

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER:

4/24/84

Date 4/25/84

Mr. President

The Committee on FINANCE considered HR 717 am

longevity bonus program, requiring the payment of longevity bonuses from appropriations from the general fund; efd.

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

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for \_\_\_\_\_
- new title
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT"  NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Joe Josephson

Bob [unclear]

H. Fischer

[unclear] *do pass*

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[unclear]

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[Signature]  
Chairman

Chairman recommendation

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB717am  
Title: Longevity Bonus Program

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected: Administration  
Program Category Affected: Social Services

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
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800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>2,776.5</b>	<b>15,697.8</b>				
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
<b>REVENUE</b>						

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	2,776.5	15,697.8				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME		3.0				
PART-TIME	3	1.0				
TEMPORARY		0				

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:**

**ANALYSIS:** Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Senator Sackett, CoChairman  
Division: Senate Finance Committee

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: April 25, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):**

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

12/1/83



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Letter of Intent

for

HB717 am

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99611

In the event that funding for the Longevity Bonus Program proves to be insufficient for FY85, it is the intent of the Legislature that the department shall request supplemental funding.

Introduced: 4/17/84  
Referred: Finance

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 717 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the longevity bonus program,  
7 requiring the payment of longevity bonuses from  
8 appropriations from the general fund; and providing  
9 for an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds and  
12 declares that

13 (1) the high cost of goods and services in Alaska and the  
14 state's remoteness and harsh environment, make it difficult for many elder-  
15 ly Alaskans to remain in the state after retirement;

16 (2) when a person is forced to live out retirement years away  
17 from home, family, and friends, that person suffers an irreparable loss;

18 (3) Alaska's elderly are a precious human resource, and it is in  
19 the public interest to provide a financial incentive for them to remain in  
20 the state after retirement; and

21 (4) it is in the public interest to continue the longevity bonus  
22 program for elderly Alaskans irrespective of need.

23 (b) The longevity bonus program is not a form of welfare and is not a  
24 substitute for or supplement to public assistance. Other programs are  
25 available to provide the basic necessities of life. The longevity bonus  
26 program is intended to encourage elderly Alaskans to spend their retirement  
27 years in the comfort of their homes.

28 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS.

1 (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who resides in the state  
2 for at least one year immediately preceding application for a longevi-  
3 ty bonus under this chapter [WAS DOMICILED IN THE TERRITORY ON OR  
4 BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1959 AND WHO HAS MAINTAINED A CONTINUOUS DOMICILE IN  
5 THE TERRITORY OR STATE FOR 25 YEARS] may apply to the commissioner of  
6 administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of \$250.

7 (b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an  
8 applicant qualifies under AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 the commissioner  
9 [HE] shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

10 (c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided  
11 for in AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 may continue to do so only as long as  
12 that person continues to be a resident of [HE CONTINUOUSLY RETAINS A  
13 DOMICILE IN] the state.

14 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.45.030 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 47.45.030. ABSENCE FROM THE STATE. After qualification, a  
16 [A] recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the  
17 recipient [HE] expects to be absent from the state if the absence is  
18 for a continuous period that exceeds 30 days. After that notifica-  
19 tion, the recipient may [SHALL] no longer receive bonuses from the  
20 Department of Administration after the [HIS] last regularly approved  
21 monthly application. Upon returning [HIS RETURN] to the state, the  
22 recipient [HE] may again make application for a bonus. Whenever the  
23 absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 180 days the recipient  
24 shall be disqualified from receiving bonuses for the next 12 calendar  
25 months after returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. However, when the  
26 commissioner of administration determines a period of absence is  
27 beyond the control of the recipient, the recipient [HE] may not be  
28 disqualified [,] if the recipient [HE] still otherwise qualifies upon  
29 returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. Continual absences from the

1 state, even though reported, and failure to notify the commissioner of  
2 an expected absence may be grounds for disqualification.

3 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.45.090(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The [THERE IS THE] Alaska longevity bonus fund is created  
5 for the purpose of paying the monthly bonuses provided for in this  
6 chapter. The fund consists only of [ALL] money made available by  
7 appropriations of the [STATE] legislature from the general fund [.],  
8 and [FROM OTHER APPROPRIATED FUNDS, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WHATEVER  
9 SOURCE, AND] income and interest derived from the investment of money  
10 of the longevity bonus fund.

