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Original sponsors: Koponen, Clocksin,
Duncan, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 212 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to eligibility for longevity bonus
7 payments and the use of longevity bonus payments in
8 determining adult public assistance; and providing
9 for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 47.45.070 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 47.45.070. UNQUALIFIED PERSONS. An unqualified person is
13 one who

14 (1) does not meet the age or residence requirements as
15 provided for under this chapter;

16 (2) meets the age and residence requirements of this chap-
17 ter but either is confined in a state or federal mental health insti-
18 tution or facility and is certified by the state as unable to manage
19 personal affairs, or resides in a nursing home as that term is defined
20 in AS 08.70.180; however, if that person, at the time of commitment or
21 commencement of residence, provided the principal support of a spouse,
22 the commissioner of administration may determine to pay the confined
23 person's bonus to the person's spouse until the spouse is qualified
24 for a bonus;

25 (3) is otherwise qualified but confined in a penal or
26 correctional institution or facility; upon completion of sentence or
27 upon the conferral of a pardon, parole or probation, the person may
28 make application; confinement outside the state shall be considered as
29 residence in the state if a person was convicted and sentenced from a

1 court in Alaska; revocation of parole or probation shall b. cause for
2 immediate disqualification until release from confinement is again
3 effected;

4 (4) voluntarily leaves the state and remains absent from
5 the state for a continuous period of more than 180 days.

6 * Sec. 2. AS 47.45 is amended by adding new sections to read:

7 Sec. 47.45.122. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. (a) An
8 individual for whom public assistance is denied or reduced solely
9 because of the receipt of a bonus by the individual or by a member of
10 the individual's household is eligible for assistance under the gener-
11 al relief assistance program under AS 47.25.120 - 47.25.300. Notwith-
12 standing the limit in AS 47.25.130, the individual is entitled to
13 receive the same amount as the individual would have received under
14 other public assistance programs had there been no longevity bonus
15 program.

16 (b) In this section "public assistance" means

- 17 (1) Supplemental Security Income (42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1385);
18 (2) Medical Assistance (42 U.S.C. 1396 - 1396p);
19 (3) Adult Public Assistance (AS 47.25.430 - 47.25.615);
20 (4) Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AS 47.25.310 -
21 47.25.420); and

22 (5) any federal assistance, grant, or loan program that
23 uses income level as a criteria for eligibility.

24 Sec. 47.45.124. ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE PROGRAMS. (a) A program
25 administered by the state or any of its instrumentalities or munici-
26 palities, the eligibility for which is based on financial need, may
27 not consider a bonus as income or resources unless required to do so
28 by federal law or regulation.

29 (b) A person who is ineligible for participation in the National

1 Older American Volunteer Programs (42 U.S.C. 5001 - 5023) or the Older
2 American Community Service Employment Program (42 U.S.C. 3056 - 3056f)
3 because a bonus received by the person was considered as income or
4 resources is eligible to participate in similar programs funded by the
5 state.

6 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.
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Introduced: 3/6/85
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY KOPONEN, CLOCKSIN, DUNCAN,
GRUENBERG, HURLEY, M.M.MILLER,
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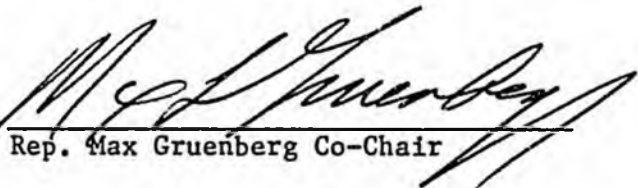
INTENT OF
THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REGARDING
CSSSHB 212

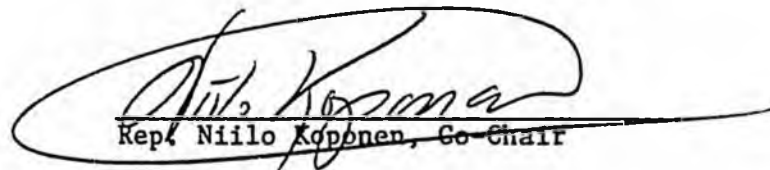
It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee that no recipients of the Longevity Bonus Program lose benefits provided by any federal assistance, grant, or loan program that uses income level as a criteria for eligibility.

If a Longevity Bonus recipient becomes ineligible for such federal benefits solely due to receipt of the Longevity Bonus, the Committee intends that the State of Alaska provide the same benefits through a state funded and administered program where practicable. If no such state program exists, the Committee intends that the state of Alaska provide these benefits through the General Relief program.

These programs include but are not limited to

Alaska Legal Services
Energy Assistance
Weatherization
Housing and Urban Development Housing
College Student Aid
Veterans Retirement and Disability Benefits
Foodstamps
Refugee Assistance
and College Student Aid


Rep. Max Gruenberg Co-Chair


Rep. Niilo Koponen, Co-Chair

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SS HB No. 212 No 1
 Title: "An Act relating to the use of longevity bonus payments"
 Sponsor: Koponen, Clocksin, Duncan...
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: 2/18/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health & Social Service
 Program Category Affected: Soc. & Econ. assistance for general pop.
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: General Relief Assistance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
CAPITAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
FEDERAL FUND		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3

POSITIONS:

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
FULL-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See analysis attached.

Prepared By: John R. Taber, Director
 Division: Division of Public Assistance

Phone: 465-3347
 Date: March 5, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: HEALTH & SOC. SER.

Date: 3/5/85 JCC

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):
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1. Costs reflect replacing lost Supplemental Security Income monthly payments with General Relief Assistance:

FY Cost

FY86: 750 persons/month = 1,400.0
FY87: 794 persons/month = 1,530.5
FY88: 838 persons/month = 1,669.8
FY89: 884 persons/month = 1,821.6
FY90: 933 persons/month = 1,987.4

2. Costs also reflect replacing lost Old Age Assistance monthly payments with General Relief Assistance:

FY Cost

FY86: 750 persons/month = 760.0
FY87: 794 persons/month = 830.7
FY88: 838 persons/month = 906.3
FY89: 884 persons/month = 988.8
FY90: 933 persons/month = 1,017.9

**STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SS HB 212 No 2
 Title: An Act relating to the use of LB payments to determine APA
 Sponsor: Koponen, Clocksin ...
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected: _____
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Medical Assistance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
500 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		(934.9)	(1,062.3)	(1,217.2)	(1,386.0)	(1,584.8)
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
GENERAL FUND		934.9	1,062.3	1,217.2	1,386.0	1,584.8
FEDERAL FUNDS		(934.9)	(1,062.3)	(1,217.2)	(1,386.0)	(1,584.8)
OTHER						
TOTAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

HB 212 provides for the replacement of FFP lost in the Medicaid program for those recipients who lose Medicaid eligibility due solely to the receipt of ALB. The attached chart projects the recipients, cost and expenditures for recipients whose receipt of ALB will cause them to exceed the Medicaid income limit.

