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STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No.: House Bill No. 39 Date on Bill: January 17, 1983
 Title: "An Act relating to services to pregnant women."
 Sponsor: M. Mike Miller
 Requestor: _____

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(Thousands of Dollars)

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Michael L Price

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Division of Family and Youth
Services

DATE:

February 14, 1983

RECOMMENDED BY:

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3/11/83

Bishop Michael Kenney

Bob Denny - Catholic Services

Betty Lauritzen - citizen + Pregnancy aid
Abortion Promotes -

Dr. David Spence

\$1,176,000 - revises fiscal note
over \$2,000,000

\$1,400 per pregnant woman.

John Tindell - Pastor -

Delsey Kenney -

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

February 25, 1983

POUCH H-DS
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-9976

PHONE:

DOCUMENT NO. 83-98

The Honorable Milo Fritz, M.D.
Co-Chairman
House HESS Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 98911

Dear Dr. Fritz:

I would like this opportunity to respond to the Health Education and Social Services Committee request for additional information concerning House Bill No. 39, "An Act relating to services to pregnant women." At the February 16, 1983 hearing, the committee requested clarification concerning the following items:

1) The committee requested a budgetary estimate for providing pregnancy related medical care to women addressed by this bill.

Assuming that the intent of this service would be to provide medical care to women who do not have access to other resources, (i.e., Medicaid, General Relief Medical, private pay, Public Health Service or other insurance) an estimated cost would be \$1,176,000 for FY 84. This estimate is based upon utilization experience by a similar service provided through a pilot project at the Fairbanks Health Center. During 1981-1982, the project provided medical care financial assistance to approximately 7 percent of the total births in the North Star Borough. Assuming that the total number of births in FY 84 will be approximately 12,000, it is estimated that 840 women would qualify for this service at an average cost of \$1,400 per client. Additional state staff would not be required if the Division of Public Assistance would perform the bill paying, and the Division of Public Health would provide client intake and eligibility certification.

2) The committee requested information concerning the state expenditures for abortions, the number provided and the criteria for those receiving state assistance.

The number of abortions provided by the General Relief Medical program during calendar year 1982 is estimated to be 276, with an approximate total expenditure of \$269,354. The criteria for General Relief Medical assistance is \$300 monthly income for one adult, plus \$100 for each additional in adult only households; and \$350 for parent plus 1 child with \$50 for each additional child in parent/child households.

February 25, 1983

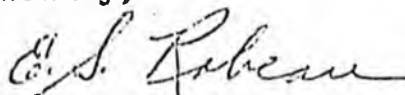
3) The committee requested identification of possible budget reductions in the social services fiscal note to be investigated.

Based upon conversations with staff for Representative Miller and Representative Martin, comments of the Booth Memorial Home staff, and Division of Family and Youth Services, the fiscal note could be reduced by a total \$587,700 in FY 84. The suggested modifications are as follows:

Line 700 - Benefits for Individuals	<u>Original</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Total</u>
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160 persons x \$520/mo x 6 mos.	\$481,920	<0>	\$481,920
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<u>Counseling/Adoption Assistance</u>			
300 persons x \$75/hr. x 8 hr. (7 hr. reduction of counseling)	377,500	<157,500>	180,000
<u>Transportation to and from Placement</u>			
150 persons x \$360/average trip (\$240 per trip reduction)	90,000	<36,000>	54,000
Subtotal	1,697,820	<587,700>	1,110,120
<u>Associate Coordinator, Range 18</u>			
Line 100 Personal Services	35,037	<0>	35,037
Line 200 Travel	1,200	<0>	1,200
Line 300 Contractual	2,600	<0>	2,600
Line 400 Commodities	400	<0>	400
Subtotal			39,237
Total	\$1,737,057	<587,000>	\$1,149,357

I hope this information will be of assistance. Please advise us if you have additional concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,


E. S. Rabeau, M.D.
Director

cc: Representative Terry Martin
Representative M. Mike Miller

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1. Estimated fiscal impacts on: Total Expenditure

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating	0	2,325.4	2,416.4	2,554.2
Total	0	2,325.4	2,416.4	2,554.2

B. Revenues:

Revenue				

2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

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3. Assumptions:

Provision of pregnancy related medical care and social services to low income women during prenatal and post partum periods.

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	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating	0	1,176.0	1,243.0	1,313.9
Total	0	1,176.0	1,243.0	1,313.9

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February 18, 1983

David Palmer, Legislative Aide
Representative Mae Tischer's
Office
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Per your questions of February 18, 1983 pertaining to State-funded abortions, I have obtained the following information from the Division of Public Assistance. Between January 1, 1982 and June 30, 1982, one hundred and fifteen (115) abortions were paid for through the State funded General Relief Medical program for a total cost of \$112,231. In annualizing these figures, the Division of Public Assistance projected 276 State funded abortions in calendar year 1982 for a total estimated cost of \$269,354.

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Please contact me should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Price
Director

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3/11/83

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BILL - ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE

→ FEDERAL POVERTY STANDARD FOR ALASKA
(ONE [PREGNANT] PERSON)

\$ 5868 / YR

→ STANDARD FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR 1
PREGNANT PERSON AS OF 4/1/83

INCOME LESS THAN \$382 / MO

IF \$4584 / YR

ASSETS LESS THAN \$1000 (HOME EXCLUDED

\$15000
CAR OR
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THAT IS 22% BELOW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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14 their lives. In order to promote healthier generations of Alaskans, the
15 legislature wishes to invest in the state's future by providing prenatal
16 care and social services to pregnant women.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

18 CHAPTER 42. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.

19 Sec. 47.42.010. PURCHASE OF SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN. The
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4 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
5 10.070(c).

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Mike (Jensen) Miller - relates to abortion

$$\begin{array}{r} 58,000 \text{ Per person} \\ 300 \overline{) 1,737,100} \end{array}$$

Terry Brillew

Wina Keeler - D HSS

"The Dept shall pay" for services

Gene Regan - Salvation Army - Booth Memorial

Ann Matson - Pregnancy Aide, Pres.