11 \* Sec. 5. AS 47.45.150 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 47.45.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

13 (1) "bonus" means a monthly Alaska longevity bonus payment  
14 made to a person or the person's [HIS] beneficiary who qualifies under  
15 this chapter;

16 (2) "resident" or "resident of the state" means an indi-  
17 vidual who is physically present in the state with the intent to  
18 remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state; a  
19 person demonstrates the requisite intent by maintaining a principal  
20 place of abode in the state for one year and by providing other proof  
21 of intent the commissioner may require by regulation, including proof  
22 that the person is not claiming residency outside the state or obtain-  
23 ing benefits under a claim of residency outside the state ["DOMICILE"  
24 MEANS THE PLACE WITH WHICH A PERSON HAS A SETTLED CONNECTION FOR  
25 DETERMINATION OF HIS CIVIL STATUS OR OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES BECAUSE IT  
26 IS ACTUALLY OR LEGALLY HIS PERMANENT AND PRINCIPAL HOME].

27 \* Sec. 6. Section 2, ch. 205, SLA 1972, and AS 47.45.170 are repealed.

28 \* Sec. 7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The State Special Committee on the Alaska  
29 Longevity Bonus Program is created, consisting of two members of the Alaska

1 Senate appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the Alaska  
2 House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two members  
3 of the executive branch selected by the governor, and three public members  
4 appointed by the governor. The committee shall determine the feasibility  
5 of replacing the longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act, with an  
6 annuity program, a needs-based program, or other longevity program. In  
7 making the determination of feasibility required by this section, the  
8 committee shall consider (1) the format and structure of alternative pro-  
9 grams; (2) the cost of alternative programs as compared to the cost of the  
10 longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act; (3) opinions of recipients  
11 of longevity bonus payments on the question of replacing the longevity  
12 bonus program with an alternative program; and (4) sources of funding for  
13 the alternative programs. The committee shall report its findings on the  
14 feasibility of alternative programs, together with draft legislation to  
15 implement the alternative programs if the committee finds that one or more  
16 programs are feasible, to the legislature and the governor by February 1,  
17 1985.

18 \* Sec. 8. If any provision of this Act, or the application of this Act  
19 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act  
20 and the application of this Act to other persons or circumstances is not  
21 affected by that holding.

22 \* Sec. 9. (a) A person who was qualified to receive a monthly longevi-  
23 ty bonus under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984 is presumed to be qualified to  
24 receive a monthly bonus under AS 47.45 as amended by this Act. Payments  
25 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, may be made to that person as long  
26 as the person continues to qualify for payments under those provisions.

27 (b) A person (1) who is eligible to receive a monthly longevity bonus  
28 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, for which that person was not  
29 eligible under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984, and (2) whose application for a

1 longevity bonus for May, June, July, or August, 1984 is received by Sep-  
2 tember 1, 1984, may be paid for each month for which that person is qual-  
3 ified and for which such an application was filed, notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of law to the contrary.

5 \* Sec. 10. Sections 1 -- 8 of this Act are retroactive to May 1, 1984.

6 \* Sec. 11. This Act and AS 47.45 are repealed June 30, 1985.

7 \* Sec. 12. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
8 10.070(c).

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HOUSE BILL 717am

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 717  
Title: Longevity Bonus Program

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Dept. of Administration  
Program Category Affected: Social Services

Sponsor: Rules by request of Gov.  
Requestor: House Finance  
Date of Request: 4/17/84

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:  
Longevity Bonus Program

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	11.8	49.9	---	---	---	---
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL	10.2	60.9	---	---	---	---
400 SUPPLIES	1.0	3.0	---	---	---	---
500 EQUIPMENT	3.0					
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	2750.5	15350.0	---	---	---	---
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>2776.5</b>	<b>15463.8</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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GENERAL FUND	2776.5	15463.8	---	---	---	---
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1	---	---	---	---
PART-TIME	3	2	---	---	---	---
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Rep. Al Adams, Chair <sup>APA</sup> Phone: 465-3706  
Division: House Finance Committee Date: 4/17/84

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):  
Legislative Finance  
Legislative Sponsor  
Requestor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Impacted Agency(ies)

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The amount provided for administration of the Alaska Longevity Bonus program is the same as that requested by the Department without providing funds for the study. It is the intent of the committee that the study be paid for within the Department's existing budget.

