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- 5/11 Called Norma Lang for a DHS position paper.
- 5/12 Contacted Max in Sen. Sackett's Ofc for back-up
- 5/12 Called John Pugh, DHS, relation between HB 383 + SB 97



Bethel Social Services, Inc.

• A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION •

November 5, 1982

Senator John Sackett
P. O. Box 29
Ruby, Alaska 99678

Dear Senator Sackett:

This letter is to follow-up on our recent conversation regarding the cost of care dilemma that the Bethel Receiving Home is now in.

Bethel Social Services, Inc., opened the original Receiving Home in 1969 in an old B.I.A. building. This project was closed on 1976 as the building was simply not licensable. At the request of many State agencies, especially the Department of Corrections, Bethel Social Services, Inc., built a new receiving home with a combination of borrowed funds and Criminal Justice monies. This facility was constructed at great financial risk to the Corporation with assurances from the State that it would be fully utilized.

Our cost of care was set at \$55.63 based on the proposed budget divided by 75% of the number of licensed beds. Thus began the cost of care rate of having to lose money to get the cost of care rate up to make money. The following circumstances have prevailed at the Bethel Receiving Home in regard to the cost of care:

1. When the new home was opened in 1980, the cost of care rate was set too low because the anticipated usage AS ESTIMATED BY THE STATE fell below the actual usage.
2. With the exception of one facility which has donated labor, the Bethel Receiving Home has had the lowest cost of care rate throughout the State.
3. The Bethel Receiving Home has lost money each year. It failed to lose enough money, however, to raise the cost of care rate substantially to make money.
4. We have always been opposed to the cost of care method of setting rates. It rewards the inefficient. However, the interim method of freezing the rates will cause the Bethel Receiving Home to close. Our rate has been frozen

at the lowest receiving home rate in the State with the exception of the Sitka Home which has donated labor, we understand.

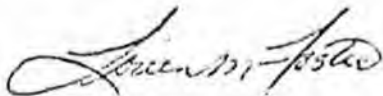
5. We were not aware that there had even been a change in the process until three months after it went into effect.
6. We are requesting the legislature set a cost of care rate for the Bethel Receiving Home at \$115.00 per day. Our current rate is \$75.52 per day. The \$115.00 is the average rate taken from averaging the rates from the receiving homes in Anchorage, Juneau, Nome and the North Slope. In essence we are saying that it should cost us an average of what the other facilities are providing care for. With sound management, this rate will allow the Bethel Receiving Home to provide care and reduce it's indebtedness. ✓

Just to clarify the relationship between Bethel Social Services, Inc. and the Bethel Receiving Home, Inc. --- Bethel Social Services, Inc. operated the old receiving home. The building was owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Bethel Social Services, Inc. built and owns the new receiving home and is the parent corporation and registered agent for Bethel Receiving Home, Inc., which operates the Bethel Receiving Home. (Without the two separate entities, there is no provision for paying the lease on the building under cost of care regulations.)

We are also enclosing a copy of the current rates for facilities throughout the State and a table of information pertinent to the Bethel Receiving Home's operations during the past three fiscal years. We have been in contact with John Pugh, Division of Youth & Family Services, and are trying to keep him abreast of our request through the legislature.

Please let us know if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,



Loreen Foster
Administrative Director

cc: John Pugh, Director, Div. of Youth & Family Services
Chet Adkins, President, Board of Directors

Encl: (2)

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
 BETHEL RECEIVING HOME
 FEBRUARY, 1980—JUNE, 1982

PERIOD	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	TOTAL KID DAYS	COST OF RATE	ACTUAL COST OF CARE
Feb - June, 1980	\$39,728.	(\$8,883.) (Losses covered by Crimi- nal Justice Start-up Funds)	695 (audited)	\$53.63	\$57.16
July, 1980- June, 1981	\$126,061.	(\$3,520.)	1,903	\$64.02	\$66.24
July, 1981- June, 1982	\$131,768.	(\$28,121.)	1,350	\$75.52	\$97.61