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Phone: 465-3355
 Date: 3/6/85

Approved by Commissioner: John R. Egan
 Agency: H&SS

Date: 3/8/85 *JRC*

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REQUEST Page 1 of 3
Bill/Resolution No.: SSHB 212 No 3
Title: Act relating to use of longevity bonus payments
Sponsor: N. Koponen
Requestor: N. Koponen
Date of Request: 3/5/85

FISCAL DETAIL
Agency Affected: Administration
Program Category Affected: Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Older Alaskans Commission

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-					
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Phone: 465-3250

Date: March 6, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: _____

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Bill SSHB 212 Page 2 of 3
 Fiscal Note Analysis
 Prepared by Division of Older Alaskans Commission
 Department of Administration
 March 5, 1985

Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 212: "An Act relating to the use of longevity bonus payments in determining adult public assistance."

There are two Federal programs that have been identified where low income participants will become ineligible if the Longevity Bonus becomes an annuity or other income program that is countable for eligibility purposes. One is the Senior Employment Program, Title V of the Older Americans Act, and the other is the Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions (FGP/SC) program. Both are Federally funded and have eligibility guidelines of 125% of the poverty level. The Federal government, in both cases, has granted a waiver so that the Longevity Bonus this year through June 30, 1985 would not be considered countable income. However, once the program becomes an annuity or other type income program, this income will have to be counted beginning on July 1, 1985.

In both programs, an actual count was taken of current participants aged 65 or over who would be ineligible for participation if the Longevity Bonus is counted and their actual program costs were determined as follows.

The Title V Program has 86 persons who are, or will be at least 65 years of age by July 1, 1985. Of this number 34 have been immediately identified who would become ineligible if the Longevity Bonus becomes countable income. The actual cost of wages and fringe benefits for one year for these 34 persons is \$291,414. The Governor's FY'86 budget (including increments) includes state general funds in the amount of \$253,900 in the Title V program which can be used for this "hold harmless" provision, thus leaving a balance of \$37,514 needed. Those who would be affected by the spouse's or other includable family member's receipt of the Longevity Bonus or receipt of COLAs and the ALB is a total of 30 at an additional cost of \$257,130. It is not known at this time how many participants under age 65 would have their eligibility affected by a spouse's or other family member's receipt of the ALB.

The FGP/SC program has identified 29 persons who would become ineligible. The cost of these persons for one year is \$89,900 in stipends, meals, transportation, uniforms and insurance. This does not include any allowance for those whose spouses or other family members might receive the Longevity Bonus thus making the participant ineligible.

Although there will be additional staff time involved in operating two programs with different eligibility under Senior Employment, this will be absorbed by the present staff.

To summarize these figures:

Title V:

34 ineligible persons	\$ 291,414	
Less available SGF for transfer	\$ <u>253,900</u>	
Balance needed		\$ 37,514
30 other ineligible (spouses ALB)		<u>257,130</u>

Title V Total \$294,644

Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions

29 ineligible persons \$ 89,900

Total (without those under 65 affected by spouse's ALB).....\$ 384,544

The following years have been increased by 10% per year to cover population increase and inflation. (Note: The number of persons 55 and over in Alaska has increased 28% from 1980 to 1983).

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

14th... Legislature FIRST.. Session

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

By KOPONEN, CLOCKSIN, DUNCAN, ..
GRUENBERG, HURLEY, M.M. MILLER,
SUND, TAYLOR, PIGNALBERI, UEHLING,
GOLL

"An Act relating to the use of longevity bonus payments in determining adult public assistance; and providing for an effective date."

Long. Bonus/Adult Public Assist.

Introduced in the House ... 3/6....., 19.85

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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Mar. 6

Read first time and referred to Committee on HESS AND FINANCE

Reported back with recommendation that

Read second time and

Read third time and

PASS Effective Date
Yeas Yeas
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PASS Effective Date
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Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker
Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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Received from Senate

Concurred in Senate amendment thus adopting:
VOTE

Failed to concur in Senate amendment; asked Senate to recede
VOTE

Senate receded from amendment
VOTE

Senate failed to recede from amendment
VOTE

CC appointed by House

CC appointed by Senate

CC adopted by House
VOTE

CC adopted by Senate
VOTE

To enrolling
Reported correctly enrolled
Sent to Governor

..... by Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No.

TO: Representative Koponen
FROM: Deborah Niedermeyer
RE: Programs covered by CSSSHB 212
DATE: 22 March, 1985

MEDICAID: Makes up for the average of 40% medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

OAA/SSI: Cash assistance program which brings the income of seniors up to \$586/month.

OLDER AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS: Provides a stipend to seniors who work as foster grandparents or as companions to other seniors.

OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE: Provides half-time community service jobs paying \$650/month. Three quarters of these jobs have health insurance benefits.

ASHA HOUSING: Provides subsidized housing. Rent is 30% of renter's income.

DISABLED VETERANS PENSION: Pensions for 100% disabled veteran and their families. Will bring the income of a single veteran up to \$5709 per year, \$7478 for a couple.

WEATHERIZATION: Installs insulation into low income homes.

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT SERVICES:

CONTACT: ROD BETIT 465-3355

DATE: MARCH 18, 1985

-REVISED-

SUMMARY OF LONGEVITY BONUS HOLD HARMLESS
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

BILL NO.	HOLD HARMLESS COVERAGE				FY86 HOLD HARMLESS COSTS (SAVINGS) IN STATE DOLLARS				
	MEDICAL	NURSING HOME	OAA	SSI	MEDICAL	NURSING HOME	OAA	SSI	TOTAL
CSSB56 Judiciary	YES	YES	NO	NO	\$413.8	-0-	-0-	-0-	413.8
CSSB128 (HESS)	YES	YES	YES	YES	413.8	-0-	760.0	1400.0	2573.8
HB210	NO	YES	NO	NO	(466.7)	-0-	-0-	-0-	(466.7)
CSSSHB212 (HESS)	YES	YES	YES	YES	413.8	-0-	760.0	1400.0	2573.8
HB222	NO	YES	NO	NO	(466.7)	-0-	-0-	-0-	(466.7)*
HB239	NO	NO	NO	NO	(466.7)	(781.6)	-0-	-0-	(1248.3)

* Note: In FY87 an additional savings of \$496.1 would occur in the Department's Permanent Fund (PFD) Hold Harmless budget. This is due to HB222's mandatory PFD contribution to the annuity which will reduce the Department's PFD Hold Harmless costs for AFDC (240.8), Aid to the Disabled (100.0), and Medicaid (155.3).

