

SJR

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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

5/13/83

FURTHER:

Date: May 23 1983

Mr. President:

The Committee on HESS has had SJR 26
Relating to training of physicians.

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

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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The Honorable Paul Fischer
Alaska State Senator
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Dear Senator Fischer:

At the Senate HESS hearing on SJR26 you raised a number of questions which I shall now try to answer.

What are total WAMI costs?

The 1982-83 WAMI costs include:

- Student Fees (Paid to U of W)

Student Level	Per Student Fee at Fairbanks	82-83 Total
First Year		N.A.
Second Year	\$25,737	\$257,370
Third Year	\$25,416	228,744
Fourth Year	\$16,988	169,880
		<u>\$665,994</u>
- Administrative Cost (Paid to U of W)

Overall Program Administration	\$ 91,531
Clinical Site Cost (Travel)	48,896
U of W Faculty Support	46,903
	<u>\$187,330</u>
- University of Fairbanks costs cannot be identified specifically for these students.
- Total 1982-83 costs paid to U of W are \$853,324. The University of Fairbanks administrative and student costs are additional.

What bilateral contractual arrangements do other states have?

The data we have are for last year, 1981-82. The 1982-83 information will be forthcoming in about two weeks and will be forwarded to you. In 1981-82, a number of western states (those for which I have information) have utilized bilateral contracts to "purchase" education for their residents. The states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming have contracts for medical education; Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming have

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contracts in dentistry; Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming have contracts in veterinary medicine; Wyoming has contracts in physical therapy; New Mexico and Wyoming have contracts in optometry; and Arizona and New Mexico have contracts in osteopathic medicine.

These contracts are in addition to the WICHE Student Exchange Program and provide the states with additional access to these professional fields.

The contracts in medicine included (1981-82):

WICHE Student Exchange:	\$16,300 per student
WAMI	\$20,000 (approx) per student
Idaho with U of Utah	\$19,357 per student
Wyoming with U of Utah	\$22,330 per student
Wyoming with Creighton	\$18,792 per student.

Additionally, the student must pay tuition at the receiving school, but this varies by contract. The amount paid in 1981-82 was:

WICHE Student Exchange	Public College: \$700-\$5,956
	Private College: \$ 0-\$3,219
WAMI	\$1,929
Idaho with U of Utah	\$3,979
Wyoming with U of Utah	\$1,000
Wyoming with Creighton	\$1,000

The number of new students entering in 1981-82 under these arrangements is listed below.

<u>Sending State</u>	<u>WICHE</u>	<u>WAMI</u>	<u>U of Utah</u>	<u>Creighton</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alaska	6	10	-	-	16
Idaho	-	20	5	-	25
Montana	10	20	-	-	30
Wyoming	3	-	8	14	25
TOTAL	19	50	13	14	96

WAMI experience.

The University of Washington annually publishes a WAMI report. It comes out quite late, and the most current copy we have is for 1979-80. The 1980-81 report is in the mail to us, so we should have it this week. According to the 1980-81 report, there is only one Alaska WAMI graduate practicing in Alaska. That doctor being, John C. Mues, who is located in Anchorage. Dr. Mues was one of five students who entered the program in 1971 and who graduated. Of those graduates who entered in 1972, 73, 74, 75, and 76, none were located in Alaska as of 1979-80. The 1977, 78, 79, and 80 students were still in training at U. of W.

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A review of the 1979-80 status of Alaska WAMI students yields the following:

<u>Entering Class</u>	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>Remaining U.S.</u>	<u>In School</u>	<u>Total</u>
1971-76	1	10	5	17	1	34
1977-80			still in school			

I will update this for you, when we receive the 1980-81 report, but to date we have a very low return rate.

In-state residency site.

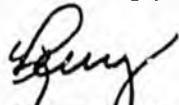
I firmly believe that if we wish to enhance our Alaska medical student return rate, the most effective way of doing so is to provide for a residency training program in Alaska. Nationally, the vast majority of doctors practice, at least initially, within the same geographic region in which they do their residency training.

Anchorage has the population base, and Providence Hospital has the capability of participating in this type of program. A Family Medicine residency training program could be established in conjunction with Providence and could serve as the training center for Alaskan medical students (or others wishing to practice in Alaska).

This type of program is expensive, with operating costs of around \$1,000,000 per year at first, but over time it would become one-third to one-half self-supporting and would provide medical training for students and medical service for Alaskans.

I hope this information is of use to you. If you have further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Kerry D. Romesburg
Executive Director

cc: Senator Jay Kerttula
Senator Joe Josephson

25 April 83

Senator Kerttula

This may have
reached you thru
University channels.It provides some
indication of WAMI
Program costs & benefit

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Patrick O'Rourke
Chancellor, UAF

FROM: Wayne Myers *W.M.*
Director, WAMI Program

RE: Legislative Request for Information on:
A. Return of Alaska WAMI Students
B. Impact of WAMI Graduates
C. WAMI Operating Budget

DATE: 4 March 1983

- A. Attached is a table showing the present status of Alaska resident WAMI students who entered the program between 1971 and 1975. It took four years to recruit full classes of ten Alaskans. Because the post M.D. training period is at least seven years long, the class which entered in 1975 is the most recent cohort to enter practice. As you see, we are getting back about 40% of our Alaska entrants.
- B. The second table reflects the number of physicians in private practice in Alaska in 1971 and 1981, the difference by specialty in absolute numbers and percentages, and the number of physicians trained in any part of the WAMI Program who entered practice in Alaska. As you can see, 43% of the family physicians who entered practice in Alaska received part of their training through the WAMI Program.
- C. A summary of the Alaska WAMI operating budget by income source is attached. The figure for payment to the University of Washington is as most recently revised.

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Alaska Resident WAMI Program Graduates - Current Status

<u>Year of Matriculation</u>	<u>Now Practicing in Alaska</u>	<u>Now Practicing Elsewhere or Current Status Unknown</u>	<u>Still in training or Serving Federal Obligations</u>
1971	John Mues - Internal Medicine Anchorage	Robert Bundtzen Patrick Maloney Susan Salo Kathleen Welch	
1972	William Marx - Family Medicine Sitka	Albert Ryckman Stanley Feero	
1973		Marc Boudreaux Jack Hickel	Robert Urata
1974	William Bell - Family Medicine Homer Jean Wilbur - Family Medicine Fairbanks William Worrall - Industrial Med. Anchorage		Pamela Kulin
1975	Larry Harp - Biochemistry Anchorage Sarah Isto - Family Medicine Juneau John Spencer - Family Medicine Anchorage W. Beyle - INT. MED. ANC.	Ester Gwinnell Roy Jared Bradley Maroni Mary Wilson	Mark Spencer Stephen Kulin Leo Obermiller
TOTAL	3	12	5

Note: All entrants since 1976 are still in training

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M.D.s in Alaska 1981 vs. 1971

Specialty	1971	1981	Diff.	% Change	# WAMI Grads	%
General/Family Practice	74	111	+37	50	16	43
Internal Medicine	39	92	53	136	10	18
Surgery	65	119	54	83	2	4
Other Specialties	36	103	67	106	7	18
TOTAL	214	425	211	99	35	17