The breakdown of funds is as follows:

Personal Services		\$11,836
Clerk V, PFT (2 months)	\$4,785	
Clerk II, PPT (2 pos, 2 mos)	7,051	
Contractual Services		10,156
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls		
Commodities		1,000
Office Supplies		
Equipment		3,000
Office furniture		

The amount provided for bonus clerks is based on House Research Agency projections. The population count for FY 84 is based on data provided in the 2/24/84 memorandum from House Research to Representative Al Adams.

## 2. FY 85 Costs

The amount provided for administration of the Alaska Longevity Bonus program is the same as that requested by the Department without providing funds for the study.

The breakdown of funds is as follows:

Personal Services		\$49,862
Clerk V, PFT	\$28,710	
Clerk II, PPT (2 pos., 6 mos)	21,152	
Contractual Services		60,937
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls		
Commodities		3,000
Office Supplies		

The amount provided for payment of bonuses (shown in the grants line item) is based on House Research Agency calculations of the number of ALB recipients in the first year after establishing a program that pays bonuses of \$250/month to each person 65 and older who has lived in the state for a year. The figure shown under the grants column in the fiscal note is only for those costs above the \$32.5 million in the House budget for longevity bonuses. Please refer to the House Research memorandum to Representative Adams (dated 2/24/84) for further details on the amount in the grants line item. The total program costs in FY 85 are approximately \$47-48 million.

The bill has fiscal impact in years beyond FY 85. However, the fiscal impact is entirely dependent on the work of the special committee and legislative action in the 1985 session. Hence, the hatch marks shown on the fiscal note for years beyond FY 85 indicate that the fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

BILL SHEFFIELD  
GOVERNOR



14B 717

STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

April 17, 1984

The Honorable Joe Hayes  
Speaker of the House  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

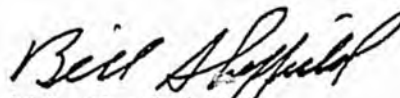
Dear Representative Hayes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the longevity bonus program. This bill will open up the program to all one-year residents who are 65 years of age or older, beginning May 1, 1984.

This bill also creates a special committee to study various alternative programs. The committee is to report on its findings by February 1, 1985.

Under this bill, the longevity bonus program (AS 47.45) and the provisions in the bill terminate June 30, 1985, allowing time in the 1985 session for action to either extend the bonus program or enact an alternative program.

Sincerely,



Bill Sheffield  
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

*cc-supply*

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST Page 1 of 10  
Bill/Resolution No.: HB 717  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	3,225.0	19,350.0				
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	3,262.7	19,697.8				
CAPITAL	0	0				
REVENUE	0	0				

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	3,262.7	19,697.8				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	3,262.7	19,697.8				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME (FTE)	.5	3.0				
PART-TIME (FTE)	.3	1.0				
TEMPORARY	0	0				

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

Not indicated by sponsor.

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: E. Louis Keller, Director *EJK* Phone: 465-4400  
Division: Pioneers' Benefits Date: April 17, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd *LJR* Date: 4/17/84  
Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
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This bill would increase the number of persons eligible for the Longevity Bonus Program.

ASSUMPTIONS

- a. All persons who are age 65 and older who have been residents of Alaska for at least one year would be eligible.
- b. It is believed that there are approximately 16,500 persons now living in Alaska who will qualify under new eligibility requirements, and that there will be approximately 10,050 persons on the program by July 1, 1984. Therefore, it is assumed that an additional 6,450 persons will be enrolled on the program under the bill.
- c. The amount of the bonus would be \$250 per month.
- d. No retroactive payments would be paid.
- e. It is assumed that this program will end on June 30, 1985.
- f. A nine-member committee would be appointed to determine the feasibility of replacing the longevity bonus program with another type of program. It is assumed that in order to solicit citizens' input, travel to various cities in Alaska will be required.
- g. An increase in the Longevity Bonus staff would be needed to process the flood of new applications, and support staff will be required for the nine-member commission.
- h. All expenses would be paid from the State General Fund.
- i. The Act would become effective on May 1, 1984.