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONAL CARE RATES

PROVIDER	NAME	FY83 RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	PROVISIONAL FY82 RATE	AUDITED
004996	ALASKA BAPTIST FAM SVS CTR	\$117.02	7/1/82	\$117.02	
232007	ACS RECEIVING HOME	149.85	7/1/82	149.85	\$189.44
001455	ACS AQUARIUS HOUSE	107.60	7/1/82	107.60	106.61
002122	ACS COLLETTI HOUSE	117.51	7/1/82	117.51	118.79
001394	ACS JESSE LEE	165.46	7/1/82	165.46	134.70
001398	ACS RABBIT CREEK	166.40	7/1/82	166.40	168.84
001098	ACS NORTH STAR	103.55	7/1/82	103.55	102.61
004227	BETHEL GROUP HOME	59.06	7/1/82	59.06	57.72
231001	BETHEL RECEIVING HOME	75.52	7/1/82	75.52	
003339	BOOTH MEMORIAL	146.90	7/1/82	146.90	
001404	COVENANT HIGH SCHOOL	51.16	7/1/82	43.26	
004287	HILLTOP HOME	85.53	7/1/82	85.53	
001409	JUNEAU RECEIVING HOME	106.17	7/1/82	106.17	
004404	KENAI COMM CARE CTR	91.74	7/1/82	91.74	
236007	KETCH. INTENSIVE CARE UNIT	152.56	7/1/82	152.56	
004594	KETCHIKAN TEEN HOME I	74.26	7/1/82	74.26	69.59
236001	KETCHIKAN TEEN HOME II	81.61	7/1/82	81.61	69.59
001843	KODIAK BAPTIST MISSION	61.61	7/1/82	61.61	61.43
001037	KODIAK BAPTIST MISSION	61.61	7/1/82	61.61	61.43
005412	NOME RECEIVING HOME	116.97	7/1/82	116.97	109.20
233001	NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH REC HME	168.35	7/1/82	170.80	170.80
001004	NORTH STAR CHILDRENS HOME	62.25	7/1/82	62.25	
004247	PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HSE	111.98	7/1/82	111.98	
232005	"R" HOUSE			111.98	
001414	ST. MARYS MISSION			8.33	
005398	ST. JUDE CENTER, INC.	72.33	7/1/82	72.33	
005556	SITKA RECEIVING HOME	40.66	7/1/82	40.66	
001918	TURNING POINT BOYS RANCH	105.37	7/1/82	105.37	

Clay Row

Bethel Receiving Home



Superior Court
State of Alaska

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 130
BETHEL, ALASKA
99559

CHAMBERS OF
CHRISTOPHER R. COOKE, PRESIDING JUDGE

PHONE: (907) 543-2298

November 1, 1982

Mr. John Pugh, Director
Division of Family and
Youth Services
Pouch H-05
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Bethel Receiving Home

Dear Mr. Pugh:

It has come to my attention that the Bethel Receiving Home is in serious financial trouble. The home is operating at a substantial loss and will soon be forced to close unless additional revenue can be secured.

The Receiving Home provides temporary shelter for juveniles detained in delinquency proceedings and emergency foster care for children in need of aid. Loss of the Receiving Home would have a great adverse impact upon the Alaska Court System and this region since it is the only facility of its type in this area.

Without the Receiving Home, juveniles detained in delinquency proceedings would have to be housed in the substandard Bethel City Jail and, at great expense and inconvenience, McLaughlin Youth Center in Anchorage. Emergency foster homes for neglected or abused children would have to be found on a case-by-case basis. This would constitute a giant step backward for the juvenile justice system in this region and for the local and regional operations of your department.

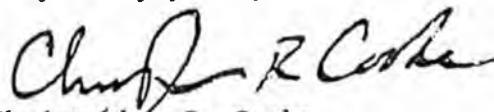
One reason for the Receiving Home's financial plight is the cost of care rate paid by your department. Currently that rate is \$75.52 per day while comparable facilities in Nome, Juneau and Anchorage receive

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\$116.97, \$106.17 and \$149.85, respectively. The Receiving Home would be financially viable if their daily rate were in the vicinity of \$100.00 or if bed space could be provided to your agency on a monthly retainer basis.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to this situation. If the Bethel Receiving Home is forced to close, this community, the 56 villages of our region, and both our agencies will suffer. With your cooperation I hope that such a drastic result can be avoided.

Very truly yours,



Christopher R. Cooke
Superior Court Judge

CRC/bn

cc: ✓ Senator John Sackett
Representative Tony Vaska
David E. Arnold
Gloria Hawkins
Bob Buttane
Loreen Foster
Don Constantine
Jim Shanks
Laurie Otto

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Bethel Social Services, Inc.

