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APRIL 16, 1984

TO: JOHN

FROM: KEN

RE: SB 456 RELATING TO EMBALMER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR
TRAINEES

UNDER THE CURRENT ALASKA STATUTES A PERSON INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER AS AN EMBALMER OR A FUNERAL DIRECTOR MUST GRADUATE FROM A SCHOOL OF MORTUARY SCIENCE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO DO AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THE STATE. SINCE THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS OF THIS NATURE IN ALASKA ONE MUST TAKE RESIDENCE OUTSIDE TO STUDY IN THIS FIELD. SB 456 WOULD ALLOW ALASKANS TO APPRENTICE BEFORE GOING OUTSIDE FOR SCHOOLING SO HE OR SHE COULD GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE PROFESSION IS REALLY LIKE BEFORE LAYING OUT THE TIME AND MONEY FOR THE EDUCATION.

QUESTIONS:

1. HOW MANY EMBALMER OR FUNERAL TRAINEES ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS LEGISLATION ?
2. ISN'T THERE SOME NEED FOR FORMAL TRAINING BEFORE ENTERING AN APPRENTICESHIP ? SUCH PROGRAMS ARE TRADITIONALLY DONE AFTER THE EDUCATION ?

3. *no fees? How many of these Trainees HAVE NO Fee's charged.*

Bill No. Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 540 Date
(L&C)
Title "An Act relating to contractors' payment bonds." Contact: Eileen Plate
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Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 540 makes editorial changes to provisions in Title 36 with respect to action against a contractor's payment bond by persons performing labor for subcontractors on public construction projects. In this regard, the bill provides a sample form for a person performing labor for a subcontractor to notice the contractor when a claim for payment of labor is filed against the contractor's bond. The sample form will assist persons performing labor in filing adequate notice as it depicts the specific information which must be included.

The committee substitute also contains a number of more significant changes to Title 36 with respect to action against a contractor's payment bond by persons who supply materials, supplies, or equipment to subcontractors on public construction projects. Inasmuch as persons who supply materials, supplies or equipment on public construction projects fall outside of the department's authority or responsibility as far as collection of monies due them, we have no comments on these particular provisions.

The Department's position on Committee Substitute for House Bill 540 is neutral. It will not have a fiscal impact on the Department.

APPROVED

Robert W. Jancian, Asst. Comm.
for Jim Robison
Commissioner

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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 540
 Title: "An Act relating to contractors' payment bonds."
 Sponsor: Bettisworth
 Requestor: (H) Labor and Commerce
 Date of Request: 4/13/84

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Labor
 Program Category Affected: Public Protection
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Labor Standards and Safety BRU, Wage and Hour

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 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

Not Applicable

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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 Division: Labor Standards and Safety Date: 4/14/84
 Approved by Commissioner: Jim Robison Date: 4/14/84

Agency: Labor

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State Senate

April 16, 1984

MEMO TO: Representative John Cowdry, Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*.

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 456

SB 456, "An Act relating to embalmer and funeral director trainees," enables a person at least 18 years of age to undertake a traineeship with a suitably licensed embalmer or funeral director prior to that person's completing the necessary schooling required for licensure. The purpose of this bill is to permit a person to gain some experience in the profession of embalming or funeral directing without having to leave Alaska, prior to undertaking the formal academic program in fulfillment of the requirements for licensure.

As presently structured, Alaska Statutes require a person seeking to become an embalmer or funeral director to complete a required academic curriculum prior to undertaking any traineeship. An embalmer is required to graduate from an accredited college of mortuary science, a minimum two-year program. There are no such schools in Alaska, and the individual must therefore make a great expenditure of time and funds to receive the degree prior to returning to Alaska to undertake a traineeship. A funeral director candidate must have completed a year of college prior to undertaking a traineeship.

By permitting traineeships prior to completion of the academic curriculum, an individual will have an opportunity to get a realistic idea of the requirements of the profession and determine whether or not to then pursue the necessary academic course of study to become a professional embalmer or funeral director. There are currently 102 licensed embalmers, funeral directors, and funeral establishments in Alaska.

If any additional information in support of SB 456 is needed, please let me know.

PF/mc

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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB NO. 456
 Title: "An Act relating to employer/federal director trainees"
 Sponsor: Sen. P. Fischer
 Requestor: State Affairs & L.&C.
 Date of Request: February 13, 1984

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
 Program Category Affected: Public Protection
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
 Occupational Licensing

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 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
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TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

No fiscal impact expected from this bill. The anticipated applications would be limited in number so as to reflect a minimal fiscal impact on the division. No revenue may be generated under the terms of this bill.

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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Division: Occupational Licensing

Date: February 15, 1983

Approved by Commissioner: Richard A. Lyon

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