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From The
**SENATE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Permanent Fund
Hold Harmless

\$ 2,152,100

Marcia Hubbard

DHSS - 3/7/83

g.a.m.

Offered: 3/1/83
Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Sackett

Funding Information
General Fund \$250,000
Other Funds -0-
\$250,000

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 96 (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 reducing a fiscal year 1983 appropriation and
7 making a special appropriation to the Department of
8 Health and Social Services for inoculations for
9 hepatitis B; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the general fund
12 to the Department of Health and Social Services for inoculations for hepa-
13 titis B.

14 * Sec. 2. Section 14, ch. 139, SLA 1982, page 14, line 11 is amended to
15 read:

| | APPROPRIATION | GENERAL | OTHER |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| | ITEMS | FUND | FUNDS |
| 16 SB 842 Providing for Permanent | | | |
| 17 <i>Keep Hold Harmless clause</i> | | | |
| 18 Fund Dividends - Appropriated | | | |
| 19 to the Department of Health and | | | |
| 20 Social Services | 12,616,500 | 12,548,200 | 68,300 |
| 21 | [12,866,500] | [12,798,200] | |

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23 * Sec. 3. The unexpended and unobligated portion of the appropriation
24 made by this Act lapses into the general fund June 30, 1984.

25 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
26 10.070(c).



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Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Committee on Finance

LEAP 2 5 83

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Monday, March 14, 1983

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rep. MAE TISCHER, Co-Chair, House HESS ✓
Rep. MILO FRITZ, Co-Chair, House HESS

From: Sen. JOHN SACKETT *JS*

Subject: CSSB-96, appropriation for hepatitis B inoculations

I would appreciate your scheduling CSSB-96, before the House HESS Committee for action as soon as possible. Expeditious handling of this measure is important to the Department of Health so they will be able to stay on schedule with the detection and inoculation program.

Please feel free to call upon myself, or my assistant, Max Gifford, if you need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

JCS/mg

POSITION PAPER
SENATE BILL NO. 96

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for inoculations for hepatitis B; and providing for an effective date."

Sponsor: Sackett

This bill appropriates \$250,000 SGF to the Department of Health and Social Services for inoculations for hepatitis B and provides for an immediate effective date.

Background

A. The Disease

Hepatitis B is a disease caused by a virus. Disease severity can range from inapparent infection to a fulminating process leading quickly to death. There is currently no specific treatment against the virus.

Once infected, individuals may become chronic carriers of the virus, i.e., continue to be infected and to be able to spread infection to others. Moreover, chronic carriers of hepatitis B virus (HBV) are subject to complications including primary liver cancer with a nearly 100% mortality rate unless detected early or polyarteritis nodosa, a serious inflammatory disease of arteries with a 30% mortality rate. It is estimated that 20-25% of chronic HBV carriers will develop chronic active hepatitis with cirrhosis.

B. Prevalence

Both the rates of infection and the rates of chronic HBV carriers are known to be very high in certain Native groups in Alaska, particularly the Yupik-speaking groups in the Bethel area. In some villages which have been surveyed, the infection rate has been found to be as high as 73.1%.

Less is known about prevalence in other Native groups but there are reasons to suggest that rates are probably higher than among non-natives.

Other groups at high risk of HBV infection include: health and hospital care providers; hemodialysis patients; recipients of blood products, laboratory workers; dentists and allied dentist personnel; homosexuals; illicit users of injected drugs; staff and residents in institutions for the mentally retarded; sexual and household contacts of HBV carriers; newborn infants whose mothers are HBV carriers; and immigrants from geographic areas with a high incidence of HBV such as Southeast Asian refugees.

C. Vaccine

In November, 1981 a vaccine against hepatitis B was licensed for use in individuals 3 months of age or older. Vaccine is administered to high risk groups in three doses over a six month period. The vaccine is estimated to be 80-95% effective in protecting susceptible individuals. Duration of protection, and consequently the need for booster doses, is not known.

The vaccine is expensive (current cost is \$95.55 for sufficient vaccine for the three-dose course for one individual). Because of the high vaccine cost and because the vaccine is of no value to individuals already infected, pre-vaccination blood testing of potential recipients is recommended. Cost of blood testing is estimated at \$10-15 per test. To these costs must be added cost of vaccine distribution and administration plus data processing.

D. Existing programs

In the current fiscal year, DHSS undertook screening and vaccination of high risk groups in state institutions including Harborview Developmental Center, The Alaska Psychiatric Institute and State Correctional Centers.

The Alaska Native Health Service (ANHS) in cooperation with the federal Center for Disease Control has undertaken a vaccination program in the Bethel area villages where prevalence studies have been conducted. They have also used federal fiscal year-end monies (\$500,000 for FFY 1982) to purchase additional vaccine.

Proposed program

The proposed activities during FY 83 involve close correlation with the Alaska Native Health Service hepatitis B program. Emphasis will be placed on screening of the highest risk population who will not be reached by the ANHS. Susceptibles will receive vaccine.