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December 7, 1982

Mr. Lee Stoops
Aide to Senator Sackett
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Lee,

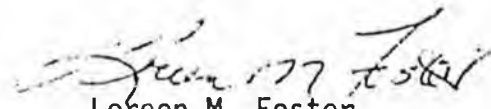
As per our phone conversation on December 3, 1982, please find enclosed the letter which we delivered to Senator Sackett on November 5, 1982 when he was visiting in Bethel. I will attempt to clarify the urgent request from the legislature for a supplemental budget request for the Bethel Receiving Home. With the constant escalation of real operational costs, it has been a battle trying to achieve a cost of care level that allows us to recoup the true costs of the program. We feel we have reached our limit on how much we can jeopardize the corporation for one project.

As you can see from the summary of operations table, we have lost a total of \$31,680. on this project as of June 1982. We had hoped to have the cost of care rate raised this fiscal year and were unaware of the freeze that is now in effect. I have requested an audit from the Dept. to get the cost of care rate raised, but that request was denied. It seems that we are audited bi-annually and this is not our year.

If our rate for FY'83 were \$115., which is the average rate in this state for comparable services, we could recoup some of this money and would not be faced with the possibility of closing this facility. We believe that the Receiving Home does play an important role in Bethel, and without it many children would have to be placed outside the area and at a much higher cost to the state.

If there is anything further you require, please contact me. We are anxiously awaiting an answer to this dilemma.

Sincerely,


Loreen M. Foster
Administrative Director
Bethel Social Services, Inc.

	Address	Phone	Director	Licensed Capacity	Days of Care	FY '83 Budget	Capital Investment
1.	Alaska Children's Services, Inc. 1200 E. 27th Ave Anchorage, Ak. 99504	(907) 276-4515	John C. Garvin	107	27,468 / 07	467,100 \$5,000,000	\$6,000,000
2.	Alaska Baptist Family Service Center SRA Box 1791A	(907) 349-2222	Gordon Lantrip	12	3,216	\$ 406,000.	\$750,000 - Land \$500,000 - Bldg equ
3.	North Slope Receiving Home Box 371 Barrow, Ak. 99723	(907) 852-7007	Charles Tadgerson	10			
4.	Bethel Group Home, Inc. Box 385 Bethel, Ak. 99559	(907) 543-2846	Kent R. Kaltenbacher	8	1,692	\$ 120,000	\$200,000
5.	Salvation Army Booth Memorial Home Pouch SA 3-063 Anchorage, Ak. 99501	(907) 279-0522	Lt. Gene Ragan	18		\$1,100,000	
6.	Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc. 1401 Kellum St. Fairbanks, Ak. 99701	(907) 456-6445	Linden Staciokas	28	3,524	\$ 870,000	
7.	Juneau Receiving Home P.O. Box 2839 Juneau, Ak. 99803	(907) 789-7610	Dale Voltz	12	4,123	\$ 435,000	
8.	Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center Drawer 3573 Kenai, Ak. 99611	(907) 283-7635	Billie Hardy	10	2,847	\$ 276,000	\$ 480,000
9.	Ketchikan Children's Home P.O. Box 6555 Ketchikan, Ak. 99901	(907) 225-2360	Carl Robins	23	6,580	\$ 717,709	\$ 8,000
10.	Kodiak Baptist Mission, Inc. Box 785 Kodiak, Ak. 99615	(907) 486-5181	David Cook	30	6,112	\$ 400,000	\$2,000,000
11.	Nome Receiving Home, Inc. P. O. Box 1033 Nome, Ak. 99762	(907) 443-2154	Bill Webb	5	1,170	\$ 168,438	
12.	Crossroads Youth Center P.O. Box 1349 Delta Junction, Ak. 99737	(907) 895-4521	Duane Schlekau	5		\$ 129,298	\$ 29,410
13.	Turning Point Boys Ranch Box 1070 Willow, Ak. 99688	(907) 495-6241	Ilena Hahn	40		\$1,200,000	\$1,400,000
14.	Sitka Receiving Home Box 664 Sitka, Ak. 99688	(907) 747-3682	Dave Dapceovich (Bd. member)				

