

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

3/15/84

Date April 10, 1984

Mr. President

The Committee on FINANCE considered SB 538

supplemental appropriations to the Department of Health and Social Services for payment of grants to Infant Social Services, Inc. and Sikh Youth Adventure, Inc.; and.

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

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Chairman

Chairman recommendation

Introduced: 2/24/84
Referred: Health, Education and
Social Services and
Finance

Funding Information
General Fund \$166,510
Other Funds -0-
\$166,510

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 508

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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

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making supplemental appropriations to the
7 Department of Health and Social Services for payment
8 as grants to Bethel Social Services, Inc. and Sitka
9 Youth Advocates, Inc.; and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

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* Section 1. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general fund
13 to the Department of Health and Social Services for payment as a grant to
14 Bethel Social Services, Inc. for the operation of the Bethel Receiving Home
15 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984.

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* Sec. 2. The sum of \$66,510 is appropriated from the general fund to
17 the Department of Health and Social Services for payment as a grant to
18 Sitka Youth Advocates, Inc. for the operation of the Sitka Receiving Home
19 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984.

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* Sec. 3. The appropriations made by this Act shall be disbursed in
21 accordance with AS 37.05.316.

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* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
23 10.070(c).

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

FURTHER:

FINANCE

2/24/84

Date March 14, 1984

Mr. President

The Committee on HESS considered SB 508

supplemental appropriations to the Department of Health and Social Services for payment as grants to Bethel Social Services, Inc. and Sitka Youth Advocates, Inc.; efd.
and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
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MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Rich Halford
Paul Fink
V. Fisher

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Jim Joseph
Chairman
DO PASS
Chairman recommendation



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MEMORANDUM APR 09 1984

TO: Members, SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: Senator John Sackett *JCS*

Subj: SB-508, supplemental appropriations for Bethel Social Services and Sitka Youth Advocates.

Amount: \$166,510

Attached are the current daily rates established by Ch. 138, SLA 1982, for residential care facilities when a child is placed by the Department of Health and Social Services.

As you know, it is acknowledged that both rate schedules for Bethel and Sitka were miscalculated.

SB-508 provides funding to correct the inequity in the daily rate.

Attached also, are a memo from Senator Eliason explaining the method of calculating the Sitka shortfall and a memo from Bethel Social Services, Inc. fully detailing their funding shortfall.

A supplemental was offered last year to offset funding shortfalls for Bethel (SB-97), and Senator Eliason was able to reappropriate funds to cover the Sitka shortfall. This is the last year a supplemental should be necessary as legislation creating a new funding system for care facilities is now pending before the Legislature (SB-431).

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

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

7	Alaska Children's Services Receiving Home (Anchorage)	\$149.75
8	Alaska Children's Services Jesse Lee Home (Anchorage)	165.40
9	Alaska Children's Services Rabbit Creek Group Home (Anchorage)	166.40
10	Alaska Children's Services North Star Home (Anchorage)	103.50
11	Alaska Children's Services Aquarius House (Anchorage)	107.40
12	Alaska Children's Services Colletti House (Anchorage)	117.50
13	Alaska Baptist Family Service Center (Anchorage)	117.50
14	Booth Memorial Home (Anchorage)	146.90
15	Hilltop Home, Inc. (Anchorage)	85.50
16	Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center (Kenai)	91.70
17	Kodiak Baptist Mission (Kodiak)	61.00
18	Turning Point Boys Ranch (Willow)	105.10
19	North Star Children's Home (Dot Lake)	62.20
20	Presbyterian Hospitality House (Fairbanks)	111.90
21	Juneau Receiving Home (Juneau)	106.10
22	St. Jude Center, Inc. Receiving Home (Juneau)	72.40
23	Home Receiving Home (Nome)	116.00
24	Manilaq Group Home (Kotzebue)	167.00
25	North Slope Borough Children's Receiving Home (Barrow)	168.00
26	Ketchikan Teen Home I (Ketchikan)	74.00
27	Ketchikan Teen Home II (Ketchikan)	81.00
28	Ketchikan Children's Home Intensive Treatment Unit (Ketchikan)	157.50
29	Sitka Receiving Home (Sitka)	40.00

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;

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 consideration 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.

