

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**SENATE**

FURTHER:

4/23/85

Date 5/3/85

Mr. President

The Committee on FINANCE considered CSHF 80 (L&C)  
insurance fees and licenses; old.

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 recommendation

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 80(L&C)  
Title: Insurance Fees

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected: Commerce  
Program Category Affected: Public Protection

Sponsor: Governor

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:

Requestor: House Finance Committee

Division of Insurance

Date of Request: 3/21/85

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

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

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE</b>		Indeterminate				
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**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

Costs of hearings can be absorbed in existing budget. Fees will not be set until hearing process is complete, but Division estimates that approximately \$260,000 in new revenues will be brought in.

Prepared By: Al Adams - Chairman *APA*  
Division: House Finance Committee

Phone: 465-3706  
Date: 3/21/85

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):**

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

7/1/84

Offered: 3/1/85  
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Rules/Governor

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE LABOR AND  
COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 80 (L&C)  
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 insurance fees and licenses; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 21.06.090(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The director may adopt reasonable regulations to effectuate  
11 this title. A regulation may not extend, modify, or conflict with any  
12 law of this state or the reasonable implications thereof. Except for  
13 regulations adopted under AS 21.06.250, a [A] regulation affecting a  
14 person or matter other than the personnel or the internal affairs of  
15 the director's office shall be adopted or amended only after a hear-  
16 ing, [THEREON] of which notice was given as required by AS 21.06.200.  
17 If reasonably possible the director shall set out the proposed regu-  
18 lation or amendment in or with the notice of hearing. A regulation or  
19 amendment as to which a hearing is required is not effective until it  
20 has been on file as a public record in the director's office for at  
21 least 10 days.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 21.06.250 is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 Sec. 21.06.250. FEES AND LICENSES. The director shall collec'  
24 in advance a fee for each license and for services performed by the  
25 division of insurance. Fees may be collected for but are not limited  
26 to applications, examinations, licenses and license renewals, certifi-  
27 cates of authority, service of process, printed or photocopied mate-  
28 rial, and postage. The director shall adopt regulations setting the  
29 fees in an amount the director determines to be sufficient to

1 reimburse the state for the actual expense incurred in providing a  
2 service.

3 \* Sec. 3. AS 21.09.110 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 21.09.110. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY. To  
5 apply for an original certificate of authority an insurer shall file  
6 with the director its application (accompanied by the applicable fees  
7 set under [AS SPECIFIED IN] AS 21.06.250) showing its name, location  
8 of its home office or principal office in the United States (if an  
9 alien insurer), kinds of insurance to be transacted, date of orga-  
10 nization or incorporation, form of organization, state or country of  
11 domicile, and additional information that [WHICH] the director may  
12 reasonably require, together with the following documents, as applica-  
13 ble:

14 (1) if a foreign insurer, a copy of its corporate charter  
15 or articles of incorporation, with all amendments certified by the  
16 public officer with whom the originals are on file in the state or  
17 country of domicile;

18 (2) if a reciprocal insurer, copies of the power of attor-  
19 ney of its attorney-in-fact and of its subscribers' agreement, if any,  
20 certified by its attorney-in-fact;

21 (3) a copy of its financial statement as of the preceding  
22 December 31, sworn to by at least two executive officers of the insur-  
23 er, or certified by the public insurance supervisory official of the  
24 insurer's state of domicile or of entry into the United States;

25 (4) a copy of the report of last examination, if any, made  
26 of the insurer, certified by the insurance supervisory official of its  
27 state of domicile or of entry into the United States;

28 (5) appointment of the director under AS 21.09.180, as its  
29 attorney to receive service of legal process;

1 (6) if a foreign or alien insurer, a certificate of the  
2 public official having supervision of insurance in its state or coun-  
3 try of domicile, or state of entry into the United States, showing  
4 that it is authorized to transact the kinds of insurance proposed to  
5 be transacted in this state;

6 (7) if an alien insurer, a copy of the appointment and  
7 authority of its United States manager, certified by its officer  
8 having custody of its records;

9 (8) if a foreign insurer, a certificate as to deposit if it  
10 is to be tendered under AS 21.09.090;

11 (9) specimen copies of policies proposed to be offered in  
12 this state if then available, together with premiums or premium rates  
13 applicable if then known, or a declaration that the rates as applica-  
14 ble will be those promulgated by designated rating organizations  
15 authorized to file rates in this state on behalf of the insurer or by  
16 the insurer.