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Alaska Youth Village - Juneau - Accepts private placements only Hilltop Home for Boys - Purchased by Alaska Children's Services

	Date Founded	Board of Directors	No. of Staff	% of State Cost of Care	Amount of Endowment	Related to	Accreditation/Affiliation
Alaska Children' Services, Inc.	1970	18 members	150	94%	\$1,900,000	United Methodist/ American Baptist/ American Lutheran/ Disciples of Christ/ Community	Council on Accreditation Child Welfare League of Amer United Way
Alaska Baptist Family Service Center	1973	9 members	8.5	70%	\$ 950,000	Southern Baptist City of Barrow	National Assn. of Homes for Children
North Slope Receiving Home							
Bethel Group Home, Inc.	1972	7 members	5	100%		Community	Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr
Salvation Army Booth Memorial Home		18 member Council	26	80%		Salvation Army	United Way Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr
Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc.	1957	12 members	25	90%		United Presbyterian Church	United Way Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr
Juneau Receiving Home	1961	11 members	12	95%		Community	
Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center	1973	9 members	7 full 2 pt	98%		Community	
Ketchikan Children's Home	1957	11 members	17	95-100%			Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr
Kodiak Baptist Mission, Inc.	1893	12 members	14	80%		American Baptist Church	Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr American Baptist Homes and Hospitals
Nome Receiving Home, Inc.	1977	7 members	4	100%		Community	Natl. Assn. Homes for Childr
Crossroads Youth Center	1982	10 members	6	100%		Community	
Turning Point Boys Ranch	1970	12 members	35	85-90%		Community	American Corrections Assn.
Sitka Receiving Home						Community	

SB 97 TITLE & SPONSOR SUMMARY
AMENDED TITLE:

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AN ACT MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR PAYMENT AS A GRANT TO BETHEL SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

GENERAL DOLLARS: \$65,000 (SUPPL)

PRIME SPONSOR: SACKETT.

OTHER DOLLARS: \$0

CO-SPONSORS:

CURRENT STATUS: 4/06/83 IN (H) HESS

REFERRAL: FINANCE

SB 97 SENATE ACTION

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DATE	SEQ	PAGE	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
01/31/83	01	0102	FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
03/08/83	02	0338	HESS -- DF03
03/16/83	03	0402	FIN -- DF05, NR01
04/04/83	04	0566	RLS -- OTHER03
04/05/83	05	0581	SECOND READING
04/05/83	06	0581	ADVANCED TO 3RD READING BY UNAN CONSENT
04/05/83	07	0581	THIRD READING
04/05/83	08	0581	PASSED BY DIV 19-00-01
04/05/83	09	0581	EFFECTIVE DATE VOTE SAME AS PASSAGE
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SB 97 HOUSE ACTION

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DATE	SEQ	PAGE	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
04/06/83	10	0744	FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
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AN ACT

Relating to vision and hearing screening examinations,
public assistance, and other assistance provided by the
state, and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the present method for establishing payment rates under AS 47.40 for residential child care services is inadequate. The Department of Health and Social Services shall conduct a study of alternatives to the method of establishing payment rates under AS 47.40. The study shall be conducted by a committee of five members appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services. Three members of the committee shall be employees of the Department of Health and Social Services and two members shall be providers of residential child care services. The study shall contain, among other matters determined by the department, a suggested redefinition of the manner in which rates for residential child care services are calculated, a consolidation of the method and amount of reimbursement for capital costs of residential child care facilities, and the availability and use of other sources of money to finance residential child care services and to finance the construction of residential child care facilities. The committee shall report its findings to the legislature on or before the 30th day of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Legislature. The legislature further finds that the rates established under AS 47.40 should be suspended from June 30, 1982 to July 1, 1984.

* Sec. 2. The operation of AS 47.05.010(14), AS 47.40.010, 47.40.040, and 47.40.050 is suspended from July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1984. During the

period of suspension, payment for services provided by residential child care facilities shall be made solely in accordance with the provisions of secs. 3 and 4 of this Act.