POSITION PAPER

Committee Substitute for Sponsor Substitute for HB 212 (Revised)

For "An Act relating to the use of Longevity Bonus payments in determining eligibility for adult public assistance; and providing for an effective date."

I. Background:

Due to a change in Federal rules made by Congress in 1984, a large number of elderly Alaskans stand to lose millions in state and federal assistance from programs based on need. Congress is requiring the State to count the Bonus for recipients with less than 25 years residence when determining eligibility for Old Age Assistance and Medicaid.

Unless a hold-harmless program is created by the Legislature no later than July 1, 1985, the following adverse impacts will occur at that time.

Approximately 750 Old Age Assistance (OAA) recipients will have their \$250 longevity bonus payment offset by a reduction in their Old Age Assistance and/or federal SSI payment. While no Old Age Assistance recipient will end up with less cash overall, they will have lost the intended benefit of the longevity Bonus.

Approximately 333 of the 750 OAA recipients will also lose their Medicaid non-nursing home benefits due to the Bonus placing them over the OAA qualifying limits. These individuals will lose an average of \$2813 in medical benefits in FY86. DHSS records show that 94% of all OAA recipients use their Medicaid benefits each year.

Finally, approximately 33 individuals now in nursing homes will lose their Medicaid nursing home coverage due to their Longevity Bonus. These persons are the most grievously affected by Congress' 1984 rule change. These individuals total incomes will fall \$3000 short of meeting their monthly nursing home bills.

II. CSSSHB 212 Sectional Analysis:

Section I: This section would exclude all nursing home residents from receipt of the longevity Bonus, including pioneer home beds. This would permit the 33 nursing home cases to remain eligible for Medicaid coverage. This section will reduce the Department's fiscal note by \$1/2 million. It will also generate savings of \$1.3 million in Longevity Bonus payments for a total of \$1.8 million state fund savings.

Section II: This section defines the scope of the hold-harmless. It is further clarified by a letter of intent dated March 11, 1985 from House HESS. The 750 Old Age Assistance recipients would have their lost Federal/state benefits replaced under this section. The 333 non-nursing home Medicaid recipients would also be protected by this section. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is included in the list of programs covered by the hold-harmless, but very few longevity bonus-eligible individuals receive AFDC payments due to the fact that Old Age Assistance offers a better financial alternative.

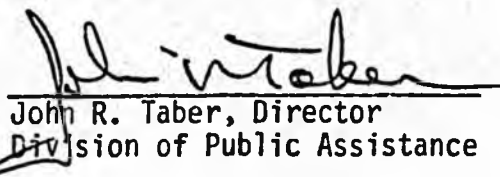
Section II also extends hold-harmless protection to any person who loses federal benefits of any kind if that program is based on need. Administration of this hold-harmless is assigned to the Department of Health and Social Services where there is no comparable state-funded and state-administered program. The Department's unfamiliarity with the specific programs at issue, the undetermined numbers affected, and the unknown potential costs of this expansion to the hold-harmless cause the Department great concern.

The Department recognizes that the need to broaden hold-harmless coverage could prove, upon investigation, to have merit. Substantial research, perhaps by the House Research Agency, would be required to identify all federally-funded programs in Alaska which serve Longevity Bonus recipients and base eligibility in whole or part on income. It would be necessary to identify which currently count or exclude the Bonus, determine how many of those affected would need or choose to apply for General Relief hold-harmless coverage, and determine the amounts they would qualify to receive. If such a study found a need to exist, it might find that General Relief's statutory limitation, to making individual payments to, or on behalf of, eligible persons, is administratively ill-suited to holding harmless some or all of the affected client groups. Such a study might also conclude that this Department was the best location for all hold-harmless activity.

Section III: Makes this Hold-Harmless effective July 1, 1985.

III. DHSS Recommendations: We believe CSSSHB No. 212 provides the full hold-harmless considered essential by the Department for its programs. The Department strongly supports CSSSHB No. 212 but recommends that lines 22 and 23 of page 2 be deleted until the need for an expanded hold-harmless is demonstrated and costs are accurately assessed, including the workload impacts on the administering state agency or agencies.

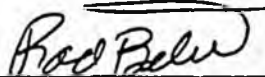
Recommended by:


John R. Taber, Director
Division of Public Assistance

Date:

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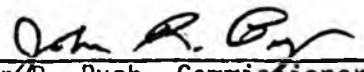
Recommended by:


Rod Betit, Director
Division of Medical Assistance

Date:

3-22-85

Approved by:


John R. Pugh, Commissioner
Department of Health & Social
Services

Date:

3/22/85

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSS HB 212
 Title: An Act relating to the use of
LB payments to determine APA
 Sponsor: HESS Committee
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected: Social & economic
assistance to general population
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
Medical Assistance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE		(413.8)	(471.6)	(537.2)	(611.3)	(697.1)
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		413.8	471.6	537.2	611.3	697.1
FEDERAL FUNDS		(413.8)	(471.6)	(537.2)	(611.3)	(697.1)
OTHER						
TOTAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary
 CSSS HB 212 provides for the replacement of FFP lost in the Medicaid program for those recipients who lose Medicaid eligibility due solely to the receipt of ALB. The attached chart projects the recipients, cost and expenditures for recipients whose receipt of ALB will cause them to exceed the Medicaid income limit.

Prepared By: Rod Betit *R Betit*
 Division: Medical Assistance

Phone: 465-3355
 Date: March 18, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: John R. Goff
 Agency: Health and Social Services

Date: 3/22/85 *JRC*

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

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Table I

This table shows the State general fund match and federal financial participation in the Medicaid program for those expenditures likely to be affected by changes in the current ALB statute. By simply eliminating Medicaid coverage both state and federal expenditures would be reduced. Any change which established an ALB hold harmless provision would result in the loss of FFP. ALB hold harmless program would be funded by transferring the general fund match in the Medicaid program to the ALB hold harmless and adding to it new State general fund in an amount equal to the lost FFP. Because there are a number of legislative proposals seeking to amend the current ALB statute, the following two tables were developed to use in analyzing the impact of these proposals. The comment section on the fiscal note of each bill states whether Medicaid is being eliminated or hold harmless.

Line G. Distribution: Expenditures for non-nursing home clients who may lose Medicaid eligibility.