17 \* Sec. 4. AS 21.09.130(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A certificate of authority issued or renewed under this  
19 title continues in force as long as the insurer is entitled to it  
20 under this title and until suspended or revoked, or otherwise ter-  
21 minated; subject, however, to continuance of the certificate by the  
22 insurer each year by payment before June 30 of the continuation fee  
23 set under [PROVIDED IN] AS 21.06.250.

24 \* Sec. 5. AS 21.09.130(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) The director may reinstate a certificate of authority which  
26 the insurer has inadvertently permitted to expire, after the insurer  
27 has fully cured all its failures that [WHICH] resulted in the expira-  
28 tion, and upon payment by the insurer of the fee for reinstatement in  
29 addition to the current continuation fee, set under [AS PROVIDED IN]

1 AS 21.06.250. Otherwise, the insurer shall be granted another certifi-  
2 cate of authority only after filing an application and meeting all  
3 other requirements as for an original certificate of authority in this  
4 state.

5 \* Sec. 6. AS 21.09.190(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Duplicate copies of legal process against an insurer for  
7 whom the director is attorney under AS 21.09.180 shall be served upon  
8 the director, or upon a deputy of the director or other person in  
9 charge of the office during the absence of the director. At the time  
10 of service the plaintiff shall pay [\$5] to the director a fee set  
11 under AS 21.06.250, taxable as costs in the action. Upon receiving  
12 service the director shall promptly forward a copy by certified mail  
13 with return receipt requested to the person last designated by the  
14 insurer to receive it.

15 \* Sec. 7. AS 21.09.200(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) At the time of filing, the insurer shall pay to the director  
17 a [THE] fee for filing its statement, set under [AS PRESCRIBED IN]  
18 AS 21.06.250.

19 \* Sec. 8. AS 21.09.280(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) Except as provided under AS 21.27.500, the appointment of a  
21 resident or nonresident general agent is not effective unless the  
22 person appointed is licensed as the general agent of the insurer by  
23 the director upon application and payment of a [THE] fee set under [AS  
24 PROVIDED IN] AS 21.06.250.

25 \* Sec. 9. AS 21.27.080(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) For each examination taken, the director shall collect in  
27 advance a [THE] fee set under [PROVIDED IN] AS 21.06.250.

28 \* Sec. 10. AS 21.27.280(c) is amended to read:

29 (c) Duplicate copies of legal process against the agent, broker

1 or adjuster shall be served upon the director either by a peace offi-  
2 cer or through certified mail with return receipt requested. At the  
3 time of service the plaintiff shall pay to the director a fee set  
4 under AS 21.06.250 [\$5], taxable as costs in the action.

5 \* Sec. 11. AS 21.27.380(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) Subject to the right of the director to suspend, revoke, or  
7 refuse to renew a license as provided in this title, the license may  
8 be renewed for another period by filing with the director on or before  
9 the expiration date a written request, by or on behalf of the licens-  
10 ee, for the renewal accompanied by payment of a [THE] renewal fee set  
11 under [AS SPECIFIED IN] AS 21.06.250. An agent or broker shall make  
12 and file a renewal request on behalf of a solicitor employed by the  
13 agent or broker.

