

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

4/19/85

Date 2/11/86

Mr. President

The Committee on FINANCE considered CORRETTA (H.D.)

relating to small claims, and the duties of magistrates; and

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 1779
(357.1) 2/11/86
- recommends referral to _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

[Signature]
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MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman

Chairman recommendation

**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date : _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. : CSHB 118 (Jud)
 Title : Small Claims Jurisdictional
 Limitation

Sponsor : _____
 Requestor : _____
 Date of Request : _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected : Alaska Court System
 BRU : Trial Courts

Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
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TRAVEL						
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CAPITAL						
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

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FULL-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
PART-TIME		2	2	2	2	2
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

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Prepared by : _____ Phone : _____
 Division : Senator Jan Faiks, Co-chairman Date : 2/11/86
Senate Finance Committee

Approved by Commissioner : _____ Date : _____
 Agency : _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note) :

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

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10/25/85

2/11/86

*SFC fiscal note
 of 2/11/86 combines
 costs from Ct. System
 note of 1/31/86 and
 revenues from 2/6/86
 note.*

Offered: 2/22/85
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Judiciary/Chief Justice
Alaska Supreme Court

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118 (Judiciary)

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 small claims, and the duties of
7 magistrates; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 22.15.040 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 22.15.040. SMALL CLAIMS. When a claim for relief does not
11 exceed \$5,000 [~~\$2,000~~] exclusive of costs, interest and attorney fees,
12 and request is so made, the district judge or magistrate shall hear
13 the action as a small claim unless important or unusual points of law
14 are involved. The supreme court shall prescribe the procedural rules
15 and standard forms to assure simplicity and the expeditious handling
16 of small claims.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 22.15.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (b) All potential small claim litigants shall be informed if
19 mediation, conciliation, and arbitration services are available as an
20 alternative to litigation.

21 * Sec. 3. AS 22.15.120 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 22.15.120. LIMITATIONS ON PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAGISTRATE MAY
23 HEAR. A magistrate shall preside only in cases and proceedings under
24 AS 22.15.040, 22.15.100, and 22.15.110, and as follows,

25 (1) for the recovery of money or damages only when the
26 amount claimed, exclusive of costs, interest, and attorney fees, does
27 not exceed \$5,000 [~~\$1,000~~];

28 (2) for the recovery of specific personal property when the
29 value of the property claimed and the damages for the detention do not

1 exceed \$5,000 [\$1,000];

2 (3) for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture, whether
3 given by statute or arising out of contract, not exceeding \$5,000
4 [\$1,000];

5 (4) to give judgment without action upon the confession of
6 the defendant for any of the cases specified in this section, except
7 for a penalty or forfeiture imposed by statute;

8 (5) to give judgment of conviction upon a plea of guilty by
9 the defendant in a criminal proceeding within the jurisdiction of the
10 district court;

11 (6) to hear, try, and enter judgments in all cases involv-
12 ing misdemeanors, if the defendant consents in writing that the magis-
13 trate may try the case;

14 (7) to hear, try and enter judgments in all cases involving
15 infractions under AS 28 and violations of ordinances of political
16 subdivisions [;

17 (8) REPEALED].

18 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the effective date of an amendment
19 by the Supreme Court to Rule 9(c)(2) of the Rules Governing the Adminis-
20 tration of All Courts raising the filing fee for small claims actions from
21 \$5 to at least \$15.

ANALYSIS FOR HOUSE BILL 118

An Act relating to small claims and the duties of magistrates and providing for and effective date

Section 1

Raises the limit on small claims court actions from the current \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Section 2

Adds a new section to the chapter relating to small claims actions that would instruct the courts to inform all potential small claim litigants of mediation, arbitration or conciliation services available as an alternative to litigation.

Section 3

Under current law, a magistrate may hear cases that involve the recovery of money or damages, specific personal property and the recovery of penalty or forfeiture if the amount does not exceed \$1,000. This section raises that limit to \$5,000.

Section 4

The effective date of this act is contingent upon the Supreme Court amending Rule 9 (c)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Court. That change would raise the filing fee for small claims actions from \$5.00 to \$15.00.



From The
**SENATE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

April 20, 1985

Jens -

Attached are two fiscal notes for HB 118. The first (dated 2/20/85, authored by Hayden Kaden for House Judiciary) was attached to the bill when it came into committee and has been included in committee files.