* Sec. 3. For fiscal year 1983, the payment authorized per day for each child placed by the Department of Health and Social Services in an existing residential care facility is:

Alaska Children's Services Receiving Home (Anchorage)	\$149.85
Alaska Children's Services Jesse Lee Home (Anchorage)	165.46
Alaska Children's Services Rabbit Creek Group Home (Anchorage)	166.40
Alaska Children's Services North Star Home (Anchorage)	103.33
Alaska Children's Services Aquarius House (Anchorage)	107.60
Alaska Children's Services Colletti House (Anchorage)	117.51
Alaska Baptist Family Service Center (Anchorage)	117.02
Booth Memorial Home (Anchorage)	146.90
Hilltop Home, Inc. (Anchorage)	85.53
Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center (Kenai)	91.74
Kodiak Baptist Mission (Kodiak)	61.61
Turning Point Boys Ranch (Willow)	105.37
North Star Children's Home (Dot Lake)	62.25
Presbyterian Hospitality House (Fairbanks)	111.98
Juneau Receiving Home (Juneau)	106.17
St. Jude Center, Inc. Receiving Home (Juneau)	72.33
Nome Receiving Home (Nome)	116.97
Manillaq Group Home (Kotzebue)	167.00
North Slope Borough Children's Receiving Home (Barrow)	168.35
Ketchikan Teen Home I (Ketchikan)	74.26
Ketchikan Teen Home II (Ketchikan)	81.61
Ketchikan Children's Home Intensive Treatment Unit (Ketchikan)	152.56
Sitka Receiving Home (Sitka)	40.66

Bethel Receiving Home (Bethel)	75.52
Bethel Group Home (Bethel)	59.06
Covenant High School (Unalakleet)	51.16

* Sec. 4. For fiscal year 1984 the payment rates for residential child care services shall be the amounts set out in sec. 3 of this Act increased by five percent.

* Sec. 5. For fiscal years 1983 and 1984 the Department of Health and Social Services may contract for residential child care services with a facility not listed in sec. 3 of this Act at a rate to be determined by the Department.

* Sec. 6. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.30.075. VISION AND HEARING SCREENING EXAMINATIONS. (a) A vision and hearing screening examination shall be given to each child attending school in the state. The examination shall be made when the child enters school or as soon thereafter as is practicable, and at regular intervals specified by regulation by the governing body of the district.

(b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall

- (1) set standards for the performance of vision and hearing screening;
- (2) train and certify public health nurses and school district employees to conduct hearing and vision screening tests;
- (3) assist with referral and follow-up of children needing professional examination or treatment; and
- (4) assist with maintenance and repair of screening equipment.

* Sec. 7. AS 44.29.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 44.29.020. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The Department of Health and Social Services shall administer the state programs of public health and social services, including: (1) maternal and child health services;

POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 97

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"An Act making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for payment as a grant to Bethel Social Services, Inc.; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill No. 97 makes an appropriation of \$65,000 to the Department in the form of a grant designated for Bethel Social Services, Inc. to operate the Bethel Receiving Home during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

There are a variety of problems inherent in operating such facilities in Bush communities which are either unique to those facilities or exaggerated because of their location. For example, initial start-up and ongoing operating costs of such facilities are usually greater than for urban facilities.

In addition, smaller facilities located in rural areas generally have less predictable resident populations and suffer from cash flow problems.

The number of emergency placements has declined in the Bethel area as it has statewide. This decline has resulted from changing needs of children and more effective efforts to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act, which mandates preferential placement of Native children in the homes of relatives or in Native foster homes. This has proven particularly problematic, however, to those facilities, such as the Bethel Receiving Home, operating in areas in which the majority or a very large percentage of the population is Native. Thus, while staffing is generally maintained at levels adequate to provide for the average population of the facility and for emergency circumstances the actual number of residents is often below the level required to provide fiscal support for the facility's operation. Since contracting for a number of beds is not allowable under existing purchase of services law, the facility cannot be assured of income necessary for operation during those periods when few or no placements are made.

In summary, the Department is supportive of maintaining facilities such as the Bethel Receiving Home which serve as necessary placement resources for abused or neglected children and for delinquent youth who do not require detention. Maintenance of such facilities in rural areas is critical due to the general paucity of alternative resources. Without such resources many children and youth would necessarily be placed in urban facilities far from the systems of support provided in their communities and separated from their families. Such separation at times nullifies efforts to resolve the precipitating social or family problems and may prevent reunification of the child and family or rehabilitation of delinquent youth.