14 \* Sec. 12. AS 21.27.380(f) is amended to read:

15 (f) As to all licenses where renewal must be applied for by the  
16 licensee, if request for renewal of license or payment of the license  
17 fee is not received by the director before the expiration date as  
18 required under (d) of this section, the applicant for renewal of  
19 license shall pay to the director and the director shall collect, in  
20 addition to the regular license fee, a surcharge for the license as  
21 established by regulation under AS 21.06.250 [AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE  
22 FIRST 30 DAYS OR LESS OF DELINQUENCY THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE \$5; FOR  
23 ALL DELINQUENCIES EXTENDING MORE THAN 30 DAYS, THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE  
24 \$10]. This subsection shall not be considered to exempt a person from  
25 a penalty provided by law for transacting business without a valid and  
26 subsisting license, or effect the director's right to consider the  
27 delinquent application as one for a new license.

28 \* Sec. 13. AS 21.27.390(c) is amended to read:

29 (c) The fee paid to the director for issuance of a temporary

1 license under [AS SPECIFIED IN] AS 21.06.250 shall be credited toward  
2 the fee required for a permanent license that [WHICH] is issued to  
3 replace the temporary license before the expiration of the temporary  
4 license.

5 \* Sec. 14. AS 21.33.021(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Service of process shall be made by leaving two copies in  
7 the hands or office of the director and paying to the director for the  
8 use of the state a [THE] fee set under AS 21.06.250 [REQUIRED BY  
9 AS 21.06.250(a)(15)] for each person or insurer. A certificate by the  
10 director showing the service, that [WHICH] shall be attached to the  
11 original or third copy of the process presented to the director for  
12 that purpose, is sufficient evidence of service. Service upon the  
13 director as attorney shall be service upon the principal.

14 \* Sec. 15. AS 21.39.060(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) A corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership  
16 or a person, whether located inside or outside this state, may make  
17 application to the director for license as a rating organization for  
18 the kinds of insurance, or subdivision or class of risk or a part or  
19 combination thereof as are specified in its application and shall file  
20 with the application: (1) a copy of its constitution, its articles of  
21 agreement or association or its certificate of incorporation, and of  
22 its bylaws and regulations governing the conduct of its business; (2)  
23 a list of its members and subscribers; (3) the name and address of a  
24 resident of this state upon whom notices or orders of the director or  
25 process affecting the rating organization may be served; and (4) a  
26 statement of its qualifications as a rating organization. If the  
27 director finds that the applicant is competent, trustworthy and other-  
28 wise qualified to act as a rating organization and that its constitu-  
29 tion, articles of agreement or association or certificate of

1 incorporation, and its bylaws and regulations governing the conduct of  
2 its business conform to the requirements of law, the director shall  
3 issue a license specifying the kinds of insurance, or subdivisions or  
4 classes or risks or parts or combinations of them [THEREOF] for which  
5 the applicant is authorized to act as a rating organization. Each  
6 application shall be granted or denied in whole or in part by the  
7 director within 60 days after [OF] the date of its filing. Licenses  
8 issued under this section shall remain in effect for three years  
9 unless suspended or revoked by the director. The fee for the license  
10 is set under AS 21.06.250 [\$100]. Licenses issued under this section  
11 may be suspended or revoked by the director, after hearing upon no-  
12 tice, if the rating organization ceases to meet the requirements of  
13 this subsection. Each rating organization shall notify the director  
14 promptly of every change in

15 (1) its constitution, its articles of agreement or asso-  
16 ciation, or its certificate of incorporation, and its bylaws and  
17 regulations governing the conduct of its business;

18 (2) its list of members and subscribers; and

19 (3) the name and address of the resident of this state  
20 designated by it upon whom notices or orders of the director or pro-  
21 cess affecting the rating organization may be served.