Fiscal Note Analysis  
 Prepared By Division of Pioneers' Benefits  
 Department of Administration  
 April 17, 1984

Additional funds needed for FY 84 are computed as follows:

	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Personal Services	\$ 23,532
Clerk V, PFT (2 months)	\$4,785
Clerk II, PPT (2 positions, 2 months)	7,051
Administrative Asst. III PFT (2 months)	6,797
Secretary I, PFT (2 months)	4,899
Contractual Services	10,156
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls	
Commodities	1,000
Office supplies	
Equipment	3,000
Office furniture	
Grants	
Additional funds needed for Bonus payments to additional persons who will be eligible (6,450 x 2 x \$250)	3,225,000
	_____
Total additional funds required for FY 84	\$ 3,262,688

Fiscal Note Analysis  
 Prepared By Division of Pioneers' Benefits  
 Department of Administration  
 April 17, 1984

Additional funds needed for FY 85 are computed as follows:

	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Personal Services	\$ 120,036
Clerk V, PFT	\$28,710
Clerk II, PPT (2 positions, 6 months)	21,152
Administrative Asst. III, PFT (12 mos.)	40,781
Secretary I, PFT (12 months)	29,393
Travel for Commission and staff	113,850
Transportation	77,000
Per Diem	36,850
Contractual Services	110,937
Added postage, bonus warrants, printing of new regulations and application forms and increased telephone tolls	60,937
Actuarial consultant	50,000
Commodities	3,000
Office supplies	
Grants	19,350,000
Additional funds needed for Bonus payments to additional persons who will be eligible (6,450 x 12 x \$250)	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>
Total additional funds required for FY 85	\$ 19,697,823

## A BILL - Y

Travel

Travel for nine committee members and two-member staff from Juneau round-trip coach class to the following cities:

Cost For Each Person

Anchorage	\$ 352.00
Barrow	876.00
Bethel	592.00
Cordova	258.00
Dillingham	490.24
Fairbanks	422.00
Haines	114.00
Ketchikan	180.00
Kodiak	536.00
Kotzebue	664.00
Nome	664.00
Palmer	352.00
Petersburg	146.00
Seward	448.00
Sitka	120.00
Valdez	460.00
Wrangell	166.00
Yakutat	<u>158.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,998.24</u> each</b>

\$7,000 x 11 persons = \$77,000

Per Diem

(Based on three days each to far northern areas, and two days to all others)

Barrow, Fairbanks, Kotzebue, and Nome @ \$90/day x 3 days x 11 persons	\$ 11,880
Bethel, Dillingham and Kodiak @ \$85/day x 2 days x 11 persons	5,610
Anchorage, Cordova, Haines, Ketchikan, Palmer, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Valdez, Wrangell and Yakutat @ \$80/day x 2 days x 11 persons	<u>19,360</u>
<b>Total per diem</b>	<b><u>\$ 36,850</u></b>

1.	POSITION TITLE <u>Administrative Assistant III</u>				RANGE/STEP <u>16A</u>	BARC. UNIT <u>C</u>	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	COV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION <u>PFT</u>	STAFF MONTHS <u>12</u>	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY <u>4</u>	LOCATION <u>Juneau</u>	ELECTION DISTRICT <u>4</u>	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE				AMOUNT					
	1		2		3					
	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	<u>2,573/mo.</u>	<u>30,876</u>							
6.	Benefits		<u>5,132</u>							
7.	Supplemental Benefits		<u>1,893</u>							
8.	Fixed Benefits		<u>2,880</u>							
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		<u>01</u>		<u>40,781</u>					
10.	Travel		<u>02</u>							
11.	Contractual		<u>03</u>							
12.	Commodities		<u>04</u>							
13.	Equipment		<u>05</u>							
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST				<u>40,781</u>					
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Match 1003								
18.	<u>100</u>	General Funds 1004		<u>40,781.</u>						
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
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The State Special Committee on the Longevity Bonus Program will need support staff to assist in conducting public hearings and special studies to determine the feasibility of replacing the Longevity Bonus Program with another type of program.

The Administrative Assistant III will provide organizational and fiscal support for the Committee and act as coordinator for the efforts of the group.

