

HB

362

COMMITTEE REPORT

5/13

HOUSE

JUDICIARY

FURTHER: FINANCE

(7)

4/15/83

Date: 5/12/83

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had HB 362

"An Act relating to standards of conduct of legislators and legislative employees and establishing a Legislative Ethics Commission; 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)

[X] replace with CS for HB 362 (SA) [X] same title [] new title and recommends

[] AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" [X] New Fiscal Note Sep 60

[X] reports it back without recommendation CS FOLLOW: Zero Fiscal Note Attached

[] referred to the Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

W. W. Miller
Ronald J. Jensen
Christopher Vaska

MEMBERS HAVING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Walt Furnace Do Not Pass
John J. Lundberg No Rec

Rep. [Signature] CHAIRMAN

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB No. 362 (Page 1 of 2)

Title An act relating to standards of conduct of legislators and legislative

~~REMEMBER~~ employees and establishing a Legislative Ethics Commission

Requested by: House State Affairs Date: April 19, 1983

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Legislative Affairs Agency

Program Category Affected General Government

BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Legislative Affairs Agency

(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		-0-				
200 TRAVEL		44.1				
300 CONTRACTUAL		50.0				
400 COMMODITIES		-0-				
500 EQUIPMENT		-0-				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		-0-				
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		-0-				
TOTAL		94.1				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		94.1				
FEDERAL FUNDS		-0-				
OTHER (Specify Source)		-0-				

POSITIONS None

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

SEE ATTACHMENT

IV. DATE April 20, 1983 PREPARED BY Wally Harrison, Director, Admin. Svcs.

AGENCY Legislative Affairs Agency

Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-3850

cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

33-001 (Rev. 12/82)

III ANALYSIS:

There are no guidelines in the bill for amount or level of staff or for amounts of travel and per diem. It is necessary, therefore, to establish a set of assumptions on which to build a fiscal note.

Using input from various legislators who worked on the bill, I have made the following assumptions:

Assumption 1: There will be no permanent staff at this time. Personal services and professional services will be contracted as needed; therefore, no office space or equipment will be needed. The commission will determine how the central files are to be kept.

Personal Services Contracts	20.0
Professional Services Contracts	20.0
Other Contractual Services	<u>10.0</u>
	50.0

Assumption 2: To establish a good average for travel costs, I have hypothetically assumed that the Commission is to be made up of members living in Nome, Bethel, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kodiak, Juneau, Ketchikan, and will travel coach fare: 3 roundtrips to Juneau; 4 roundtrips to Anchorage; and 5 roundtrips to Fairbanks for meetings. There will be no more than an average of three days per month of travel and per diem for meetings. There be no more than an average of one meeting per month.

Per Diem -----	\$18,720
Travel -----	<u>\$25,385</u>
TOTAL Trvl/PD	\$44,105

Assumption 3: Additional costs, if any, for reports or copies made by other agencies for the Commission will be absorbed in that agency's operation budget.

Assumption 4: The Legislative Affairs Agency print shop can print the semi-annual summaries of decisions and advisory opinions.

Conflict suggested with oil contracts

By HAL SPENCER
Associated Press Writer

Rep. John Cowdery, R-Anchorage, today suggested Gov. Bill Sheffield's support of a proposed long-term royalty oil contract with Tesoro Alaska Co. could be a conflict of interest.

Cowdery, in a letter to Sheffield that he also distributed to reporters, asked the governor to disclose whether he had received campaign contributions from Tesoro or Charter Oil Co., a firm with a 30 percent stake in Tesoro.

Al Parrish, head of the Sheffield-McAlpine campaign, said today that Tesoro in January gave the campaign \$2,000. Parrish said he has checked and rechecked the books and found no contributions from Charter. But he did not rule out the possibility there was a contribution, saying the campaign had received from 800 to 900 contributions since January.

Cowdery, an active critic of the state's proposal to sell a total of 54,000 barrels a day of Prudhoe Bay royalty oil to Tesoro and Chevron U.S.A., said he felt the question of a conflict of interest should be discussed because the governor is pressing hard for the contracts.

"The Legislature must know whether the Sheffield-McAlpine campaign directly or indirectly benefited from Tesoro or Charter so that an evaluation can be made as to whether

there is any appearance of a conflict of interest in the administration's efforts to approve the long-term contracts," he said.

Sheffield was in a meeting and could be not be reached. But press secretary Pete Spivey said he would respond later.

Cowdery later said "I understand" that the governor raised money from Tesoro and Charter during his controversial trip outside Alaska in January.

A special prosecutor appointed by the governor, Seattle lawyer Fredrick Tausend, is investigating that trip, which involved a series of oil company-sponsored fund-raisers, to determine if it was a conflict of interest under state law.

"While I realize the investigation into your fund raising trip is on-going and certain material is not available for public scrutiny, it is necessary to know if you have received any contributions toward retiring your campaign debt from either Tesoro or Charter affiliated companies since Jan. 1, 1983.

Cowdery said reports from the Alaska Public Offices Commission show only contributions up to Dec. 31. Theda S. Pittman, director of the APOC, said Sheffield needn't file a report of contributions received since Jan. 1 until year's end.

Legislator hired son's firm for sound system at seminar

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — Fairbanks Rep. Bob Bettisworth contracted with a company owned by his son to provide the sound system for a legislative seminar April 23 in Anchorage.

The arrangement, involving less than \$500, apparently violated no state laws nor legislative rules, although it may have run afoul of a new legislative ethics codes under consideration by lawmakers, according to a report in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

The workshop, on the export of Alaska oil, was organized by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, a powerful oversight panel chaired by Bettisworth.

The Republican sponsored the seminar using state money in hopes of educating both lawmakers and Alaska businessmen to the advantages of exporting state oil.

At Bettisworth's choosing, the Anchorage firm Alaska Sound Labs provided the sound system for the seminar. The system included microphones for participants and the audience as well as a sophisticated speaker network and double tape recorders.

The firm is owned by Bettisworth's son Kenneth.

Not responsible *NEWS*

I would just like to say that Fairbanks has more than its share of eccentrics, proselytizers, Libertarians, kooks, criminals, radicals, reactionaries and random digits, but thank the Lord and all that is merciful we are not responsible for Ramona.

— Scott A. Sterling
Fairbanks

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