22 \* Sec. 16. AS 21.66.080 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 21.66 080. ANNUAL STATEMENT. Every corporation, before  
24 March 2 of each year, shall furnish the director a sworn statement of  
25 assets and liabilities, and of all title premiums received by it  
26 during the preceding calendar year, setting out among other things  
27 that three percent of all gross premiums on title insurance policies  
28 issued by it during the year covering property in this state have been  
29 set aside and held by it in an account known as the Title Insurance

1 Unearned Premium Reserve Fund as provided in this chapter. The state-  
2 ment shall also show in the form which may be prescribed by the direc-  
3 tor. All unpaid losses and claims upon title insurance policies of  
4 which the corporation has received due notice in writing from or on  
5 behalf of the insured. With the filing of the statement the corpo-  
6 ration shall pay a filing fee set under AS 21.06.250 [OF \$15 TO BE  
7 PLACED IN THE GENERAL FUND].

8 \* Sec. 17. AS 21.66.090(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) With the filing of the application the corporation shall pay  
10 a fee set under AS 21.06.250 [OF \$50 TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL  
11 FUND] and in addition shall pay all traveling expenses of the director  
12 or an authorized representative of the director and per diem at the  
13 current level for state employees at the location of the examination  
14 [OF \$21 A DAY] incurred in examining the applicant's title plant or  
15 plants.

16 \* Sec. 18. AS 21.66.210(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) If the director finds that (1) the entity will be adequately  
18 financed, (2) the persons who will be operating the entity are qual-  
19 ified and (3) the rules of operation as expressed in the articles of  
20 incorporation or association and the bylaws will promote the efficien-  
21 cy of the operation of the subscribing owners or participants and will  
22 not unduly restrict competition, the director shall issue a certifi-  
23 cate of authority to the entity and permit it to organize. Each  
24 application under this section shall be granted or denied in whole or  
25 in part by the director within 60 days from the date it is filed. A  
26 certificate of authority issued under this section remains in effect  
27 until suspended or revoked by the director. The fee for the certifi-  
28 cate of authority is set under AS 21.06.250. The certificate of  
29 authority is subject to annual continuation. The fee for continuation

1 is set under AS 21.06.250 [\$75 A YEAR]. A certificate of authority  
2 issued under this section may be suspended or revoked by the director  
3 after hearing upon notice if the entity ceases to operate as provided  
4 in the application or if the director determines that the operation  
5 has become a restraint on competition and is not in the interests of  
6 the public. Every entity issued a certificate of authority under this  
7 section shall notify the director promptly of every change occurring  
8 under this section.

9 \* Sec. 19. AS 21.69.040(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The incorporators of a proposed domestic insurer shall  
11 deliver the triplicate originals of the articles of incorporation to  
12 the director together with the filing fees set under [SPECIFIED IN]  
13 AS 21.06.250.

14 \* Sec. 20. AS 21.69.050(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) Upon adoption of an amendment the insurer shall make in  
16 triplicate under its corporate seal a certificate, sometimes referred  
17 to as "articles of amendment," setting out the amendment and the date  
18 and manner of its adoption, which certificate shall be executed by the  
19 insurer's president or vice-president and secretary or assistant  
20 secretary and acknowledged by them before an officer authorized by law  
21 to take acknowledgements of deeds. The insurer shall deliver to the  
22 director the triplicate originals of the certificate, together with a  
23 [THE] filing fee set under [SPECIFIED IN] AS 21.06.250. If the direc-  
24 tor finds that the certificate and amendments comply with law, the  
25 director shall endorse approval upon each of the triplicate originals  
26 and return them to the insurer. The insurer shall immediately file  
27 one set of the endorsed articles of amendment with the commissioner of  
28 commerce and economic development, one set with the director bearing  
29 the certification of the commissioner, and retain the remaining set in

1 the corporate records. The amendment shall be effective when the  
2 filings have been completed.

3 \* Sec. 21. AS 21.84.030 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 21.84.030. ANNUAL LICENSE. Societies which are now au-  
5 thorized to transact business in this state may continue the business  
6 until July 1, 1967. The authority of the societies and all societies  
7 hereafter licensed, may thereafter be renewed annually, but in all  
8 cases terminate on the first day of the succeeding July. However, a  
9 license so issued shall continue in full force and effect until the  
10 new license is issued or specifically refused. For each license or  
11 renewal the society shall pay a fee set under AS 21.06.250 [THE DIREC-  
12 TOR \$15]. A certified copy or duplicate of the license shall be prima  
13 facie evidence that the licensee is a fraternal benefit society within  
14 the meaning of this chapter.

