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Bill No. House Bill 295

Date March 26, 1985

Title "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Labor for Study of Unemployment in Alaska and other issues related to Alaska hire; and providing for an effective date."

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House Bill 295 makes an appropriation to the Department of Labor for a special study of unemployment and resident hire in Alaska.

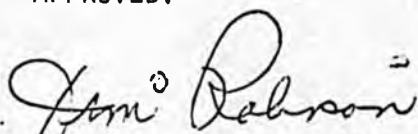
Specifically, under this appropriation measure, the Department would collect and analyze a variety of information on the impact of nonresidents on employment in Alaska. Currently, such information is not available in a form that will withstand legal scrutiny. Although the State's counsel in the pending resident hire lawsuit wove together different kinds of information to show the impact of nonresidents on employment, the Superior Court concluded that there was insufficient evidence to show that the influx of nonresident workers was a "peculiar source" of unemployment in the construction industry in Alaska against which the resident hire law was directed.

The study which this bill provides for was also recommended by a recent legal analysis prepared by Attorney Robert Goldberg. This analysis, "Legislative Remedies for Rural Unemployment," specifically recommends that the State collect a substantial body of specific, reliable data on unemployment, income, population trends, etc. and that specific legislative and/or administrative findings be made on the basis of the data.

The Department expects that the study will support the State's contention that nonresidents are a primary cause of high unemployment in Alaska, and that it will also show that the resident hire law is necessary to remedy the problem.

The Department strongly supports this proposal to fund a study of unemployment and resident hire in Alaska.

APPROVED:



Jim Robison, Commissioner  
Department of Labor

Alaska Department of Labor

Budget Detail for Continuing Research  
on Local Hire Related Issues

HB 295

<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>		
Labor Economist II (6 Mo.)	21,400	
Statistical Tech. I (4 Mo.)	11,100	
Total Personal Services	32,500	
<u>TRAVEL</u>		
Juneau-Anchorage (4 trips) *	1,800	
Per Diem (8 3/4 days)	700	
Total Travel	2,500	
<u>CONTRACTUAL</u>		
Data Entry **	33,000	
Printing	2,000	
Programming	6,000	
Data Processing Operations	20,000	
Maint., Postage, Phone, Misc.	3,000	
Total Contractual	64,000	
<u>COMMODITIES</u>		
Office supplies	1,000	
Total Commodities	1,000	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>100,000</u>	

\* Meetings with the State's legal counsel.

\*\* Costs for HB 295 relate to data entry of the 1984 Certified Payrolls of State funded construction.

Chairman's Information:

- 1) HB 295: "An act making a special appropriation to the Department of Labor for study of unemployment in Alaska and other issues related to Alaska hire; and providing for an effective date."
  - a) Introduced: Boucher + 21 other House members
  - b) Co-Sponsors:
- 2) INTENT: This bill makes a special appropriation (\$100,000) to the Department of Labor for a study of unemployment and Alaska hire related issues.

FISCAL NOTE: Fiscal Note: \$100,000 (special appropriation)

NOTE:

- 3) ADDITIONAL REFERRALS: Finance
- 4) PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  - a) Sponsor:
  - b) Public witnesses:
- 5) BILL ACTION:
  - a) Hold in committee?
  - b) Assign to sub committee for further review?
  - c) Move from Committee?
  - d) close public hearings?
- 6) COMMITTEE ACTION:
  - a) amendments?
  - b) CS adoption?

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

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

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 295  
 Title: "An Act making special appropriation for study of unemployment"  
 Sponsor: Boucher et. al.  
 Requestor: House Labor & Commerce  
 Date of Request: 4/10/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Labor  
 Program Category Affected: Public Protection  
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Commissioner's Office

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		100.0				
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	100.0	0	0	0	0
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
<b>REVENUE</b>						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

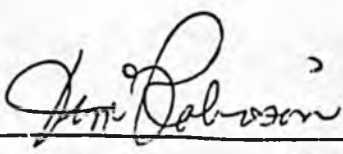
GENERAL FUND		100.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	100.0	0	0	0	0


POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

See Attached

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 Division: Commissioner Date: 4/10/85

Approved by Commissioner: Jim Robison  Date: 4/10/85  
 Agency: Labor

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

BILL/RESOLUTION NO.: HB 295

TITLE: "An Act making special appropriation for study of unemployment"

AGENCY AFFECTED: Department of Labor

This bill makes a special appropriation to the Alaska Department of Labor to study the affect of employment of nonresidents on unemployment among residents of Alaska and other issues related to Alaska hire.

### Assumptions:

1. The Alaska Department of Labor will assign a Labor Economist II for six months and a Statistical Technician I for four months to research and provide this information.
2. Approximately one third of the funds will be used to key enter Alaska's certified payrolls from state funded construction projects.
3. \$26,000 will be spent to complete crossmatches of the workers on the certified payroll with wage items on the unemployment insurance wage file, the unemployment insurance claimant file and permanent fund dividend recipients.
5. The project will begin immediately after the effective date of this legislation with a written summary to be presented to the Alaska Legislature by the first day of the next session.