The second note (3/7/85, authored by Mr. Adams for House Finance) was gathered from House Finance files. It was reported out of that committee but apparently removed or inadvertantly dropped off of the bill before it reached us.

The House Finance fiscal note has not been included in committee files.

There is undoubtedly a story behind this. I will wait to hear from you prior to copying the note for members.

kathy

2/4/86

Replaced by
1/31/86 updating
fiscal note
per Jens

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 118 (Jud)
 Title: An Act Relating to Small
 Claims and Magistrate Jurisdiction
 Sponsor: Judiciary Committee
 Requestor: _____
 Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Alaska Court System
 Program Category Affected: _____
 Administration of Justice
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Trial Courts

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		94.8	100.5	106.5	112.9	119.7
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES		2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
500 EQUIPMENT		9.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		105.8	102.6	108.7	115.2	122.1
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		105.8	102.6	108.7	115.2	122.1
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		105.8	102.6	108.7	115.2	122.1

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		3	3	3	3	3
PART-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

The original fiscal note submitted by the Court System for HB 118 is still correct; however, the costs incurred will be more than offset by the increase in filing fees required under Sec. 4 of the House Judiciary Committee Substitute for HB 118.

ANALYSIS:

Prepared By: Hayden Kaden, Committee Counsel Phone: 465-4990
 Division: House Judiciary Committee Date: 2-20-85
 Approved by [Signature] Chairman Date: 2-20-85
 Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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

12/1/83

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

FISCAL DETAIL

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 118 (Jud) Agency Affected: Alaska Court System
 Title: An Act relating to small Program Category Affected: _____
Claims and Magistrate Jurisdiction Administration of Justice
 Sponsor: Court BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
 Requestor: House Finance Trial Courts
 Date of Request: 3/7/85

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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CAPITAL						
REVENUE		118.1	124.0	130.2	136.7	143.5

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PART-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See Attached analysis sheet - page 2.

Prepared By: Al Adams - Chair Phone: 465-3706
 Division: House Finance Date: 3/7/85

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
 Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
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7/1/84

Alaska Court System
Fiscal Note Analysis

CS HB 118 (Jud)
by House Finance Committee

This bill only takes effect if the court increases small claims filing fees from the current \$5.00 to \$15.00. Therefore the fiscal impact shown here will only occur if the court increases the fee.

Revenues are computed as follows:

FY 84 10,735 small claims were filed.
The fee for each filing would increase \$10.00

The Court estimates the number of filings will have increased 10% in FY 85.

10,735	X	\$10.00	=	\$107,350
1,073.50	X	\$10.00	=	10,735
(10,735 X .10)				
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				\$118,085.

The FY 86 figure of \$118,085 has increased 5% each succeeding year.

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM
FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

HB 118 - SMALL CLAIMS & MAGISTRATE JURISDICTION

PERSONNEL:	SALARY	BENEFITS	TOTAL COST
1½ COURT CLERK I (Anchorage - 8B)	\$28,926	\$10,418	\$39,344
1 COURT CLERK I (Fairbanks - 8B)	21,744	7,496	29,240
1 COURT CLERK I (Juneau - 8B)	19,284	6,945	26,229

	Total Personnel Costs		94,813
SUPPLIES			2,000
EQUIPMENT (one-time items)			8,996

TOTAL FY 86 COST			\$105,809
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Subsequent fiscal years adjusted to reflect 6% inflation.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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 Date of Request : _____

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POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME		6	6	6	6	6
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

SEE ATTACHED ANALYSIS

*Assumes filings double, and supreme court increases filing fee from \$5 to \$15.

Prepared by : Robert G. Fisher Phone : 264-8215
 Division : Alaska Court System Date : 2/6/86

Approved by Commissioner : S. Cole, for Art Snowden Date : 2/6/86
 Agency : Alaska Court System

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note) :

- Legislative Finance
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ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

CSHB 118 (JUD) - SMALL CLAIMS JURISDICTION LIMITATION

FISCAL IMPACT

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Additionally, some litigants would be willing to waive the amount of their claim over \$5,000 and proceed in small claims court, balancing the waiver of the claim amount against the savings in attorney fees in small claims.

Additional clerical help will be required. The small claims procedures involve an extensive amount of clerical assistance, including mailing notices for litigants and substantial time expended in advising the public. General District Court matters require only simple filing and journaling of documents. This impact could be handled by the addition of six (6) permanent full-time positions. These personnel costs and other related costs are summarized on the attached sheet.