15 \* Sec. 22. AS 21.84.340(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) Every society transacting business in this state shall  
17 annually, before the second of March, unless for cause shown the time  
18 has been extended by the director, file with the director a true  
19 statement of its financial condition, transactions and affairs for the  
20 preceding calendar year and pay a fee set under AS 21.06.250 [OF \$5]  
21 for filing it. The statement shall be in the general form and context  
22 approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for  
23 fraternal benefit societies and supplemented by additional information  
24 required by the director.

25 \* Sec. 23. AS 21.84.430(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) The director may issue an agent's license to a person who  
27 has paid an annual license fee set under AS 21.06.250 [OF \$35] and who  
28 has complied with the requirements of this section, authorizing the  
29 licensee to act as an insurance agent on behalf of any society named

1 in the license that [WHICH] is authorized to do business in this  
2 state, and who has passed an examination given by the director.

3 \* Sec. 24. AS 21.84.490(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) Service shall only be made upon the director, or if absent,  
5 upon the person in charge of the office. It shall be made in dupli-  
6 cate and shall constitute sufficient service upon the society. When  
7 legal process against a society is served upon the director, the  
8 director shall immediately forward one of the duplicate copies by  
9 registered mail, prepaid, directed to the secretary or corresponding  
10 officer. Legal process may not be served upon a society except in the  
11 manner herein provided. At the time of serving a process upon the  
12 director, the plaintiff or complainant in the action shall pay to the  
13 director a fee set under AS 21.06.250 [OF \$5].

14 \* Sec. 25. AS 21.84.590(2) is amended to read:

15 (2) AS 21.06 [, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AS 21.06.250]

16 \* Sec. 26. AS 21.87.080(c) is amended to read:

17 (c) At the time of filing the application the applicant shall  
18 pay to the director an [THE] application fee and a [THE] fee for  
19 issuance of the certificate of authority set under AS 21.06.250 [SPEC-  
20 IFIED IN AS 21.87.320].

21 \* Sec. 27. AS 21.87.100(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) A certificate of authority issued to a service corporation  
23 shall continue in force as long as the corporation is entitled to it  
24 under this chapter, and until suspended or revoked by the director or  
25 terminated at the request of the corporation; subject, however, to  
26 continuance of the certificate by the corporation each year by

27 (1) payment, before June 30, of the continuation fee set  
28 under AS 21.06.250 [PROVIDED IN AS 21.87.320];

29 (2) filing by the insurer of its annual statement for the

1 preceding calendar year as required under AS 21.87.240.

2 \* Sec. 28. AS 21.87.240(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) At the time of filing the statement, the corporation shall  
4 pay a [THE] fee set under AS 21.06.250 [SPECIFIED IN AS 21.87.320].

5 \* Sec. 29. The director of the division of insurance shall adopt the  
6 initial regulations required by AS 21.06.250, as reenacted in sec. 2 of  
7 this Act, on or before July 1, 1985, to be effective July 1, 1985.

8 \* Sec. 30. AS 21.87.320 is repealed.

9 \* Sec. 31. Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately in accordance  
10 with AS 01.10.070(c).

11 \* Sec. 32. Sections 2 - 30 of this Act take effect July 1, 1985.

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1985

SUBJECT: CS HB 80 (L&C) Sectional Analysis

TO: Representative Mike Navarre  
House Labor and Commerce

FROM: Michael F. Ford *M.F.*  
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional analysis of CS HB 80 (L&C). Although the bill is twelve pages long, the majority of the sections deal with technical changes that are required in order to conform existing statutes to section 2 of the bill. Those sections that are simply technical changes are identified as such. In general the bill gives the Division of Insurance the power to adopt regulations setting fees for all services performed by the division relating to insurance, as opposed to the existing method of statutorily setting fees for each application, license, examination, or other service.

