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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

Date: _____

Mr. President:

The Committee on _____ has had _____

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)
- Consider* replace with CS for SB 143 (Prop) same title
- new title

and recommends _____

AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation

referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

POSITION PAPER
SENATE BILL NO. 163

"An Act relating to the use of child safety devices in motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

Background:

More Alaskan children are killed or injured in car accidents than any other single disease or type of accident. The Alaskan accidental mortality rate is 105% higher than the rest of the United States; and 40% of these deaths are due to car accidents. National statistics have shown that the majority of deaths and injuries to children resulting from car accidents could be prevented if parents would "buckle up" their children.

Position:

Because children can't protect themselves the department fully supports mandatory child restraint laws.

The Department recommends the following change:

Since the focus of this law is to encourage utilization of approved child restraints, the Department recommends a rewording of Section 1.2(b)(c) to place the emphasis on the purchase of the car restraint rather than the fine. For example:

- "(b) If persons provide proof of purchase or acquisition of an approved child safety device or seatbelt to the court within 72 hours after the issuance of a citation, the court shall dismiss the citation.
- (c) If the citation is not dismissed, and the person is convicted of a violation of (a) of this section they may be subject to a fine of \$300."

In addition the Department believes that this Bill will be enhanced if support is provided for community education programs and car seat loaner programs. Community education programs are important to insure that citizens understand the benefit of child passenger restraints. This support could be ensured by designating a State agency such as the Office of Highway Safety or the Division of Public Health to be responsible for the preparation and dissemination of information regarding child passenger restraints.

Assisting communities in starting car seat loaner programs could be accomplished by providing seed money to those communities without existing loaner programs. Since most of the larger communities (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Sitka) currently have loaner programs, seed money would only need to be available for smaller communities that have extensive street systems or that are on the highway system.

STATE OF ALASKA
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: Senate Bill No. 163 Date on Bill: 3/8/83
 Title: "An Act relating to the use of child safety devices in motor vehicles;"
 Sponsor: Transportation and Judiciary
 Requestor: _____

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

			FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86		
Capital				0	0	0		
Operating				0	0	0		
Total				0	0	0		

b. Revenues:

Revenue								
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

Responsibility for identification of funds is that of the author of the bill.

3. Assumptions:

4. Disclaimer:

This statement has not been reviewed by OMB in the Office of the Governor. It does not represent the policy of the Sheffield Administration or the final estimate of fiscal impact.

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