The intended method of disbursement of grant funds would be more clearly stated if Section 2, Lines 15 and 16 of the Bill were amended to include only the specific statutory citation for disbursing grants to named recipients other than a municipality. The appropriate wording would be:

"Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this act shall be disbursed in accordance with AS 37.05.316."

RECOMMENDED: *Yvonne Eider Walker*
Yvonne Eider Walker
Acting Director
Division of Family and
Youth Services

DATE: *February 8, 1983*

APPROVED BY: *Robert London Smith*
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner

DATE: *2/9/83*

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
Bill/Resolution No. Senate Bill No. 97
Title "An Act making a supplemental appropriation as a grant to Bethel Social Svcs."
Requested by _____ Date _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL
Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services
Program Category Affected Social Services
BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected _____
(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-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER (Specify Source)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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

Senate Bill No. 97 has no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Social Services.

IV. DATE February 8, 1983 PREPARED BY *Yvonne Elder Walker* 2/8/83
AGENCY Division of Family and Youth Services
PHONE 465-2102
Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prim. Sponsor (First Legislator Named)
33-001 (Rev. 12/82)

John Pugh-

How is the daily cost of care rate arrived at?

Comparison	DCC	Licensed Capacity	Days of Care	# of staff
AK Children's Services Receiving Home (Anch)	149.85			
Juneau Receiving Home (Juneau)	106.17	12	4,123	12
St. Jude Center, Inc. Receiving Home (Juneau)	72.33			
Nome Receiving Home (Nome)	116.97	5	1,170	4
North Slope Borough Children's Receiving Home (Barrow)	168.35	12		6
Sitka Receiving Home (Sitka)	40.66			
Bethel Receiving Home (Bethel)	75.52	16	1,316	
Pres. Hosp. Pres. Hosp. House Receiving Home (Folks)	111.98			

What's the formula of days of care?

Definition of 'receiving home'?

How different from a group home? emergency shelter?

John Garvin 101-276-4515

monthly retainer basis?

Payment Rate Study Committee

* 115.00 = avg. rate from receiving home rates in Anchorage, Seward, Nome, + the North Slope

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juvenile justice dept, + local + regional DASS operations.

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Christopher A. Cooke
Superior Court Judge
4th Judicial District
Bethel, AK
543-2298

History -

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- closed in 1976 - bldg not licensable
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TO: Hon. Marshall Lind, Commissioner DATE: September 20, 1979
Department of Education

ATTN: William D. Thomson FILE NO: J-66-171-80
Deputy Commissioner TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: AVRUM M. GROSS SUBJECT: Refunding bonds
ATTORNEY GENERAL as old debt

By:
Rodger W. Pegues
Assistant Attorney General

You have asked whether refunding existing indebtedness for school construction amounts to incurring a new debt under AS 43.18.100(a). In our view, the answer is no.

The Municipality of Anchorage proposes to refund existing indebtedness for school construction dating from 1970-1971. Under AS 43.18.100(a)(1), the municipality is entitled to total reimbursement for payments made on debts incurred prior to July 1, 1977. Under AS 43.18.100(a)(3), the municipality is entitled to reimbursement of 80 percent of payments made on debts incurred after June 30, 1978. The question is whether refunding the old indebtedness, i.e., issuing refunding bonds, constitutes "indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1978," within the meaning of the statute.

Analogizing from cases on legal limitations on incurring debt which holds -- most universally -- that refunding bonds do not constitute new debt, the municipality posits that the same should be true here, i.e., that the act of refunding indebtedness does not constitute incurring new debt within the meaning of AS 43.18.100(a). We agree.

The cases cited by the municipality are persuasive. The refunding merely reduces the old indebtedness, it does not create a new debt. We are buttressed in this view by article IX, sec. 11, of the Alaska Constitution which provides that restrictions on indebtedness do not apply to "refunding indebtedness of the State or its political subdivisions." This is an obvious acceptance of the view expressed in the cases relied upon by the municipality, i.e., refunding does not constitute new debt. Accordingly, it is our view that, for purposes of reimbursement under AS 43.18.100(a), refunded indebtedness should not be considered as a new debt.

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TO: HESS Committee Members

FROM: Heidi H. Borson

RE: Bill Overview - SB 97 - An act making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for payment as a grant to Bethel Social Services, Inc.