Section 1 Exempts those regulations establishing or changing fees, from the notice and hearing requirements of this section.

Section 2 Establishes the authority of the director of insurance to collect fees, and to establish fees by regulation.

Sections 3 to 28 Technical amendments.

Section 29 Requires adoption of regulations by the division by July 1, 1985.

Section 30 Technical amendment.

Section 31 Allows the division to immediately begin adopting regulations.

Representative Mike Navarre  
February 26, 1985  
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Section 32 Delays implementation of the division's authority to set fees by regulation until July 1, 1985.

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# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### DIVISION OF INSURANCE

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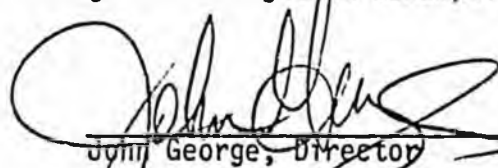
CS for HB 80 "An Act relating to insurance fees (set by regulation)."

The House Labor and Commerce Committee has brought to my attention the substantial differences in fiscal notes for HB 80 and CSHB 80. We have revised the note for the committee substitute and offer the following explanation for the original differences and the current differences.

The original fiscal note for CSHB 80 was taken from the prior year bill and did not recognize the significant growth in insurance licensing volume. It also contemplated recovering fees to meet the prior year's budget.

The fiscal note for HB 80 recognized the unlikelihood of annual legislation to set fees. It therefore set fees high enough to take care of a few years anticipated increases. Lastly, we recognize that fees set by regulation are subject to estimate and may vary from year to year in revenue collected due to changes in volume and efficiency.

We do not feel that the overall differences in revenue projected will be substantially different between the two bills and suggest that the Legislature select the method of setting fees using that assumption.

  
John George, Director  
DATE: 2/25/85

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BILL SHEFFIELD  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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January 18, 1985

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill raising current fees collected by the division of insurance, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, under AS 21.

The statutes currently setting fees for the division of insurance do not provide adequate revenue to the state to cover the division's present budget. Most of the fees were set by statute in 1966 and have not been increased since. This bill would raise fees to more closely approximate the actual cost of services and would provide for periodic reports by the division to the legislature in order to encourage future adjustments, as they become necessary. This bill is virtually identical to the committee substitute of a bill introduced last session, CSHB 633 (L&C).

I urge your support of and prompt action on this measure.

Sincerely,

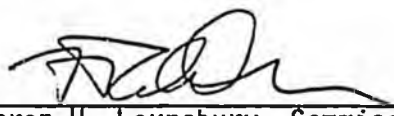
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Bill Sheffield  
Governor

HB 80: "An Act relating to insurance fees and licenses; and providing for an effective date."

The Legislature has asked us to submit a position paper relative to amending HB 80 to a form substantially equivalent to HB 633 of the Thirteenth Legislature. HB 633 proposed setting of insurance fees by regulation rather than by statute.

We have no objection to this proposal and would give it our full support. If the Legislature prefers one method over the other for setting fees, the department will accept their choice. Either method increases fees to a currently realistic amount. Setting of fees by regulation will provide for adequate hearing of affected persons' views, provide periodic fee review, and will not burden the legislative process every few years with a new fee bill.

  
Loren H. Lounsbury, Commissioner  
Date 2/15/85

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HB 80

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The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill raising current fees collected by the division of insurance, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, under AS 21.

The statutes currently setting fees for the division of insurance do not provide adequate revenue to the state to cover the division's present budget. Most of the fees were set by statute in 1966 and have not been increased since. This bill would raise fees to more closely approximate the actual cost of services and would provide for periodic reports by the division to the legislature in order to encourage future adjustments, as they become necessary. This bill is virtually identical to the committee substitute of a bill introduced last session, CSHB 633 (L&C).

I urge your support of and prompt action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield  
Governor