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SENATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ramsey

FROM: Pete Jeans *PJ*
Senior Advisor
Senate Advisory Council

DATE: March 9, 1984

RE: In-State Preference Purchasing

In response to your request earlier today, the following is a breakdown of responses we received to our letter sent to all the states September 23, 1983 regarding laws or regulations addressing "In-State Preference Purchasing" of agricultural goods produced within their state.

A total of 31 states responded. Of that total 15 stated that they do not have a law or regulation that mandates a preference for the purchase of in-state goods and services specifically relating to public purchasing of agricultural products. In-state purchasing is encouraged in a majority of these states. Those states responding were:

California	Illinois
Mississippi	Connecticut
Oklahoma	New Hampshire
Utah	Nevada
Nebraska	Virginia
Maryland	Illinois
Kentucky	Delaware
Georgia	

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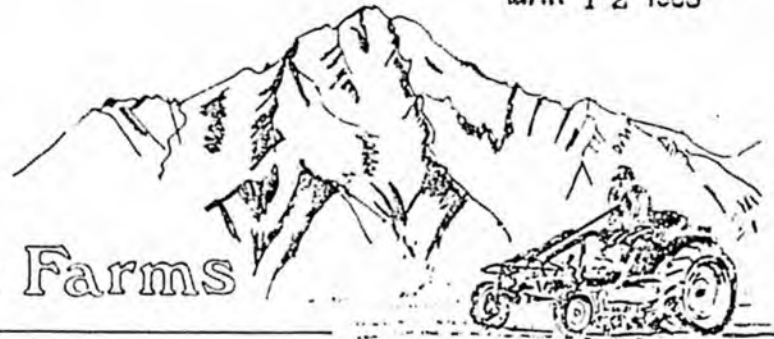
A total of 16 states responded that they did have statutory provisions that provide for in-state bidders preference for the purchase of goods and services made under state purchasing laws however, these states do not permit the sacrifice of price or quality in giving this preference. Here again, there is no regulations relating specifically to public purchasing of agricultural products. A number of these states also have regulations stating "preference shall be given to purchasing American made products and purchases from American based businesses whenever possible." Those states responding were:

New Mexico	North Dakota
Maine	New York
Minnesota	Hawaii
Florida	Arkansas
Missouri	Missouri
Colorado	Iowa
Ohio	Alabama
South Dakota	North Carolina

I have attached copies of these responses along with the regulations which have been cited. I hope this will be of use to you. If I can provide you with any additional information on this, please let me know.

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March 11, 1985

Senator Arliss Stungulewski, Chairwoman
Senate Resources Committee
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Dear Senator Stungulewski:

We are and have been successful vegetable farmers in the
Matanuska Valley for eight years.

We would like your support for SB 57, SB 40, SB 120 and SB 216.

Alaska agriculture needs this legislation very desperately and
it would have very little fiscal impact on the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. & Paula J. Giaucue
Owner/Operators
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cc: Senator Jalmer Kerttula
Senator Edna Armstrong DeVries
Representative Ron Larson
Representative Katie Hurley



Matanuska Valley Grown Produce

To: Senators Keathley and Coghlin

From: Alaska Rural Development Council

Re: Agricultural bills discussed at the Alaska Rural Development Council meeting

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Rural Development Council met as a workshop to review Senate bills, 40, 41, 42, 57, 110, 120, 154 and 155, and House bill, 11, 33, 39, 192 and 193; and Senate Joint Resolutions No. 1.

Our comments on this legislation is as follows:

H. B. 11 - support as written

S. B. 40 - This legislation addresses the same topic as S.B. 154 and was discussed by the board jointly. Carol Lewis, economist with the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station was requested to review the tax bills, make an economic evaluation regarding their impact on farmer operators and comment on potential administrative required. She reviewed her work with us and the board's decision was to support S.B. 154 as the enabling legislation with regulations to be established providing and administrative formula similar to the one she selected. A copy of this is attached.

The board would like to add that they feel this is necessary legislation at present

but over the long term would tend
continue the concentration of agricultural
financing with the state instead of
encouraging farm financing from other
sources.

S.B. 41 - Supported with the suggested
change that the ending date of the note be
extended by the time allowed in the moratorium.
Moratorium ~~has~~ the presently fallen the payments
over they start and could be a disadvantage
rather than an advantage.

S.B. 42. The council encourages the
enactment of SFR no. 1 with a strong
administrative approach to improving
agricultural rights patent protection.
The council feels that SB 42 allows for excessive
administrative discretion that could work against
the preservation of agricultural land. If the
legislature feels a bill is required the council
would support H.B. 33 over SB. 42.

The council ~~feels~~ believes that the pursuit
of a constitutional change that would enhance
the preservation of Alaska's very limited
agricultural land resource should be
pursued.