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

CSHB 118 - SMALL CLAIMS JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATION

FISCAL IMPACT

	Salary	Benefits	Total
Personnel:			
Anchorage:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	\$20,244	\$7,577	\$27,821
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	20,244	7,577	27,821
Fairbanks:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	22,836	8,160	30,996
Juneau:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	20,244	7,577	27,821
Palmer:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	20,880	7,762	28,642
Kenai:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	21,516	7,926	29,442

	Total Personnel		172,543
Contractual:			
Telephone service, postage, rental copiers, equipment maintenance, etc.			12,000
Supplies:			
File folders, copier paper, forms, desk supplies, etc.			2,500
Equipment: (one-time items)			
New employee equipment - desk, chair and typewriter			13,848
Other equipment - file cabinets, tables, chairs, etc.			6,100

	Total Equipment		19,948

	Total FY 87 Cost		\$206,991
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Subsequent fiscal years adjusted to reflect 6% inflation.

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM
SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS
FY 85

Judicial District	Location	Case Filings	Percent of State
1	Juneau	1,671	11.70%
1	Ketchikan	323	2.26%
1	Sitka	186	1.30%
1	Petersburg	129	0.90%
1	Wrangell	118	0.83%
	District Total	2,427	16.99%
2	Nome	168	1.17%
2	Barrow	89	0.62%
2	Kotzebue	60	0.42%
	District Total	317	2.21%
3	Anchorage	6,754	47.27%
3	Palmer	1,158	8.11%
3	Kenai	592	4.14%
3	Homer	364	2.55%
3	Kodiak	331	2.32%
3	Seward	146	1.02%
3	Dillingham	144	1.01%
3	Glennallen	134	0.94%
3	Cordova	85	0.60%
3	Valdez	65	0.46%
3	Unalaska	41	0.29%
	District Total	9,814	68.71%
4	Fairbanks	1,475	10.33%
4	Bethel	225	1.58%
4	Tok	26	0.18%
	District Total	1,726	12.09%
	Statewide Total	14,284	100.00%

DISTRICT COURTS SMALL CLAIMS CASE FILINGS

FY 82 - FY 85

COURT	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	% INCREASE	
					FY 82 - FY 85	FY 84 - FY 85
Anchorage	5306	4918	5041	6754	+ 27	+ 34
Barrow	104	43	74	89	- 14	+ 20
Bethel	321	154	134	225	- 30	+ 68
Cordova	63	83	105	85	+ 35	- 19
Dillingham	72	57	45	144	+100	+220
Fairbanks	767	777	946	1475	+ 92	+ 56
Glennallen	224	174	253	134	- 40	- 47
Homer	201	391	312	364	+ 81	+ 17
Juneau	1273	1133	1159	1671	+ 31	+ 44
Kenai	405	308	426	592	+ 46	+ 39
Ketchikan	328	311	417	323	- 2	- 23
Kodiak	240	156	222	331	+ 38	+ 49
Kotzebue	119	43	219	60	- 50	- 73
Nome	81	67	108	168	+107	+ 56
Palmer	841	578	651	1158	+ 38	+ 78
Petersburg	19	90	109	129	+579	+ 18
Seward	80	162	68	146	+ 83	+115
Sitka	241	226	152	186	- 23	+ 22
Tok	10	21	22	26	+160	+ 18
Unalaska	34	59	48	41	+ 21	- 15
Valdez	118	172	101	65	- 45	- 36
Wrangell	75	46	123	118	+ 57	- 4
TOTAL	10922	9969	10735	14284	+ 31	+ 33

BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

First	1936	1806	1960	2427	+ 25	+ 24
Second	304	153	401	317	+ 4	- 21
Third	7584	7058	7272	9814	+ 29	+ 35
Fourth	1098	952	1102	1726	+ 57	+ 57

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 — JUNE 30

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THE **EQUITABLE**
FINANCIAL SERVICES

MAGISTRATE
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September 9, 1985

Carole A. Baekey
Director, Magistrate Services
Alaska Court System
303 K Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Small Claims - H.B. 118

Dear Ms. Baekey:

Based upon the information that has been gathered to date by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee and forwarded to me, we believe at this time that a change from \$2,000 to \$5,000 as the limit for small claim actions would double the number of filings.


We also believe that the fees for said filings should be raised and that a fee amount related to the amount of the claim would be appropriate.

We also believe that the presence of attorneys at small claims proceedings is not currently an issue, and we do not care to change the status quo.