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AGENCY Administration  
Social and Economic  
PROGRAM Assistant for the Aged  
BRU Longevity Bonus Program  
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1.	POSITION TITLE <b>Secretary I</b>				RANGE/STEP 10B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12	PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 5	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4		LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION						
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE										
	1		2		3						
	PERSONAL SERVICES										
5.	Salary	1,803/mo.	21,636								
6.	Benefits		3,551								
7.	Supplemental Benefits		1,326								
8.	Fixed Benefits		2,880								
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01		29,393						
10.	Travel		02								
11.	Contractual		03								
12.	Commodities		04								
13.	Equipment		05								
14.	Other										
15.	TOTAL COST				29,393						
	RECEIPT CODE				FUNDING SOURCE						
16.					Federal Receipts 1002						
17.					G.F. Match 1003						
18.	100				General Funds 1004						
19.					I-A Receipts 1005						
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The State Special Committee on the Longevity Bonus Program will need support staff to assist in conducting public hearings and special studies to determine the feasibility of replacing the Longevity Bonus Program with another type of program.

The Secretary I position will provide office management and clerical support for the group, reporting to and providing personal support to the chairman of the committee.

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1.	POSITION TITLE Clerk V				RANGE/STEP 11B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	GOV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.	
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PFT	STAFF MONTHS 12	RP NUMBER	PCN. NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 1	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.			
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION						
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT							
	1	2	3								
	PERSONAL SERVICES										
5.	Salary	1,914/mo.	22,968								
6.	Benefits		1,454								
7.	Supplemental Benefits		1,408								
8.	Fixed Benefits		2,880								
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		01	28,710							
10.	Travel		02								
11.	Contractual		03								
12.	Commodities		04								
13.	Equipment		05								
14.	Other										
15.	TOTAL COST			28,710							
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE									
16.		Federal Receipts 1002									
17.		G.F. Match 1003									
18.	100	General Funds 1004		28,710							
19.		I-A Receipts 1005									
20.		Program Receipts 1028									
21.		Other									
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The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. A Clerk V position is required to supervise two PPT Clerk II positions, who will be required to process the volume of applications. In addition, the Clerk V will be responsible for calculation of any retroactive benefits which may be due.

At the end of eight months, it is expected that the receipt of applications will level off and the Clerk V position will then be required to assist with actions necessary for continuing eligibility of increased number of recipients, and added volume of data input.

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1.	POSITION TITLE Clerk II				RANGE/STEP 7B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	COV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PPT	STAFF MONTHS 8	RP NUMBER	PCN-NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 2	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				ADDITION		JUSTIFICATION			
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT		<p>The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. Prior to approval, each application received must be date-stamped, registered, scrutinized for completeness, acknowledged and filed. In addition, documentation verifying applicant's completion of the requirements will be requested if not received with the application.</p> <p>Two permanent part time Clerk II positions will be required to process the volume of applications in a timely manner. It is expected that the large volume of applications will level off at the end of eight months and the additional positions will no longer be required.</p>				
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	PERSONAL SERVICES									
5.	Salary	1,510/mo.	12,080							
6.	Benefits		2,022							
7.	Supplemental Benefits									
8.	Fixed Benefits									
9.	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	01	14,102							
10.	Travel	02								
11.	Contractual	03								
12.	Commodities	04								
13.	Equipment	05								
14.	Other									
15.	TOTAL COST		14,102							
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
17.		G.F. Hatch 1003								
18.	100	General Funds 1004		14,102						
19.		I-A Receipts 1005								
20.		Program Receipts 1028								
21.		Other								
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1.	POSITION TITLE Clerk II				RAIICE/STEP 7B	BARG. UNIT G	FORM 12 PAGE/LINE	COV.	APPROV.	DISAPP.
2.	TYPE OF POSITION PPT	STAFF MONTHS 8	RP NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	BRU PRIORITY 3	LOCATION Juneau	ELECTION DISTRICT 4	LEG.		
3.	CONTINUATION LEVEL				JUSTIFICATION					
4.	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE				<p>The program expects to receive applications from 4,450 persons who will meet the new eligibility requirements when the bill is effective. Prior to approval, each application received must be date-stamped, registered, scrutinized for completeness, acknowledged and filed. In addition, documentation verifying applicant's completion of the requirements will be requested if not received with the application.</p> <p>Two permanent part time Clerk II positions will be required to process the volume of applications in a timely manner. It is expected that the large volume of applications will level off at the end of eight months and the additional positions will no longer be required.</p>					
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15.	TOTAL COST		14,102							
	RECEIPT CODE	FUNDING SOURCE								
16.		Federal Receipts 1002								
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18.	100	General Funds 1004		14,102						
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER:

FINANCE

4/23/84

Date

April 23, 1984

Mr. President

The Committee on JUDICIARY considered HB 717 am

longevity bonus program, requiring the payment of longevity bonuses from appropriations from the general fund; efd.