	FY86	FY87	FY88	FY89	FY90
FED	413,847	471,609	537,173	611,285	697,133
GF	466,678	531,814	605,748	689,321	786,128
TOTAL	880,525	1,003,423	1,142,921	1,300,606	1,483,261

Line I distribution: Expenditures for nursing home clients who may lose Medicaid eligibility.

FED	521,070	590,716	679,971	774,727	887,715
GF	781,605	886,074	1,019,956	1,162,090	1,331,572
TOTAL	1,302,675	1,476,790	1,699,927	1,936,817	2,219,287

Table II

The attached table was prepared to project the offset of various ALB legislative proposals on the Medicaid program. The table represents: a) the nursing home daily rate; b) the nursing home cost for 365 days of services; c) the average cost per non nursing home recipient; d) the recipient share of nursing home costs; e) the number of monthly OAA eligibles; f) the number of ineligible non nursing home OAA due to receipt of ALB; g) the FFP for non nursing home OAA ineligible; h) the number of ineligible OAA nursing home clients and; i) the FFP for ineligible nursing home clients.

	<u>FY85</u>	<u>FY86</u>	<u>FY87</u>	<u>FY88</u>	<u>FY89</u>	<u>FY90</u>
a. NH cost per day (7.5% annual increase)	123.	132.50	142.	153.	164.	177.
b. NH cost per year ((365 days)(a))	44,895.	48,362.	51,830.	55,845.	59,860.	64,605.
c. Non-NH medical cost/recipient/yr(7.5% annual)	2,617	2,813.	3,024.	3,251.	3,494.	3,756.
d. NH recipient cost sharing per year	11,304	11,705	12,660	13,152	12,692	14,232
e. Medicaid eligibles (monthly average)	2,609	2,768	2,937	3,107	3,293	3,491
f. OAA Med ineligibles due to ALB	314	333	353	374	396	420
g. OAA ineligibles cost (Federal Share at 47%) [.94(f)(c)]	363,044	413,847	471,609	537,173	611,285	697,133
h. NH ineligibles	31	33	35	37	39	41
i. NH ineligibles cost (Federal Replacement at 40%) (hb+hc - hd)	448,979	521,070	590,716	679,971	774,727	887,715

Assumptions:

1. FY84 was used as the base year for calculating recipients and expenditures.
2. In FY84 the average non-nursing home OAA recipient cost was \$2,434 per year.
3. The average cost per year was inflated yearly by a 4.5% inflation factor as indicated by the Anchorage Medical Services CPI, and a 3% intensity of service factor. The intensity factor includes such items as increases in technology, construction of new hospital beds, increases in morbidity and mortality and changes in method of treatment. The division feels the intensity factor is necessary to reflect the high medical risk in the elderly population.
4. The projected number of recipients will increase at 6% per year in line with the general population growth projected in the aged population.
5. In FY86 the number of non-nursing home OAA eligibles who will lose Medicaid coverage will be 333. Of these 94% will utilize medical services.
6. Since Medicaid non-long term care expenditures are composed of 47% federal and 53% state money, the state will need to provide state general funds to replace the 47% federal financial participation. The FFP rate for nursing homes is 40% federal 60% state.
7. The above table represents the cost associated with providing a medical hold harmless program for those OAA recipients who would lose Medicaid eligibility. Line "i" represents the FFP replacement cost for all nursing home hold harmless recipients. Line G is the FFP replacement for non-nursing home recipients.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date: 3-21-85

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SSSB No. 212
 Title: "An Act relating to the use of longevity bonus payments"
 Sponsor: House HESS
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: 3/21/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health & Social Service
 Program Category Affected: Soc. & Econ. assistance for general pop.
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: General Relief Assistance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
CAPITAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		2160.0	2361.2	2576.1	2810.4	3005.3
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See analysis attached.

Prepared By: John R. Taber, Director Phone: 465-3347
 Division: Division of Public Assistance Date: March 21, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: 3-22-85
 Agency: Health & Social Services

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Evaluation

1. Costs reflect replacing cost Supplemental Security Income monthly payments with General Relief Assistance:

FY Cost

FY86: 750 persons/month = 1,400.0
FY87: 794 persons/month = 1,530.5
FY88: 838 persons/month = 1,669.8
FY89: 884 persons/month = 1,821.6
FY90: 933 persons/month = 1,987.4

2. Costs also reflect replacing lost Old Age Assistance monthly payments with General Relief Assistance:

FY Cost

FY86: 750 persons/month = 760.0
FY87: 794 persons/month = 830.7
FY88: 838 persons/month = 906.3
FY89: 884 persons/month = 988.8
FY90: 933 persons/month = 1,017.9

3. No costs are shown for AFDC Hold-Harmless because eligible bonus recipients can be referred instead to the Old Age Assistance program, which offers higher net benefits. Costs do not reflect the expansion of Hold-Harmless coverage to all Federal needs-based grant, loan, and assistance programs. No data exists to assess the scope and costs of this expansion.

SUMMARY OF CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED COSTS TO STATE:
CS SS HB 212 (HESS)

413.8	Medicaid
2160.0	OAA/SSI
384.5	Older American Volunteer/Foster Grandparents
836.0	ASHA Housing Assistance
819.0	Disabled Veterans Assistance
337.2	Weatherization/JTPA
339.0	Loss of nursing wing ALB income to Pioneers' Homes
5289.5	SUBTOTAL
(1313.4)	Savings from not paying ALBs to nursing home residents
3976.1	TOTAL*

* Please note that due to the current language of the bill, additional costs could develop if federal program guidelines change in the future. In other words, everytime the federal government requires that the bonus be counted as income to determine eligibility for a program in the future, the state could be required to make up the difference. This total only represents those costs currently identified.

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Revision Date: _____

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<p>REQUEST <u>Bill/Resolution No. SSB 212 (HSS)</u> <u>Title: Act relating to use of longevity bonus payments</u> <u>Sponsor: N. Koponen</u> <u>Requestor: N. Koponen</u> <u>Date of Request: 3/5/85</u></p>	<p>FISCAL DETAIL <u>Agency Affected: Administration</u> <u>Program Category Affected: Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged</u> <u>BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Older Alaskans Commission</u></p>
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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-					
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	384.5	423.0	465.3	511.8	563.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared By: Jon B. Wolfe, Executive Director *Jon B. Wolfe* Phone: 465-3250
 Division: Older Alaskans Commission Date: March 6, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd Date: _____
 Agency: Department of Administration

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

Bill SSHB 212
Fiscal Note Analysis
Prepared by Division of Older Alaskans Commission
Department of Administration
March 5, 1985

Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 212: "An Act relating to the use of longevity bonus payments in determining adult public assistance."