Bill analysis: If enacted, SB 97 would appropriate \$65,000 to the Department of Health & Social Services for payment as a grant to Bethel Social Services, Inc. for the operation of the Bethel Receiving Home. According to information received from Sen. Sackett's office, the figure was arrived at by multiplying an average 1,025 child care days for FY '83 by the difference between the existing daily cost of care rate (\$75.52) and the proposed rate (\$115.00). To date, Bethel Receiving Home has had 1,579 child care days in FY '83.

Background information: At the request of several state agencies, Bethel Social Services, Inc. opened the new Bethel Receiving Home in 1980. It currently owns Bethel Receiving Home and is the parent corporation for Bethel Receiving Home, Inc. which operates the receiving home.

Bethel Receiving Home provides short term shelter for juveniles detained in delinquency proceedings, and emergency foster care for abused and neglected children.

Currently, Bethel Receiving Home is operating at a loss. Since its opening in 1980, the receiving home has lost approximately \$32,000. According to a superior court judge in Bethel and the administrative director of Bethel Social Services, Inc., a major reason for the receiving home's financial problems is the inadequate cost of care rate paid to Bethel Receiving Home by the Department of Health & Social Services. According to the director of Bethel Social Services, Inc., the rate was set too low when the home opened because the state's estimation of the anticipated usage was low. Superior Court Judge Christopher Cook maintains that the receiving home would be financially viable if their daily rate was approximately \$100.00.

Department's position: The Department of Health & Social Services is generally supportive of maintaining placement facilities for abused and neglected children and delinquent youth especially in rural areas where alternative placement resources are scarce. The department also recognizes the high costs inherent in operating receiving home facilities in rural areas. However, under Chapter 138 of the statutes, the department is required to pay Bethel Receiving Home a daily cost of care rate of \$75.52.

Issues worthy of closer consideration:

1) The Department of Health & Social Services recommends amending Section 2, lines 15 and 16 in order to clarify the intended method of grant disbursement. The proposed wording is as follows:

"Section 2. The appropriation made by this act shall be disbursed in accordance with AS 37.05.316." (please refer to attached statutes)

2) What is the actual intent of the appropriation? According to representatives from the Department of Health & Social Services, the attorney general has ruled that it is illegal to give grants for prior expenditures. The grant in SB 97 is designated for the operation of the Bethel Receiving Home during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983. On the other hand, grants to improve programs and facilities are acceptable.

3) The daily cost of care rate is usually figured from the past year's expense budget which a program submits to the Department of Health and Social Services. Bethel Social Services arrived at their request for \$115.00 per day by averaging the rates paid to receiving homes in Anchorage, Juneau, Nome and the North Slope.

4) If enacted, HB 383 "An act relating to payments authorized for residential child care services" will increase the cost of care rate paid to Bethel Receiving Home by 2.5%. The Department of Health & Social Services agrees that the increase would help reduce present problems somewhat, but will not reimburse the home for past losses nor prevent the home from operating at a loss in the future.

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. All bids with the names of the bidders and the amounts of the bids, together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract, shall be made a part of a file or record and retained by the department for three years, unless reproduced by microfilming and these files or records are open to public inspection at all reasonable times. An aggrieved bidder may within five days after an award of contract appeal to the department for hearing, with notice to interested parties, for redetermination and final award in accordance with law.

(b) A contract for professional services shall be awarded in accordance with AS 24.23 or AS 36.98. (§ 4 art IV ch 82 SLA 1955; am § 1 ch 64 SLA 1976; am Executive Order No. 39, § 11 (1977); am § 9 ch 144 SLA 1982)

Effect of amendments. - The 1982 amendment, effective July 22, 1982, designated the former provisions of this section as subsection (a), and in that subsection, added "Except as otherwise provided in AS 37.05.230" to the beginning, deleted "taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, terms of delivery, and other conditions imposed in the call for bids" from the end of the first sentence, and substituted the present second, third, and fourth sentences for those set out in the main pamphlet. The amendment also added subsection (b).

Article 5. General Provisions.

