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Jeanie Henry

Senate Health Education and Social Services Committee 5/8/86, 1:25pm

COMMITTEE REPORT

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FURTHER:

5/5/86

Date 5-8-86

Mr. President

The Committee on HESS considered HCR 61 am

Relating to access to basic health care services for Alaskans.

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

Joe Jacobson

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Chairman

Chairman recommendation

The attached amendment would remove the requirement that people who handle controlled substances in Alaska register with both the state and federal governments, and amend state law to specifically provide that federal registration requirements must be met. This was recommended by the legislative audit.

At its March 5 sunset review of the Board, the Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services did recommend its continuation. The Board terminated June 30, 1985 and has until June 30, 1986 to conclude its affairs.

HCR 61 am Relating to access to basic health care services for Alaskans.

HCR 61 requests the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Social Services to identify potential means and costs of providing for the health care needs of Alaskans who do not have adequate health care protection. It is anticipated that funding support for the study will come from a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and that the House Research Agency and legislative staff will cooperate in the effort. The resolution calls for the results of the study to be submitted to the legislature by March 1, 1987.

SB 415 Relating to school board composition.

SB 415 would exempt Rural Education Attendance Areas (REAs) that convert to city or borough school districts from statutory provisions that govern the number of members who may serve on a city/borough school board. Current statute provides, for city/borough districts with less than 5000 students, a 5 member board; for city/borough districts with more than 5000 students, a 7, 9, or 11-member board; and for REAs, a 5, 7, 9, or 11-member board.

The bill is intended to address the conversion of the Northwest Arctic REA in Kotzebue to a borough school district. The REA currently has an 11-member board; existing statute would require that the board be reduced to five members.


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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: REP. NIILLO KOPONEN 

RE: HOUSE RESEARCH INTERIM PROJECTS

DATE: MAY 5, 1986

This session I introduced HB 675, "An Act relating to health care for low-income persons." You will note in my Interim Report for the HESS Committee that I devoted some Committee time to a partial search regarding alternatives to providing some level of health care to low-income persons who are without insurance coverage and who do not qualify for assistance under some other program.

The Department of Health and Social Services has expressed an interest in the approach which this legislation takes. My approach is based upon legislation originally proposed in Washington State. In their position paper on HB 675, the Department of Health and Social Services, in supporting the concepts for HB 675, recommends that in the first year an "assessment of the problem" be made. The Department lacks the information to give HB 675 a realistic fiscal note or other support. In response, the House HESS Committee unanimously decided to introduce HCR 61, which asks the Governor to direct the Department of Health and Social Services to provide the Legislature with some baseline information:

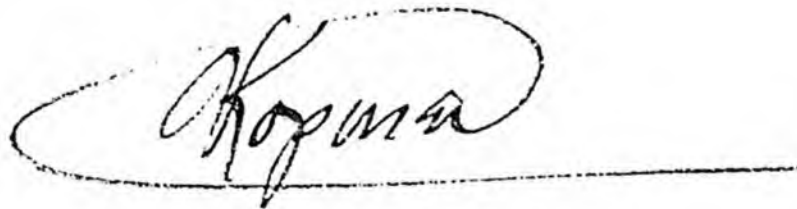
(1) determine how many persons in this state are currently without adequate health care protection;

(2) analyze the health care financing plan proposed in HB 675 and other similar plans being proposed or used in other states to determine the most efficient and effective way to provide health care protection to persons who would not otherwise be protected;

(3) assess the financial implications of providing broader access to basic health care services for persons in the state;

(4) report by March 1, 1987 to the Fifteenth Legislature concerning its determination and recommendations.

I am aware particularly of work in this area being done by both Washington and Wisconsin. The Department of Health and Social Services will be applying for a grant for work from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which has provided assistance to other states for similar projects. Grant awards will be announced in January 1987. With passage of this resolution we can be assured that enough basic information will be received by March of next year that the Fifteenth Legislature can draft appropriate legislation in a timely fashion. I urge your support for this measure.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Koyama", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.