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

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for \_\_\_\_\_
- new title \_\_\_\_\_
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT" [ ] NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

1 Zeigler

1 Joe Joe

1 Robinson

MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

2 [Signature] no rec

1 Bill Ray  
Chairman  
Do Pass  
Chairman recommendation

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

POUCH Y - STATE CAPITOL  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
907-465-3800

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 16, 1984

SUBJECT: Hearing on Longevity Bonus Bill

TO: Representative Al Adams  
Chairman  
House Finance Committee

FROM: Billy G. Berrier *BGB*  
Director  
Division of Legal Services

The House Finance Committee has given notice in the committee meeting schedule of the House for the week of April 16 - 22, 1984 that it will consider CSSB 347(Fin) relating to the Alaska Longevity Bonus. You have indicated there is a possibility that the Governor may introduce a new bill on the subject. You have asked what is necessary for immediate consideration of the new bill.

Rule 23(a) of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature provides:

RULE 23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Written notice of the time, place and subject matter of all meetings of standing, special, and joint committees during a week shall be provided by the person who chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the preceding Thursday. The person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred shall provide to the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the time and place of the first public hearing on the bill or resolution at least five days before the hearing. However, this requirement may be waived by motion of the person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred if concurred in by majority vote of the full membership of the house. The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute copies of the weekly schedule of committee meetings and of the five-day notice of hearing.

Representative Al Adams  
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No provision for waiver of the requirement of written notice to the clerk by the Thursday preceding the meeting is contained in the Rule. The five day notice requirement may be waived by the body.

Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules provides:

RULE 54. SUSPENSION OF RULES. Unless otherwise provided for in the case of a particular rule, the Uniform Rules may be suspended by a concurrent resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of each house. If either house violates a uniform rule a question of order may be raised in the other house. If it is decided by the other house that the Uniform Rules have been violated, the bill involved in that violation shall be returned to its house of origin without further action.

Under this Rule the notice requirement of Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules may be suspended by concurrent resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of each house. This is the only procedure in my opinion whereby the previous Thursday requirement may be waived.

A draft of the necessary resolution is enclosed. It is necessarily blank as to the bill number.

If you desire to follow this procedure please notify us and we will prepare the resolution when the bill number becomes available.

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Enclosure

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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Suspending Uniform Rule 23, of the  
Alaska State Legislature concerning  
House Bill No.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

That under Rule 54 of the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legisla-  
ture the provisions of Rule 23 of the Uniform Rules relating to notice of  
meetings are suspended in the consideration of House Bill No.

Introduced: 4/17/84  
Referred: Finance

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 717

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the longevity bonus program; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. (a) The legislature finds and  
10 declares that

11 (1) the high cost of goods and services in Alaska and the  
12 state's remoteness and harsh environment, make it difficult for many elder-  
13 ly Alaskans to remain in the state after retirement;

14 (2) when a person is forced to live out retirement years away  
15 from home, family, and friends, that person suffers an irreparable loss;

16 (3) Alaska's elderly are a precious human resource, and it is in  
17 the public interest to provide a financial incentive for them to remain in  
18 the state after retirement; and

19 (4) it is in the public interest to continue the longevity bonus  
20 program for elderly Alaskans irrespective of need.

21 (b) The longevity bonus program is not a form of welfare and is not a  
22 substitute for or supplement to public assistance. Other programs are  
23 available to provide the basic necessities of life. The longevity bonus  
24 program is intended to encourage elderly Alaskans to spend their retirement  
25 years in the comfort of their homes.

26 \* Sec. 2. AS 47.45.010 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS.

28 (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who resides in the state  
29 for at least one year immediately preceding application for a

1 longevity bonus under this chapter [WAS DOMICILED IN THE TERRITORY ON  
2 OR BEFORE JANUARY 3, 1959 AND WHO HAS MAINTAINED A CONTINUOUS DOMICILE  
3 IN THE TERRITORY OR STATE FOR 25 YEARS] may apply to the commissioner  
4 of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of  
5 \$250.

6 (b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an  
7 applicant qualifies under AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 the commissioner  
8 [HE] shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

9 (c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided  
10 for in AS 47.45.010 -- 47.45.170 may continue to do so only as long as  
11 that person continues to be a resident of [HE CONTINUOUSLY RETAINS A  
12 DOMICILE IN] the state.