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SJR # 1 - support as discussed ~~in~~ in
the comments regarding SB 42.

H.B. 33 - discussed with SB 42

S.B. 57 - The council supports this
proposed legislation as long overdue.

S.B. 110 - The council believes this is
desirable legislation, but, because of
the limited availability of funds at the
present time, does not encourage
it right now.

SB 120 - The council supports this
legislation as written

S.B. 154 - The council supports this
legislation as described in the discussion
of SB. 40.

S.B. 155 - The council feels that splitting
or combining agricultural parcels should
be permitted under strict guidelines.

H. B. 11. The council supports this legislation
as written.

H. B. 33. - the proposed legislation was discussed
with S. B. 42 and SJR # 1.

H.B. 39. The council does not oppose this
legislation if the state believes the cost of
acquisition is realistic.

H. B. 192 - This is a companion bill to
S. B. 4A which the council supports
with a change as previously discussed.

H. B. 193 - a companion to S. B. 40 and
was previously discussed.

~~H. B.~~

The Alaska Rural Development Council
is an organization that has been active
in discussing Alaska's rural needs since
1947 and considers it a privilege to
comment on this proposed legislation.
If we can be of any further assistance
please contact us.

Sincerely,

Sig. Restad Chairman

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March 5, 1985

Senator Don Bennett
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Dear Don:

With oil prices continuing to dominate the news, concern is growing about the future stability of the Alaskan economy. It becomes important, then, that we look for ways to diversify our economy, and begin now to develop some reasonable alternatives. I realize this isn't an original idea, but we need to take it seriously, none the less.

Agriculture is an industry that holds much promise for the Interior of Alaska. It is renewable, it gets land into the hands of people who will use it productively, it can help us become less dependent on imports, it's clean, and on and on.

The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce is very supportive of agricultural development in the Interior and around the state. Our Agriculture Committee has reviewed several pieces of legislation that are in the works in one committee or another in the Senate. We would like to pass on our ideas for your consideration when these bills come before you.

In some cases, we have supported a bill "in concept", as the final form will probably change.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Buki Wright
President

cc: Governor Bill Sheffield
Esther Wunnicke, Commissioner of Natural Resources
Bill Heim, Director, Division of Agriculture
Adelheid Herrman, Chairman, House Resources Committee

The Agricultural Development Committee and the Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce urges your support for the following legislation to encourage agricultural development in Interior and South Central Alaska.

1. Support is urged for SB39 to build the roads and bridges necessary to develop both the agricultural and mineral resources in the Totchaket area of Interior Alaska.
2. Support is urged for the concept of production credits, as outlined in SB40 and SB154, to assist Alaska's agricultural industry in its early stages of development.
3. Support is urged for SB41 to increase from five years to ten years, the moratorium on payments for the sale of state land for agricultural purposes. This bill will assist Alaskan farmers in adjusting to the new worldwide economic conditions in agriculture.
4. Support is urged for the concept of SB42 as it relates to the transfer of land title from state to private ownership. This concept will enhance the ability of Alaskan farmers to obtain financing from private sector sources for agricultural production.
5. Support is urged for SB57, which would require a clause be inserted in all state bids, requiring agricultural products originating in this state be used wherever competitively priced and available and of like quality as compared with agricultural products originating outside the state.
6. Support is urged for SB110 to increase the amounts of long term loans available from the State of Alaska to any one borrower for agricultural purposes. This legislation will increase the loan limits to be more in line with the economy of scale necessary for economically sound, modern farming and will enhance the ability of borrowers to repay.
7. Support is urged for the concept of SB155, relating to the splitting and combining of agricultural parcels, with the suggestion the bill be amended to allow the minimum parcel size be 320 acres. This legislation will permit increased flexibility in the development of economically sound full-time and part-time farming enterprises in Alaska.
8. Support is urged for SB120 to increase the limits of the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund, to assist in the establishment of Commodity Marketing Associations, and to increase the number of members on the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund Board.

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March 4, 1985

Senator Jay Kerttula
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Dear Senator Kerttula:

Please reference your letter of February 25th concerning Senate Bill 57.

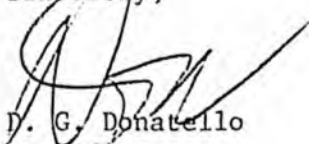
We think Senate Bill 57 is a good start, but we would like to see two qualifications added to the Bill.

1. Local Alaskan Businesses should be given a 5% bid preference.
2. An additional 5% preference should be given to items that are produced and processed within the State of Alaska.

The above incentives would give local companies and producers a stronger position in the market place. The local producer of milk, vegetables, meat, etc. would be encouraged to produce a quality product that would be available in sufficient quantities to supply the local population.

Good luck with Senate Bill 57. We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,


D. G. Donatello
President

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