Section 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

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - SENATE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator John Sackett
FROM: Senator Dick Eliason *Dick E*
DATE: February 21, 1984
RE: Supplemental appropriation for Sitka Receiving Home

Due to the exceptional low daily rate allowed the Sitka Receiving Home (\$42.70 per "provider day") over the last two fiscal years there is a critical, and unfair shortfall in the Home's operating budget. Sitka, like Bethel, received a small supplemental grant last session to help them over the FY 83 shortfall but we need to provide coverage for FY 84. Hopefully, legislation will pass this session which will finally correct the inequity in funding for these homes and both Bethel and Sitka will be self-sustaining on their allowed payments after this year.

It would seem reasonable to figure Sitka at the same level of funding as the Juneau Receiving Home. Sitka has been at \$42.70 while Juneau is at \$111.48. The difference per day of care is then \$68.78. In FY 83 Sitka provided 967 days of care. FY 84 is likely to be at about that same level. Therefore a reasonable supplement amount to include for the Sitka Receiving Home now for FY 84 would be \$66,510 (\$68.78, the difference between the Sitka rate and the Juneau rate, multiplied by the estimated number of days of care provided.)

I would very much appreciate any help you could provide in getting this funding in.



Bethel Social Services, Inc.

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Hon. Senator John Sackett
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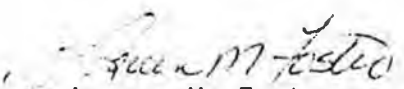
Dear Senator Sackett:

Here is the information your aide, Max Gifford, requested of us for the supplemental appropriation for the operation of the Bethel Receiving Home.

As you already know, there was a freeze imposed on the cost of care rates two years ago. We were not aware of this freeze and at that time were expecting our rate at the Receiving Home to increase following an audit that we requested. The audit was denied by the State, and we were told we would have to make do with the existing rate.

To prepare the figure we are requesting for the supplemental, I have taken an average of the rates paid to the residential child care centers in the State of Alaska (Anchorage, Willow, Fairbanks, Barrow, Bethel, and Nome) and subtracted our rate from the average. I then multiplied this figure by the number of child care days. As you will see we had a great number of child care days, and that in itself should show you how valuable this project is to the Delta region. The facility has been greatly utilized this past year and with this additional operational monies, we will be able to make the Bethel Receiving Home a First rate facility to house the children of the Delta.

Sincerely,


Loreen M. Foster
Administrative Director, B.S.S.

ACS Receiving Home, Anchorage	\$ 149.85
ACS Aquarius House, Anchorage	149.85
ACS Colletti House, Anchorage	117.51
ACS Jesse Lee, Anchorage	165.46
ACS North Star, Anchorage	103.55
ACS Rabbit Creek Grp. Hm., Anch.	166.40
Booth Memorial Home, Anchorage	146.90
Hilltop Home, Inc., Anchorage	85.53
Turning Point Boys Ranch, Willow	105.37
PHH-Receiving Home, Fairbanks	111.98
PHH-Treatment Unit, Fairbanks	111.98
North Slope Borough Rec. Hm., Barrow	170.80
Bethel Receiving Home, Bethel	79.30
Bethel Group Home, Bethel	59.06
Nome Receiving Home, Nome	105.20

TOTAL	\$1832.74
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\$1832.74 divided by 15 centers is an average rate of \$122.18 per day.

The Bethel Receiving Home's rate is \$79.30, subtracted from the average gives us a deficit of \$42.88.

The Bethel Receiving Home had a total of 2,369 provider days last FY year ('83).

2369 multiplied by \$42.88 is a total supplemental request of \$ 101,582.72

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST - \$ 101.582.72