of the women's organizations throughout the state.

The Commission has produced a Legislative Report each session and distributed it to women's organizations throughout the state. The report has tracked 40-50 bills concerning women during each legislative session.

MEDIA

Bi-monthly newsletter distributed to more than 2,000 people and organizations statewide.

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MEDIA (Continued)

Media campaign to downplay sex-role stereotyping; first PSA's aired statewide beginning summer 1982.

Women's Political Leadership Project, currently underway. Will produce a booklet outlining some of Alaska's female leaders and what inspired them to accomplish what they have.

POLICY STATEMENTS

No discrimination based on veteran's preference	10/79
Family policy	2/80
White House Conference on Families	2/80
State Wealth	2/80
Older Alaskan Women	2/80
Regarding travel by state employees to non-ratified states	2/80
Abortion	4/80
Reaffirmed	12/80
No discrimination based on sexual preference	6/82

PUBLICATIONS

A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska	1977
*Women in Alaska's Labor Force	5/80
Women's Legal Rights in Alaska	9/81
Five Years Later: A Review of the Recommendation. Contained in A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska, 1977	1982
Conference Reports:	
*Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization Conference	1979, 1981
Voices of Black Women in Alaska	1979
First Regional Women's Conference, Bethel	1980
Status and Problems of the Asian-American Women in Alaska	1980
Women and Poverty Conference, Anchorage, Alaska	1980

*Publications produced jointly with other organizations.

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PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

Conference Reports:(Continued)

Piqatigiich - NANA Regional Women's Conference Kotzebue, Alaska	1981
Hoonah Regional Conference	1981
Interior and Northern Native Women's Conference Fairbanks/Galena	1981
Transcript, Public Hearing, "Women in Construction"	1981
* <u>Having a Voice</u> , Pictorial Essay, First Regional Women's Conference, Bethel, Alaska	1981

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Welfare (Statewide Teleconference)	10/80
Violence Against Women (Statewide Teleconference)	10/80
Sex Bias in Education (Statewide Teleconference)	10/80
Displaced Homemakers (Statewide Teleconference)	10/80
Women In Construction (Fairbanks)	3/81

REGIONAL CONFERENCES (funded in whole or in part by the
Commission)

Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization, annual conferences	1979, 1981
Asian-American Women	1980
Black Women of Alaska	1980
Women and Poverty	1980
Bethel, First Regional Women's Conference	1980
NANA Regional Women's Conference, Kotzebue	1981
Hoonah Regional Women's Conference	1981
Kenai Regional Women's Conference	1981

*Publications produced jointly with other organizations.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)

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| Interior and Northern Native Women's Conference,
Fairbanks and Galena | 1981 |
| North Slope Regional Women's Conference, Barrow | 1982 |

RESEARCH STUDIES

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| Child Support Enforcement in Alaska: A Report to
the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women | 1979 |
| Battered Women: A Report for the Alaska Commission
on the Status of Women | 1979 |
| A Woman's Place: A Survey of Anchorage Homemakers | 1979 |
| Displaced Homemakers: Research Report | 1980 |

RESOLUTIONS

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| Opposing Veteran's Preference in State Land Sales | 3/79 |
| Violence Against Native Women | 5/80 |
| Alaska Public Radio Network | 12/80 |
| Child Care in State Buildings | 3/81 |
| Requesting Congressional Delegation to Reintroduce
the Equal Rights Amendment | 6/82 |

RESOURCES/MATERIALS

Clearinghouse of information both governmental and non-governmental relating to the status of women, established according to statute.

Library of over 100 texts and other works pertinent to research, education and the general study of women's issues.

Training manuals, developed for use by women's organizations:

- Methods for Better Meetings
- Needs Assessment and Goal Setting
- Program Planning
- Grant Writing Made Easy
- Assertiveness Training
- Sex Bias in Education Workshop Packet

SUBCOMMITTEE STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Corrections	2/80
Violence Against Women	2/80
Welfare	12/79
Sex Bias in Education	1/80
Displaced Homemakers	1/80

OTHER

Survey of participants at Alaska Native Women's Statewide Convention, 1980. Results of survey provided guidelines to Commission concerning Native women's needs.

Two meetings arranged for Anchorage women's groups to discuss issues with the Lieutenant Governor.

Efforts to address problem of alcohol advertisements being aired in rural communities where alcoholism is a serious problem and where local residents have voted "dry".

Outreach: efforts to reach women across the state have included the scheduling of meetings in diverse communities and the funding of rural women's conferences throughout the state.

Offered: 3/10/83
Referred: Rules

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and Sturgulewski

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 63 (State Affairs) am
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Commission on the
7 Status of Women; and providing for an effective
8 date."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 44.19.165 is amended to read:
11 Sec. 44.19.165. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the
12 Office of the Governor the Alaska Women's Commission [ON THE STATUS OF
13 WOMEN].
14 * Sec. 2. AS 44.19.175 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
15 (13) encourage the development of regional and municipal
16 women's councils or commissions.
17 * Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
18 (12) Alaska Women's Commission -- June 30, 1987.
19 * Sec. 4. The Alaska Women's Commission established in sec. 1 of this
20 Act succeeds to all the powers, duties, and facilities of the Alaska Com-
21 mission on the Status of Women.
22 * Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 120, SLA 1978 is repealed.
23 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
24 10.070(c).