There are two Federal programs that have been identified where low income participants will become ineligible if the Longevity Bonus becomes an annuity or other income program that is countable for eligibility purposes. One is the Senior Employment Program, Title V of the Older Americans Act, and the other is the Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions (FGP/SC) program. Both are Federally funded and have eligibility guidelines of 125% of the poverty level. The Federal government, in both cases, has granted a waiver so that the Longevity Bonus this year through June 30, 1985 would not be considered countable income. However, once the program becomes an annuity or other type income program, this income will have to be counted beginning on July 1, 1985.

In both programs, an actual count was taken of current participants aged 65 or over who would be ineligible for participation if the Longevity Bonus is counted and their actual program costs were determined as follows.

The Title V Program has 86 persons who are, or will be at least 65 years of age by July 1, 1985. Of this number 34 have been immediately identified who would become ineligible if the Longevity Bonus becomes countable income. The actual cost of wages and fringe benefits for one year for these 34 persons is \$291,414. The Governor's FY'86 budget (including increments) includes state general funds in the amount of \$253,900 in the Title V program which can be used for this "hold harmless" provision, thus leaving a balance of \$37,514 needed. Those who would be affected by the spouse's or other includable family member's receipt of the Longevity Bonus or receipt of COLAs and the ALB is a total of 30 at an additional cost of \$257,130. It is not known at this time how many participants under age 65 would have their eligibility affected by a spouse's or other family member's receipt of the ALB.

The FGP/SC program has identified 29 persons who would become ineligible. The cost of these persons for one year is \$89,900 in stipends, meals, transportation, uniforms and insurance. This does not include any allowance for those whose spouses or other family members might receive the Longevity Bonus thus making the participant ineligible.

Although there will be additional staff time involved in operating two programs with different eligibility under Senior Employment, this will be absorbed by the present staff.

To summarize these figures:

Title V:

34 ineligible persons	\$ 291,414	
Less available SGF for transfer	\$ <u>253,900</u>	
Balance needed		\$ 37,514
30 other ineligible (spouses ALB)		<u>257,130</u>

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Title V Total \$294,644

Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions

29 ineligible persons \$ 89,900

Total (without those under 65 affected by spouse's ALB).....\$ 384,544

The following years have been increased by 10% per year to cover population increase and inflation. (Note: The number of persons 55 and over in Alaska has increased 28% from 1980 to 1983).

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 212
Title: Longevity Bonus Payments

Sponsor: Representative Kopenen
Requestor: Hess
Date of Request: 3/22/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Dept. of Commerce - ASHA
Program Category Affected: ?

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
ASHA Federal Programs

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS	836	877	915	968	1016	1067
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	836	877	915	968	1016	1067
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See attached memorandum

Prepared By: George M. Briggs, Deputy Exec. Dir. Phone: 562-2813
Division: Dept. of Commerce/Ak. State Hsg. Auth. Date: 3/22/85

Approved by Commissioner: n/a Date: 3/22/85
Agency: Alaska State Housing Authority

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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



March 22, 1985

The Honorable Niilo Koponen
State of Alaska
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: House Bill 212

Dear Representative Koponen:

I have analyzed the affect of House Bill 212 on the ASHA federal program operations and offer the following comments.

If the Alaska State Housing Authority was required to make up the difference between the increase rent caused by the \$3,000 annual bonus, an amount of \$1,286 per eligible resident within our projects would be required. That figure amounts to roughly \$835,900 per year. This is assuming that there are 650 eligible applicants within our senior projects throughout the State.

The Alaska State Housing Authority is not funded through the State of Alaska at this time and we operate solely on federal funds or, in certain cases, grant for development of senior housing by the State. To obtain necessary funds to rebate to the eligible residents for the losses caused by the bonus would require an appropriation from the State of Alaska in the amount above stated.

The fiscal note indicates the estimated amount for the next fiscal year. I have projected a flat 5% increase in the number of seniors in our projects that are eligible for the bonus. The 5% factor is questionable in that unless new housing is built it is unlike that the 5% would be sustainable over the next six years.

If I can provide further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ALASKA STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY


George M. Briggs
Deputy Executive Director

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**STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSSHB 212
 Title: Needs basis funding for Disabled Veterans to replace Longevity
 Sponsor: Koponen, Clocksin, Duncan, et al
 Requestor: House HESS
 Date of Request: 21 March 1985

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs
 Program Category Affected: Bonus Life & Property Protection
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		819.0	819.0	819.0		
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		819.0	819.0	819.0		

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		819.0	819.0	819.0		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		819.0	819.0	819.0		

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

There are 273 Veterans eligible for the State Longevity Bonus. If all would benefit by this bill at 250.00/month, the following calculation would apply:
 (273 X \$250.00 X 12) = \$819,000.00

Prepared By: Richard L. Rountree, Director
 Division: Administrative & Support Services

Phone: 465-4600
 Date: 3/21/85

Approved by Commissioner: MG Edward G. Pagano
 Agency: Military & Veterans Affairs

Date: 3/21/85

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

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FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST CS for SS FISCAL DETAIL
 Bill/Resolution No.: HB 212 (HESS) Agency Affected: DCRA
 Title: Use of longevity bonus Program Category Affected: _____
 payments in determining public assistance.
 Sponsor: Rep. Koponen, et.al. BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS		337.2	354.06	371.76		
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		337.2	354.06	371.76		

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		337.2	354.06	371.76		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

Prepared By: Jennifer Fate Phone: 465-4700
 Division: Office of the Commissioner Date: 3/21/85
 Approved by Commissioner: Emil Notti Date: 3/21/85
 Agency: Community and Regional Affairs

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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

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CS for SS HB 212 (HESS)
Fiscal Note Analysis
Community and Regional Affairs

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs administers two programs which are federally funded and use low income as criteria for assistance eligibility. The two programs include the Job Training Partnership Act and the Energy Weatherization program.

Impact on Job Training Partnership Act Services:

Number of Senior Citizens planned for JTPA service in 1985: 46 Senior Citizens.

Those Senior Citizens ineligible for JTPA services if the Longevity Bonus is counted as income: 28 Senior Citizens.

Cost to the State of Alaska to compensate for JTPA service delivery to those 28 low income Senior Citizens (28 x \$2,400 average JTPA service cost per individual): \$67,200.

Impact on the federally funded Low Income Weatherization Program:

Number of Senior Citizen homes planned for Weatherization service in 1985: 160 homes.

