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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No: HB 668
 Title: An act relating to child support enforcement & providing effective date
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Revenue
 Program Category Affected: Revenue Collection and Management
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Child Support Enforcement Division

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
200 TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
300 CONTRACTUAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
400 SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
500 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
600 LANDS & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
700 GRAN 3, CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
800 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-

POSITIONS:

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: See attached.

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Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: Revenue

Date: 2/10/84

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

Child Support Enforcement

Analysis:

One of the most difficult type of child support delinquency problems involves the self-employed. There are many legal enforcement techniques that may be used in this type of case, but the nature of the self-employed individual makes each of them expensive and subject to frequent delays. This bill provides payment information on delinquent payors to the credit bureaus and various lending institutions. This will create one of the most effective ways to deal with a particularly difficult part of the delinquent child support payor group.

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March 23, 1984

Legislator Charlie Bussell
Chair, Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Bussell:

The Alaska Women's Commission strongly supports HB 667 and 668 which deal with Child Support Enforcement. As the legislation points out "the harmful effects of unpaid child support touch not only the poor but reach far beyond to diminish the overall quality of life for all Alaskans." We urge you to take action on these two bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Marshall".

Kathy Marshall
Executive Director

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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 13, 1984

The Honorable Joe Hayes
Alaska House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hayes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to child support enforcement. This bill authorizes the Department of Revenue's child support enforcement agency, organized as a division within the department, to release to credit bureaus or lending institutions payment history information concerning persons who are delinquent in their court-ordered child support payments.

Existing statutes provide the authority to order an employer to withhold and deliver part of a delinquent employee's earnings. This tool is obviously not effective against a self-employed parent who owes child support. The new tool provided in sec. 2 of the bill is both a deterrent and a collection tool against those who are self-employed. The knowledge that delinquency in paying child support could be reflected in a person's credit history should serve as a deterrent to becoming delinquent and as a powerful incentive to those who are delinquent to bring their child support payments current.

The language of new AS 47.23.273(a) will ensure that the information provided by the division to credit bureaus and lending institutions will be only payment history information, without any reference to the personal characteristics or the reputation of the obligor. New AS 47.23.273(b) provides for immediate notification to credit bureaus and lending institutions when an obligor ceases to be delinquent in his payments.

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As proposed, new AS 47.23.273 is in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. sec. 1681. Under that Act, specific information regarding transactions or experiences between the division and an individual may be released without requiring that the division be considered a "consumer reporting agency."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield
Governor