We realize that this change will necessitate a fair-sized fiscal note on the bill, but it appears that personnel increases are inevitable anyway, based upon current trends. We do believe, all facts and feelings considered, that the small claims limit should be raised to \$5,000.

We await your notification of our next committee meeting.

Respectfully,



William R. Purrington

WRP/bp

STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 1/31/86

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Prepared by: Robert G. Fisher Phone: 264-8215
 Division: Alaska Court System Date: 1/31/86
 Approved by Commissioner: Arthur H. Snowden, II Date: 1/31/86
 Agency: Alaska Court System

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
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10/25/85

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*Toss -
Has been updated
per Jens*

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

CSHB 118 (JUD) - SMALL CLAIMS JURISDICTION LIMITATION

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ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

CSHB 118 - SMALL CLAIMS JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATION

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Fairbanks:			
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Juneau:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PFT	20,244	7,577	27,821
Palmer:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PPT	10,440	3,881	14,321
Kenai:			
Court Clerk I - Range 8B, PPT	10,758	3,963	14,721

	Total Personnel		143,501
 Contractual:			
Telephone service, postage, rental copiers, equipment maintenance, etc.			12,000
 Supplies:			
File folders, copier paper, forms, desk supplies, etc.			2,500
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			=====

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THE EQUITABLE
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September 9, 1985

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1	Ketchikan	323	2.26%
1	Sitka	186	1.30%
1	Petersburg	129	0.90%
1	Wrangell	118	0.83%
	District Total	2,427	16.99%
2	Nome	168	1.17%
2	Barrow	89	0.62%
2	Kotzebue	60	0.42%
	District Total	317	2.21%
3	Anchorage	6,754	47.27%
3	Palmer	1,158	8.11%
3	Kenai	592	4.14%
3	Homer	364	2.55%
3	Kodiak	331	2.32%
3	Seward	146	1.02%
3	Dillingham	144	1.01%
3	Glennallen	134	0.94%
3	Cordova	85	0.60%
3	Valdez	65	0.46%
3	Unalaska	41	0.29%
	District Total	9,814	68.71%
4	Fairbanks	1,475	10.33%
4	Bethel	225	1.58%
4	Tok	26	0.18%
	District Total	1,726	12.09%
	Statewide Total	14,284	100.00%

DISTRICT COURTS SMALL CLAIMS CASE FILINGS

FY 82 - FY 85

COURT	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	% INCREASE	
					FY 82 - FY 85	FY 84 - FY 85
Anchorage	5306	4918	5041	6754	+ 27	+ 34
Barrow	104	43	74	89	- 14	+ 20
Bethel	321	154	134	225	- 30	+ 68
Cordova	63	83	105	85	+ 35	- 19
Dillingham	72	57	45	144	+100	+220
Fairbanks	767	777	946	1475	+ 92	+ 56
Glennallen	224	174	253	134	- 40	- 47
Homer	201	391	312	364	+ 81	+ 17
Juneau	1273	1133	1159	1671	+ 31	+ 44
Kenai	405	308	426	592	+ 46	+ 39
Ketchikan	328	311	417	323	- 2	- 23
Kodiak	240	156	222	331	+ 38	+ 49
Kotzebue	119	43	219	60	- 50	- 73
Nome	81	67	108	168	+107	+ 56
Palmer	841	578	651	1158	+ 38	+ 78
Petersburg	19	90	109	129	+579	+ 18
Seward	80	162	68	146	+ 83	+115
Sitka	241	226	152	186	- 23	+ 22
Tok	10	21	22	26	+160	+ 18
Unalaska	34	59	48	41	+ 21	- 15
Valdez	118	172	101	65	- 45	- 36
Wrangell	75	46	123	118	+ 57	- 4
TOTAL	10922	9969	10735	14284	+ 31	+ 33

BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

First	1936	1806	1960	2427	+ 25	+ 24
Second	304	153	401	317	+ 4	- 21
Third	7584	7058	7272	9814	+ 29	+ 35
Fourth	1098	952	1102	1726	+ 57	+ 57

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 — JUNE 30

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

3/11/85

Date 4-18-85

Mr. President

The Committee on JUDICIARY considered CSHB 118(Jud) relating to small claims, and the duties of magistrates; efd.

and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- ~~do pass with attached amendment(s)~~ 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

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Tim Kelly

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Michael Kelly

Chairman

DO PASS
Chairman recommendation