Those Senior Citizen homes ineligible for Weatherization service if the Longevity Bonus is counted as income: 135 homes.

Cost to the State to compensate for Weatherization service delivery to those affected homes (135 x \$2,000 average Weatherization cost per home): \$270,000.

NOTE: Each of the 135 affected homes may house more than one Senior Citizen. In this case, the bill would effect more than 135 individuals, however the costs would not change. Historically, the Energy Weatherization program has placed priority in assisting Senior Citizens and handicapped individuals.

The five percent increase between fiscal years on the fiscal note accounts for inflation.

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSHB 212 (HESS)
 Title: Eligibility and Use of Longevity Bonus in Determining Adult Public Assist.
 Sponsor: Koponen
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Administration
 Program Category Affected: Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Longevity Bonus and Pioneers' Homes

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
400 SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)
800 MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)

POSITIONS:	0	0	0	0	0	0
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared By: Joyce Munson, Director *Joyce Munson* Phone: 465-4400
 Division: Pioneers' Benefits Date: March 15, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd *ABR* Date: 3/18/85
 Agency: Department of Administration

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

CSSSHB 212 (HESS)
Fiscal Note Analysis
Prepared by the Division of Pioneers' Benefits
Department of Administration
March 15, 1985

This bill makes persons who reside in nursing homes and government operated mental health facilities ineligible for the Longevity Bonus.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Those persons who would be affected in mental health facilities, Pioneers' Homes and nursing homes was approximately 608 as of February 1985. For the purpose of this fiscal note, it is assumed this number will remain unchanged. (608 x 12 x \$250 = \$1,824,000 saving)
2. There are approximately 133 nursing care residents of the Pioneers' Homes who use the Longevity Bonus to pay their monthly charges for care. Loss of the Longevity Bonus to these people would result in loss of revenue as program receipts for the Pioneers' Homes. (133 x 12 x \$250 = \$399,000 est. loss of program receipts)
3. Of the approximately 133 residents in Pioneers' Homes who would be affected, approximately 93 would have incomes reduced to the point they would become eligible for the monthly stipend payable under AS 47.25.020 (b) and (c). (93 x 12 x \$100 = \$111,600)

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No consideration has been given to persons who may occupy the Juneau Pioneers' Home beginning in FY 88 because information is not available at this time about their incomes or needs.

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSSHB 212 (HESS)

Title: Eligibility and Use of Longevity Bonus in Determining Adult Public Assist.

Sponsor: Koponen

Requestor: _____

Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Administration

Program Category Affected: Social and Economic Assistance for the Aged

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Longevity Bonus and Pioneers' Homes

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
400 SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)
800 MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)	(1,712.4)
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)	(399.0)

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)	(1,313.4)

POSITIONS:	0	0	0	0	0	0
FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared By: Joyce Munson, Director *Joyce Munson* Phone: 465-4400
 Division: Pioneers' Benefits Date: March 15, 1985

Approved by Commissioner: Lisa Rudd *LR* Date: 3/18/85
 Agency: Department of Administration

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CSSSHB 212 (HESS)
Fiscal Note Analysis
Prepared by the Division of Pioneers' Benefits
Department of Administration
March 15, 1985

This bill makes persons who reside in nursing homes and government operated mental health facilities ineligible for the Longevity Bonus.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Those persons who would be affected in mental health facilities, Pioneers' Homes and nursing homes was approximately 608 as of February 1985. For the purpose of this fiscal note, it is assumed this number will remain unchanged. $(608 \times 12 \times \$250 = \$1,824,000 \text{ saving})$
2. There are approximately 133 nursing care residents of the Pioneers' Homes who use the Longevity Bonus to pay their monthly charges for care. Loss of the Longevity Bonus to these people would result in loss of revenue as program receipts for the Pioneers' Homes. $(133 \times 12 \times \$250 = \$399,000 \text{ est. loss of program receipts})$
3. Of the approximately 133 residents in Pioneers' Homes who would be affected, approximately 93 would have incomes reduced to the point they would become eligible for the monthly stipend payable under AS 47.25.020 (b) and (c). $(93 \times 12 \times \$100 = \$111,600)$

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No consideration has been given to persons who may occupy the Juneau Pioneers' Home beginning in FY 88 because information is not available at this time about their incomes or needs.



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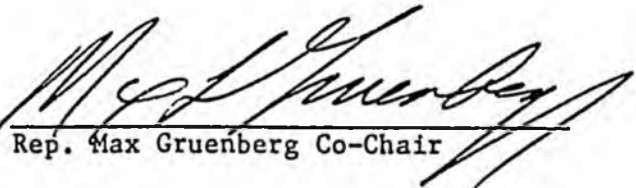
INTENT OF
THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REGARDING
CSSSHB 212

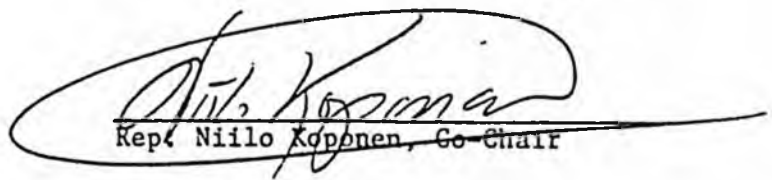
It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee that no recipient of the Longevity Bonus Program lose benefits provided by any federal assistance, grant, or loan program that uses income level as a criteria for eligibility.

If a Longevity Bonus recipient becomes ineligible for such federal benefits solely due to receipt of the Longevity Bonus, the Committee intends that the State of Alaska provide the same benefits through a state funded and administered program where practicable. If no such state program exists, the Committee intends that the state of Alaska provide these benefits through the General Relief program.

These programs include but are not limited to

Alaska Legal Services
Energy Assistance
Weatherization
Housing and Urban Development Housing
College Student Aid
Veterans Retirement and Disability Benefits
Foodstamps
Refugee Assistance
~~and College Student Aid~~


Rep. Max Gruenberg Co-Chair


Rep. Niilo Koponen, Co-Chair

TO: Representative Koponen
FROM: Deborah Niedermeyer, Aide to House HESS Committee
RE: Sectional Analysis for CSSH B 212
DATE: 21 March, 1985

SECTION 1

This section makes certain groups ineligible to receive the Longevity Bonus. The language was lifted directly from SB 56. The important exclusion is residents of nursing homes most of whom would lose Medicaid benefits if they were eligible for the Bonus. Because Medicaid pays a large share of nursing home care, it would be prohibitively expensive for the state to "hold harmless" for this group.