13 \* Sec. 3. AS 47.45.030 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 47.45.030. ABSENCE FROM THE STATE. After qualification, a  
15 [A] recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when the  
16 recipient [HE] expects to be absent from the state if the absence is  
17 for a continuous period that exceeds 30 days. After that notifica-  
18 tion, the recipient may [SHALL] no longer receive bonuses from the  
19 Department of Administration after the [HIS] last regularly approved  
20 monthly application. Upon returning [HIS RETURN] to the state, the  
21 recipient [HE] may again make application for a bonus. Whenever the  
22 absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 180 days the recipient  
23 shall be disqualified from receiving bonuses for the next 12 calendar  
24 months after returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. However, when the  
25 commissioner of administration determines a period of absence is  
26 beyond the control of the recipient, the recipient [HE] may not be  
27 disqualified [,] if the recipient [HE] still otherwise qualifies upon  
28 returning [HIS RETURN] to the state. Continual absences from the  
29 state, even though reported, and failure to notify the commissioner of

1 an expected absence may be grounds for disqualification.

2 \* Sec. 4. AS 47.45.150 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 47.45.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

4 (1) "bonus" means a monthly Alaska longevity bonus payment  
5 made to a person or the person's [HIS] beneficiary who qualifies under  
6 this chapter;

7 (2) "resident" or "resident of the state" means an indi-  
8 vidual who is physically present in the state with the intent to  
9 remain in the state indefinitely and to make a home in the state; a  
10 person demonstrates the requisite intent by maintaining a principal  
11 place of abode in the state for one year and by providing other proof  
12 of intent the commissioner may require by regulation, including proof  
13 that the person is not claiming residency outside the state or obtain-  
14 ing benefits under a claim of residency outside the state ["DOMICILE"  
15 MEANS THE PLACE WITH WHICH A PERSON HAS A SETTLED CONNECTION FOR  
16 DETERMINATION OF HIS CIVIL STATUS OR OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES BECAUSE IT  
17 IS ACTUALLY OR LEGALLY HIS PERMANENT AND PRINCIPAL HOME].

18 \* Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 205, SLA 1972, and AS 47.45.170 are repealed.

19 \* Sec. 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The State Special Committee on the Alaska  
20 Longevity Bonus Program is created, consisting of two members of the Alaska  
21 Senate appointed by the president of the senate, two members of the Alaska  
22 House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two members  
23 of the executive branch selected by the governor, and three public members  
24 appointed by the governor. The committee shall determine the feasibility  
25 of replacing the longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act, with an  
26 annuity program, a needs-based program, or other longevity program. In  
27 making the determination of feasibility required by this section, the  
28 committee shall consider (1) the format and structure of alternative pro-  
29 grams; (2) the cost of alternative programs as compared to the cost of the

1 longevity bonus program, as amended by this Act; (3) opinions of recipients  
2 of longevity bonus payments on the question of replacing the longevity  
3 bonus program with an alternative program; and (4) sources of funding for  
4 the alternative programs. The committee shall report its findings on the  
5 feasibility of alternative programs, together with draft legislation to  
6 implement the alternative programs if the committee finds that one or more  
7 programs are feasible, to the legislature and the governor by February 1,  
8 1985.

9 \* Sec. 7. If any provision of this Act, or the application of this Act  
10 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act  
11 and the application of this Act to other persons or circumstances is not  
12 affected by that holding.

13 \* Sec. 8. (a) A person who was qualified to receive a monthly longevi-  
14 ty bonus under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984 is presumed to be qualified to  
15 receive a monthly bonus under AS 47.45 as amended by this Act. Payments  
16 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, may be made to that person as long  
17 as the person continues to qualify for payments under those provisions.

18 (b) A person (1) who is eligible to receive a monthly longevity bonus  
19 under AS 47.45, as amended by this Act, for which that person was not  
20 eligible under AS 47.45 on March 30, 1984, and (2) whose application for a  
21 longevity bonus for a month beginning on or after May 1, 1984 is received  
22 by July 1, 1984, may be paid for each month for which that person is qual-  
23 ified and for which such an application was filed, notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of law to the contrary.

25 \* Sec. 9. Sections 1 -- 8 of this Act are retroactive to May 1, 1984.

26 \* Sec. 10. This Act and AS 47.45 are repealed June 30, 1985.

27 \* Sec. 11. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
28 10.070(c).