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POSITION PAPER

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

For "An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, for the Alaska AIDS program, and providing for an effective date."

This act appropriates \$698,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health and Social Service, Division of Public Health, for the Alaska AIDS program.

Background

Through March 31, 1987, 34 Alaskans have been confirmed to have AIDS and 20 of them are known to have died. All AIDS patients have been members of identified high risk groups.

<u>Location</u>		<u>Age Group</u>
Anchorage	- 20	<20 - 1
Juneau	- 6	20-29 - 8
Fairbanks	- 1	30-39 - 12
Kenai	- 2	40-49 - 10
Dillingham	- 2	50+ - 3
Other Alaskan Communities	- 3	

Risk Group

- Homosexual or bisexual men - 27
- Heterosexual with contact with a person with AIDS or at-risk for AIDS - 2
- Transfusion with blood/blood products - 3
- Hemophilia - 1

Since 1985, the Division of Public Health has established eight sites in order to make accessible to Alaskans blood testing to detect infection with HIV. Through January 1, 1987, 132 of 2448 (5.4%) individuals tested were positive for HIV infection. HIV test results by risk category include:

<u>Risk Category</u>	<u>HIV RESULTS</u> <u>#positive/#tested (%)</u>	
Homosexual or Bisexual	112/623	(18.0)
IV Drug User	6/210	(2.9)
Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorder	2/2	(100.0)
Heterosexual Contact with person with AIDS or at risk for AIDS	2/228	(0.9)
Transfusion with blood/blood products	1/41	(2.4)
All others	9/1344	(0.7)

- The number of AIDS cases continues to rise. It is now estimated that in 1991, 270,000 Americans will develop AIDS and 179,000 will have died of AIDS. More than 1.5 million Americans are believed now to be infected with the AIDS virus - one half may develop AIDS. Epidemiologic studies have shown that heterosexuals increasingly are becoming infected and that heterosexual transmission of the virus occurs more easily than initially suspected.
- Experts believe it unlikely that a vaccine against AIDS will be available or drugs to cure AIDS will be discovered in the next five years - or even longer.
- The National Research Council and Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences published a major work after reviewing all available information about AIDS "Confronting AIDS, Directions for Public Health, Health Care, and Research." These experts have called for a major nationwide response to AIDS, recommending federal government expenditures of \$1 billion per year for research and \$1 billion per year for disease prevention education.
- Surgeon General Koop issued his landmark report on AIDS and stated that "...education concerning AIDS must start at the lowest grade possible... There is now no doubt that we need sex education in schools and that it must include information on heterosexual and homosexual relationships. The threat of AIDS should be sufficient to permit a sex education curriculum with a heavy emphasis on prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases."
- We must continue and strengthen our present program. We must stop considering only the number of positive AIDS cases and begin to focus on HIV infection. HIV infection is a far more serious problem; for every positive AIDS case, experts estimate that 50 others have been infected with and carry the virus and they are capable of infecting others.
- We must increase screening for HIV infection and counseling for individuals who are infected or are members of high risk groups. This should also help assure the continued screening of rural Alaskans for Hepatitis B which can also be transmitted sexually.
- We must implement the National Academy of Science and Surgeon General's recommendations to provide education concerning AIDS in our schools at the lowest grade possible.

Position

The Department of Health and Social Services strongly supports this bill because it will enable Alaskans to respond appropriately to the growing AIDS epidemic and will provide funds necessary to reduce transmission of the virus and prevent Alaskans from becoming infected with this lethal disease.

POSITION PAPER/Department of Health & Social Services

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Date: 4/1/87

Approved by: Myra M. Munson
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Commissioner
Department of Health
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Date: April 1, 1987

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version : HR 191

Publish Date : _____

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act Making an appropriation
 for the Alaska AIDS program"
 Sponsor: HESS Committee
 Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services

BRU: State Health Services

Components: Epidemiology, Nursing
 Laboratories

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		425.5				
TRAVEL		50.0				
CONTRACTUAL		140.0				
SUPPLIES		80.0				
EQUIPMENT		2.5				
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		698.0				
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		698.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		5				
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SEE ATTACHED

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 Agency: _____

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Distribution (by preparer):

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

BUDGET ANALYSIS

Personal Services

\$425.5

\$200.0 of the Personal Services total of \$425.5 will be used to fund non-permanent project nursing positions, an equivalent to 3.5 FTE, in the Section of Nursing in select Alaskan communities that have been identified as HIV test sites to provide screening and counseling services.

The five new full-time positions being requested are as follows:

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| 2-Microbiologist II positions (Fairbanks) (\$46 x 2 = \$92.0)
These two positions will provide the laboratory support necessary to process the HIV specimens. | 92.0 |
| 1-Data Processing Clerk position (Fairbanks) This position will provide the data entry and clerical support necessary to the laboratory for the processing of the HIV specimens. | 30.6 |
| 1-Education Specialist II (Anchorage) This position will provide for the development and implementation of an AIDS curriculum for Alaskan schools. | 59.7 |
| 1-Public Health Representative (Anchorage) This position will assist with the overall coordination of AIDS activities throughout the state, including screening, training, and health education. | 43.2 |

Travel

Includes \$20.0 for an AIDS training seminar for State PHN's from select communities. It will provide training to State PHN's to do screening, counseling and to assist with AIDS Health Education/Risk Education Programs in school districts and communities state-wide. It also provides for travel for the Education Specialist, Public Health Representative, and other staff involved in AIDS activities.

Contractual

\$140.0

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| Phones, postage and printing. | 25.0 |
| Printing and distribution of Surgeon General Koop's report to all Alaskan households (est. 300,00) | 70.0 |
| AIDS Health Educator (contract) | 45.0 |

Supplies

\$80.0

Educational materials

Equipment

\$2.5

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 3/18/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

DATE: _____

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee has considered HB 191

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RECOMMENDS:

- [] replace with _____ [] the same title
- [] attached amendment(s) [] a new title
- [] do pass
- [] do not pass
- [] no recommendation
- [] individual recommendations
- [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: [] _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- [] fiscal impact [] same as previous fiscal note published _____
- [] zero fiscal note [] same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- [] zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chairman's signature