SECTION 2

This section requires the state to provide equivalent benefits to any Alaskan who loses federal benefits solely because his or her income went up due to the Longevity Bonus. Several programs are mentioned by name. All other programs are covered in (b)(5).

SECTION 3

This section does two things:

- 1) It prohibits the state from counting the Longevity Bonus as income in any program where the state itself sets income eligibility guidelines.
- 2) It requires the state to "hold harmless" for two federal senior employment programs by setting up "similar programs" paid for with state funds.

TO: Representative Koponen
FROM: Deborah Niedermeyer, Aide to House HESS Committee
RE: HESS Committee Substitute for HB 212
DATE: 22 March, 1985

Original HB 212

The HB 212, as originally written, insured that the state would make up the difference when an Alaskan senior lost cash benefits or medical assistance from a list of specified public assistance programs which had income guidelines set by the federal government. The programs are Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Adult Public Assistance (APA), Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) and, most importantly, Medicaid. The Foodstamps program, which had always counted the Longevity Bonus as income, was not included in the list.

Sponsor Substitute

After the bill was introduced, two more federal programs which 1) have income guidelines and 2) are of great benefit to the participating seniors came to light. These are the Older American Community Service Employment Program and the National Older American Volunteer Program. These two programs were added by name in the bill.

Committee Substitute

When SSHB 212 was heard in House HESS, the committee learned that some recipients of the Longevity Bonus are either losing or in danger of losing benefits under other federal programs. The most important of these programs are Veterans Disability Pensions and HUD rent subsidies in ASHA Housing.

The committee decided to amend the bill to require the state to make up for benefits lost under "any federal assistance, grant, or loan program that uses income level as a criteria for eligibility". At the same time, the committee amended the bill to make nursing home residents ineligible for the Bonus because the expense of making up loss Medicaid benefits for this group is prohibitive.

The committee added a letter of intent which said "If a Longevity Bonus recipient becomes ineligible for such benefits solely due to the receipt of the Longevity Bonus, the Committee intends that the State of Alaska provide the same benefits through a state funded and administered program where practicable. If no such program exists, the Committee intends that the State of Alaska provide these benefits through the General Relief program."

POSITION PAPER

HB 212


This bill relates to the use of longevity bonus payments in determining adult public assistance, and provides for an effective date.

This bill would hold harmless longevity bonus recipients who would otherwise lose public assistance payments under supplemental security income, medicaid, adult public assistance, or aid to families with dependent children.

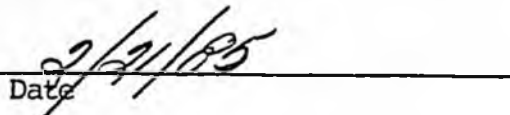
This bill would provide for payments in a like amount of any losses suffered from any such lost payments.

A fiscal note is not required by the Department of Administration.

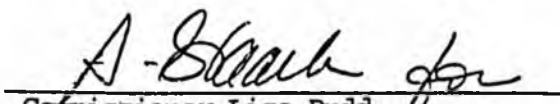
The Department of Administration supports the passage of this bill.



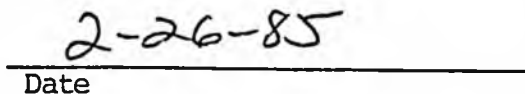
E. Louis Keller, Director
Division of Pioneers' Benefits



Date



Commissioner Lisa Rudd
Department of Administration



Date

permanent fund dividend; the department shall set the time limit for applications for permanent fund dividends so that the number of eligible applicants is deter-

mined by September 1 and permanent fund dividends for a year are paid before December 31 of that year."

Sec. 43.23.060. Duties of the department. [Repealed, § 22 ch 102 SLA 1982.]

Sec. 43.23.065. Exemption of permanent fund dividends. Fifty percent of the annual permanent fund dividend payable to an individual is exempt from levy, execution, garnishment, attachment, or any other remedy for the collection of debt. This exemption applies to an eligible individual's permanent fund dividend both before and after payment is made to the individual. No exemption is available under this section for permanent fund dividends taken to satisfy child support obligations required by court order or decision of the child support enforcement agency under AS 47.23.140 — 47.23.220. (§ 1 ch 102 SLA 1982)

Cross references. — For property exempt from execution generally, see AS 09.38.

Sec. 43.23.070. Exemption of permanent fund dividends. [Repealed, § 22 ch 102 SLA 1982.]

Sec. 43.23.075. Eligibility for public assistance. (a) In determining the eligibility of an individual under a public assistance program administered by the Department of Health and Social Services in which eligibility for assistance is based on financial need, the Department of Health and Social Services may not consider a permanent fund dividend as income or resources received by the recipient of public assistance or by a member of the recipient's household unless required to do so by federal law or regulation. The Department of Health and Social Services shall notify all recipients of public assistance of the effects of receiving a permanent fund dividend.

(b) An individual who is denied medical assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1396 — 1396p (Social Security Act, Title XIX) solely because of the receipt of a permanent fund dividend by the individual or by a member of the individual's household is eligible for state-funded medical assistance under the general relief assistance program (AS 47.25.120 — 47.25.300). The individual is entitled to receive, for a period not to exceed four months, the same level of medical assistance as the individual would have received under 42 U.S.C. 1396 — 1396p (Social Security Act, Title XIX) had there been no permanent fund dividend program.

(c) An individual who is denied assistance solely because permanent fund dividends received by the individual or by a member of the individual's household are counted as income or resources under federal

law or regulation is eligible for cash assistance under the general relief assistance program (AS 47.25.120 — 47.25.300). Notwithstanding the limit in AS 47.25.130, the individual is entitled to receive, for a period not to exceed four months, the same amount as the individual would have received under other public assistance programs had there been no permanent fund dividend program. (§ 1 ch 102 SLA 1982)

Sec. 43.23.080. Eligibility for state public assistance payments. [Repealed, § 22 ch 102 SLA 1982.]

Sec. 43.23.085. Eligibility for state programs. No program administered by the state or any of its instrumentalities or municipalities, the eligibility for which is based on financial need, shall consider a permanent fund dividend as income or resources unless required to do so by federal law or regulation. (§ 1 ch 102 SLA 1982)

Sec. 43.23.090. Tax exemption. [Repealed, § 22 ch 102 SLA 1982.]

