

**HOUSE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

(11)

Date referred: 4/1/86

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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and recommends:

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- do not pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- no recommendation
- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- new title

and recommends \_\_\_\_\_

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- and attaches:
- letter of intent
  - first fiscal note
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  - zero fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

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SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Chairman

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HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
The SOCIAL SERVICES Committee has considered HB 691 DATE: 3/26/86

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new title

and recommends Do Pass

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SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bill E. Kopman  
Max Fuenberg  
Kelly  
George Kelley  
Chas. L. Taylor  
Katie Hurley

David W. Shook - NO REC

Bill E. Kopman w-chair  
Chairman  
Max Fuenberg Co-Chair

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Offered: 4/1/86  
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Koponen, Gruenberg  
and Taylor

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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 691 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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13 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect October 1, 1986.  
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Introduced: 2/17/86  
Rerferred: Health, Education  
& Social Services and Finance

BY KOPONEN, GRUENBERG AND  
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

14th Legislature SECOND Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 691

By KOPONEN, GRUENBERG, TAYLOR

"An Act relating to medical care for newly born children."

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Introduced in the House .... 2/17, 1986.

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

1986

Feb 17

Read first time and referred to Committee on BUDGET AND FINANCE

Reported back with recommendation that

Read second time and

Read third time and

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

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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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

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Reported correctly enrolled  
Sent to Governor

..... by Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

Chapter No. ....

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