Position

The Department is strongly supportive of funding in FY 83 which would permit intensification of the program in the current fiscal year. However, the Governor's Office is submitting a delete-add supplemental for \$250.0 utilizing funds already appropriated for Permanent Fund Hold Harmless. Thus, costs of HBV program activities in FY 83 could be absorbed without additional appropriation.

COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Recommended by:

E. S. Rabeau M.D. / DB
E. S. Rabeau, M.D., Director
Division of Public Health

Date:

Feb 3, 1982

Approved by:

Robert London Smith

Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services

Date:

2/7/83

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

1/31/83

Date: 2/7/83

Mr. President:

The Committee on HESS has had SENATE BILL NO 06

Special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for inoculations for hepatitis B; eff. date.

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- my do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Paul Frecker

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Paul Frecker

2 Paul Frecker No Rec.

Paul Frecker
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March 4, 1983

The Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
147 Russel Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

As you are aware Alaska faces a very serious problem because of the increasing numbers of people who either have or are susceptible to hepatitis. The State Department of Health and Social Services in conjunction with the Alaska Native Health Service has outlined a detection, surveillance and control program which will be administered by the State over the next four-five years. The program includes inoculation for those determined to have a high risk of contracting the disease. By 1987 the State Department of Health expects to have the problem under control and will continue monitoring the population as part of their regular programming.

The joint venture will cost an estimated \$5.75 million over the life of the program. The State anticipates providing \$2.75 million in funds and the Alaska Native Health Service will request federal funds of \$2 million through FY84 and FY85, in addition to \$500,000 which has already been received through ANHS, and another \$500,000 of FY82 year-end ANHS funds which were used to purchase vaccine for the inoculation program.

This letter is to call your attention to the fact it appears only \$500,000 has been proposed in the federal FY84 budget. (See attachment). It is important every effort be made to secure the full \$1 million in funds to augment state funding so the detection and inoculation program may continue on schedule.

Funding of \$250,000 from the state is in the process of being authorized by the State Legislature and the Governor for FY83, and an additional \$500,000 is expected to be approved for FY84. State health officials note it is vitally important that the program be kept on schedule so the "chain of infection" will be broken reducing the high-risk factor that faces so many Alaskans, particularly Native Alaskans.

The Honorable Ted Stevens

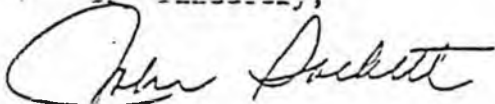
March 4, 1965

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Your help in securing the needed funds from the federal government for the coming fiscal year would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me, or my assistant, Max Gifford, if more information is needed. We can be reached in Juneau at: 465-3753.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter.

Very Sincerely,



OWEN C. SACKETT

State Senator

JCS/mg

enclosures

cc: The Honorable Frank Murkowski

The Honorable Don Young

also: Governor
- Robson
- Alaska
- Turner, Dennis
- KUIP



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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

February 17, 1983

Gene Dusek, Associate Director
Office of Management and Budget
Office of the Governor

Dear Gene:

Attached is a copy of the proposed committee substitute for SB 96, reducing the Permanent Fund hold-harmless appropriation by \$250,000 and reappropriating those funds to the Department of Health and Social Services to fund the hepatitis B inoculations program.

Senator Sackett, the original sponsor of the legislation, would very much appreciate a letter from you or the appropriate spokesperson in the Governor's office acknowledging that this approach for funding the inoculation program meets with the Governor's approval.

Use of the committee substitute for SB 96, as opposed to introducing new legislation, should expedite the bill through the legislative process so that it can be transmitted to the Governor quickly.

Although no date for hearing the substitute in committee has been set your participation at the hearing would be appreciated.

Thanks for your help. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max Gifford".

Max Gifford
Administrative Aide

attachment: CSSB 96 (Finance)

FEB 23 1983

BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 24, 1983

The Honorable John C. Sackett
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

The proposed approach for funding the hepatitis B inoculations program contained in CSSB 96 should expedite approval of the funding for this important program. Accordingly, we will delete this item from the FY 83 appropriations transfer bill the Administration is preparing.

The identification of the funding sources for appropriation bills is a vital element in our State government's demonstration of fiscal responsibility. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield
Governor

Alaska State Legislature

Representative John Lindauer
District 10-A
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Anchorage, AK 99508



Write in Juneau.
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Juneau, AK 99811
455-3709

House of Representatives

February 22, 1983

TO: House Health, Education & Social Services Committee
FROM: Representative John Lindauer *JHL*
SUBJECT: House Bill #96: "An Act making a special appropriation to the University of Alaska to lease a headquarters and faculty office building to be used by the Anchorage Community College; and providing for an effective date."

The intent of HB 96 is to provide the funds to accomplish the goals of HB 95 (see attached).

\$100,000 will provide 41,666.66 square feet of prime office space for 1 year.

Attachment