Sec. 43.23.095. Definitions. In this chapter,

- (1) "Alaska permanent fund" means the fund established by art. IX, sec. 15 of the state constitution;
- (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue;
- (3) "department" means the Department of Revenue;
- (4) "dividend fund" means the fund established by AS 43.23.045;
- (5) "individual" means a natural person;
- (6) "permanent fund dividend" means a right to receive a payment from the dividend fund;
- (7) "state resident" means an individual who is physically present in the state with the intent to remain permanently in the state or, if the individual is not physically present in the state, intends to return to the state and is absent only for any of the following reasons:
 - (A) vocational, professional, or other specific education for which a comparable program was not reasonably available in the state;
 - (B) secondary or postsecondary education;
 - (C) military service;
 - (D) medical treatment;
 - (E) service in Congress;
 - (F) other reasons which the commissioner may establish by regulation; or
 - (G) service in the Peace Corps;
- (8) "year" means a calendar year. (§ 1 ch 102 SLA 1982; am § 3 ch 55 SLA 1983)

Effect of amendments. — The 1983 amendment added paragraph (7)(G).

Sec. 43.23.100. Definitions. [Repealed, § 22 ch 102 SLA 1982.]

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(b) The board may withdraw probationary status if it finds that the deficiencies which required the sanction have been remedied.

(c) The board may summarily suspend a license before final hearing or during the appeals process if the board finds that the licensee poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if the licensee continues to practice. A person whose license is suspended under this section shall be entitled to a hearing by the board no later than seven days after the effective date of the order. The person may appeal the suspension after a hearing to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) The board may reinstate a license which has been suspended or revoked if the board finds after a hearing that the applicant is able to practice with skill and safety.

(e) The board shall seek consistency in the application of disciplinary sanctions, and significant departure from prior decisions involving similar situations shall be explained in findings of fact or orders. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1975; am § 13 ch 141 SLA 1980)

Effect of amendments. — The 1980 amendment rewrote the section.

Editor's notes. — This section was redrafted by the revisor of statutes to remove personal pronouns in conformity with AS 01.05.031(c) and § 4, Chapter 58, SLA 1982.

Sec. 08.70.170. Penalties. A person convicted of violating a provision of this chapter is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1975; am § 14 ch 141 SLA 1980)

Cross references. — For penalties for misdemeanors, see AS 12.55.135.

Effect of amendments. — The 1980 amendment substituted "guilty of a class B misdemeanor" for "punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both" at the end of the section.

Sec. 08.70.180. Definitions. In this chapter

- (1) "board" means the Board of Nursing Home Administrators;
- (2) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic Development;
- (3) "license" means the certificate awarded by the board to a qualified person which entitles the person to be a nursing home administrator in this state;
- (4) "licensee" means a person who has been granted a license to be a nursing home administrator in this state by the board;
- (5) "nursing home" means a facility which is operated in connection with a hospital or in which nursing care, intermediate care, and medical services are prescribed by or performed under the general direction of persons licensed to practice medicine or surgery within the state for the accommodation of convalescents or other persons who are not acutely ill but who do require skilled or intermediate nursing care and related medical services; the term "nursing home" is restricted to those

facilities the purpose of which is to provide skilled or intermediate nursing care and related medical services for a period of not less than 24 hours a day to individuals admitted because of illness, disease or physical or mental infirmity;

(6) "nursing home administrator" means a person who manages, supervises, or is in general charge of a nursing home, even though the duties are shared with another person; a member of a board of directors of a nursing home is an administrator only if the board member also serves in the administrative capacity defined in this paragraph. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1975; am § 51 ch 218 SLA 1976)

Editor's notes. — This section was redrafted by the revisor of statutes to remove personal pronouns in conformity with AS 01.05.031(c) and § 4, Chapter 58, SLA 1982.

Sec. 08.70.190. Facilities operated by religious organizations. Nothing in this chapter or the regulation under this chapter is to be construed as requiring a person who applies for a license as administrator of a facility operated by a religious organization relying on spiritual means alone for healing to have skills in medical techniques or educational qualifications which are not in accord with the care and treatment provided in the facility. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1975)

Chapter 71. Dispensing Opticians.

Article

1. Board of Dispensing Opticians (§§ 08.71.010 — 08.71.070)
2. Licensing (§§ 08.71.080 — 08.71.160)
3. Unlawful Acts (§§ 08.71.170 — 08.71.180)
4. Miscellaneous Provisions (§ 08.71.200)
5. General Provisions (§§ 08.71.220 — 08.71.240)

Collateral references. — 61 Am. Jur. 2d, Physicians, Surgeons and Other Healers, §§ 3, 40-43. 70 C.J.S., Physicians and Surgeons, §§ 11, 13.

Article 1. Board of Dispensing Opticians.

Section

10. Creation of board
20. Membership and term of office
30. [Repealed]
40. Election of officers

Section

45. Removal of board members
50. [Repealed]
55. Powers and duties
- 60 — 70. [Repealed]

Sec. 08.71.010. Creation of board. There is created the Board of Dispensing Opticians. (§ 1 ch 45 SLA 1973)

Offered: 3/13/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Koponen, Clocksin,
Duncan, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND
2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 212 (HESS) SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to eligibility for longevity bonus
7 payments and the use of longevity bonus payments in
8 determining adult public assistance; and providing
9 for an effective date."
10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
11 * Section 1. AS 47.45.070 is amended to read:
12 Sec. 47.45.070. UNQUALIFIED PERSONS. An unqualified person is
13 one who
14 (1) does not meet the age or residence requirements as
15 provided for under this chapter;
16 (2) meets the age and residence requirements of this chap-
17 ter but either is confined in a state or federal mental health insti-
18 tution or facility and is certified by the state as unable to manage
19 personal affairs, or resides in a nursing home as that term is defined
20 in AS 08.70.180; however, if that person, at the time of commitment or
21 commencement of residence, provided the principal support of a spouse,
22 the commissioner of administration may determine to pay the confined
23 person's bonus to the person's spouse until the spouse is qualified
24 for a bonus;
25 (3) is otherwise qualified but confined in a penal or
26 correctional institution or facility; upon completion of sentence or
27 upon the conferral of a pardon, parole or probation, the person may
28 make application; confinement outside the state shall be considered as
29 residence in the state if a person was convicted and sentenced from a

1 court in Alaska; revocation of parole or probation shall be cause for
2 immediate disqualification until release from confinement is again
3 effected;

4 (4) voluntarily leaves the state and remains absent from
5 the state for a continuous period of more than 180 days.

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28 by federal law or regulation.

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3 because a bonus received by the person was considered as income or
4 resources is eligible to participate in similar programs funded by the
5 state.

6 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1985.

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Introduced: 3/6/85
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY KOPONEN, CLOCKSIN, DUNCAN,
GRUENBERG, HURLEY, M.M.MILLER,
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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 212

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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