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- 316. Grants to named recipients
- 317. Grants to unincorporated communities

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Sec. 37.05.315. Grants to municipalities. (a) When an amount is appropriated or allocated as a grant to a municipality, the Department of Administration shall promptly notify the municipality of the availability of the grant. When the Department of Administration receives an agreement executed by the municipality which provides that the municipality (1) will spend the grant for the purposes specified in the appropriation or allocation, (2) will allow, on request, an audit by the state of the uses made of the grant; and (3) assures that, to the extent consistent with the purpose of the appropriation or allocation, the facilities and services provided with the grant will be available for the use of the general public, the Department of Administration shall pay the grant directly to the municipality. The agreement executed by a municipality under this section shall be on a form furnished by the Department of Administration and shall be executed within 60 days after the effective date of the appropriation or allocation.

(b) An appropriation or allocation for a grant to a municipality for construction of a public facility lapses if substantial, ongoing work on the project has not begun within five years after the effective date of the appropriation or allocation.

(c) In accepting a grant of money for construction of a public facility, a municipality covenants with the state that it will operate and maintain the facility for the practical life of the facility and that the municipality will not look to the state to operate or maintain the facility or pay for its operation or maintenance. This requirement does not apply to a grant of money for repair or improvement of an existing facility operated or maintained by the state at the time the grant is accepted if the repair or improvement for which the grant is made will not substantially increase the operating or maintenance costs to the state.

(d) Not less than 20 percent of a grant shall be paid to a municipality within 10 days of the effective date of the agreement under (a) of this section. The remainder of the grant shall be paid either in monthly installments equal to the amount of grant money the municipality expended in the previous month or in a lump sum as determined by the Department of Administration. (§ 1 ch 156 SLA 1980; am § 1 ch 4 SLA 1982)

Effect of amendments. - The 1982 amendment, effective January 16, 1982, in subsection (a), substituted "amount is appropriated or allocated" for "appropriation is made" in the first sentence, inserted "or allocation" in items (1) and (3) in the second sentence, and added "and shall be executed within 60 days after the effective date of the appropriation or allocation" to the end of the third sentence; redesignated the former fourth and fifth sentences of subsection (a) as subsection (d); inserted "or allocation" in two places in subsection (b); substituted "a" for "each" preceding "municipality covenants" and "the practical life of the facility and that the municipality" for "its practical life and that it" in subsection (c); added the second sentence of subsection (c); deleted the provisions of former subsections (d), (f), and (g), which may now be found in AS 37.05.316, 37.05.317, and 37.05.318, respectively; and in present subsection (d), added "under (a) of this section" to the end of the first sentence. The substance of the provisions of former subsection (e) may now be found at the end of the third sentence of subsection (a).

Sec. 37.05.316. Grants to named recipients. When an amount is appropriated or allocated to a department as a grant for a named recipient which is not a municipality, the department to which the appropriation or allocation is made shall promptly notify the named recipient of the availability of the grant and request the named recipient to submit a proposal to provide the goods or services specified in the appropriation act, or both, for which the appropriation or allocation is made. At the same time, the department may issue a request for proposals from other qualified persons to provide the same goods or services, or both, in the same area. The department shall contract with the named recipient unless the Office of the Governor, with due regard for any local expertise or experience among those making proposals, determines that an award of the contract to a different party would

better serve the public interest. If the contract is awarded to another party than that named by the legislature, the basis of that action shall be stated in writing at the time the grant is issued and a copy of the written statement shall be sent to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. A contract shall be executed within 60 days after the effective date of the appropriation or allocation. The purchase of the goods or services, or both, shall be in accordance with AS 37.05.230(1)(C). (§ 2 ch 4 SLA 1982)

Effective dates. — Section 3, ch. 4, SLA 1982, provides that this section take effect January 16, 1982, in accordance with AS 01.10.07(c).

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Sec. 37.05.317. Grants to unincorporated communities. When an amount is appropriated or allocated as a grant under this section to an unincorporated community, it shall be disbursed as follows:

(1) Within 45 days after the effective date of the appropriation or allocation, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs shall notify the governing body of the unincorporated community, if any, that a grant is available.

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Chapter 07. Executive Budget Act.

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NOTES TO DECISIONS

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AN ACT

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3 and 4 of this Act.

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15 Hilltop Home, Inc. (Anchorage)	85.53
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17 Kodiak Baptist Mission (Kodiak)	61.61
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19 North Star Children's Home (Dot Lake)	62.25
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29 Sitka Receiving Home (Sitka)	40.66

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