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Mary Van Nimwegen

House Hess:

April 18, 1988

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Department of Administration
 Title: An act relating to the Retirement Incentive Program BRU: Retirement and Benefits
 Sponsor: Duncan Components: Retirement and Benefits
 Requestor: Duncan

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.0	6.0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	3.0	6.0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	3.0	6.0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3.0	6.0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	1	1	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached

Prepared By: Robert F. Stalnaker, Acting Director
 Division: Retirement and Benefits

Phone: 465-4460
 Date: 3-16-88

Approved by Commissioner: John M. Andrews
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: _____

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Alaska State Legislature

SENATOR JIM DUNCAN

P. O. Box V JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

(907) 465-4766

COMMITTEES:
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MARCH 22, 1988

TO: REPRESENTATIVE FRAN ULMER, CHAIR
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: SENATOR JIM DUNCAN

SUBJECT: CS SENATE BILL 42 (FINANCE), AN ACT RELATING TO
TERRITORIAL SERVICE AND BIA SERVICE UNDER THE
RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

CS SENATE BILL 42 (FINANCE), RELATING TO TERRITORIAL SERVICE AND BIA SERVICE UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE BILL WOULD REMEDY AN INEQUITABLE SITUATION WHICH AROSE AS THE RESULT OF THE ORIGINAL RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM. A HANDFUL OF TEACHERS WHO HAD SERVICE TIME WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AS TEACHERS IN ALASKA WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INCENTIVE BECAUSE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION WHICH EXCLUDED THE USE OF BIA SERVICE CREDIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF QUALIFYING FOR THE INCENTIVE. SO, EVEN THOUGH THESE TEACHERS TAUGHT IN ALASKAN SCHOOLS WHICH WERE OPERATED BY THE BIA UNTIL THE EARLY 1970'S, THEY DID NOT QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INCENTIVE.

THE FINANCE CS FOR SB 42 WOULD OPEN A SHORT WINDOW PERIOD BETWEEN ENACTMENT OF THE BILL AND AUGUST 1, 1988, EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE TEACHERS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SCHEDULING CS SB 42 (FINANCE) FOR A STATE AFFAIRS HEARING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE ATTACHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR YOUR USE. MY STAFF CONTACT ON THIS BILL IS ROXANNE STEWART AT 465-4766.

ATTACHMENTS

RECEIVED JAN 20 1988

Box 246
Barrow, Alaska 99723
January 15, 1988

Alaska State Legislature
Senator Jim Duncan
P. O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Duncan.

First, I wanted to express our appreciation for your efforts to correct the inequity in the RIP statute which prevented the participation of long-time Alaskan teachers with Alaskan BIA teaching service. Your assistance as prime sponsor of Senate Bill 42 has been very encouraging.

Secondly, my husband and I urge you to continue efforts in this regard. To facilitate this we are enclosing a brief summary of our past correspondence with you, along with recent developments in this area.

Although the RIP window is closed, there are a few persons around the state who were deprived of the opportunity to participate in that program because part of their teaching was under the BIA. They met TRS "20 and out" regulations, and desired to participate.

My husband and I have taught in Barrow for the past 18 years, all in the same school. The first 5 years were under the BIA, before the North Slope Borough was formed. We saw fellow employees from the BIA years (BIA Maintenance, Public Works, Roads, Utilities employees from round the state) receive credit for their BIA service and qualify for RIP under PERS. This was also true of former Public Health nurses and employees who had transferred into PERS with North Slope Borough service.

When we first heard of RIP nearly 2 years ago, we assumed we were included, as TRS has already included our category in the "20 and out" retirement option. It was with shock and disappointment that we found ourselves eliminated due to the Kerttula amendment's use of the definition of "employer." As we did not have access to the "Definitions" of the

sections related to education, it was several months before we found we were not included. To us, it seems that we are not accorded "equal protection" under the Constitution. . . however inadvertently that may have been. Our hopes rose last year as remediation under your SB 42 or HB 17 seemed possible. These were delayed past the window deadline by the budget shuffle.

We now find that the inequitable statute has been inequitably applied, and that 2 persons in Anchorage have actually retired using BIA teaching service both to complete required years, and also for credit. Our investigations indicate that their retirement cannot be nullified (for which we are glad), however for us to achieve the benefit they enjoy, legislative action is necessary.

Just before Christmas, I contacted all other known teachers around the state with Alaskan BIA teaching experience. Of those who responded to previous questionnaires, there are 7 who could not retire last year because of the Kerttula Amendment that still are interested in retiring.

It is our hope that SB 42 could be reworked to provide this remediation and relief by perhaps opening a 90-day enrollment period for teachers unfairly prevented from participating last year. It is obvious that this is not a high-cost correction, and it would still have some economic benefits to school districts.

Bob Manners, our NEA-Alaska Legislative liason man has been aware of the constitutional equity problems of the original RIP as they relate to former BIA teachers, and is our contact person there in Juneau for attempting to resolve this problem. His phone number is 586-3090.

As persons who love their professions, and have spent much of our adult lives in the service of native Alaskans, we beg your assistance with this problem. A letter from Jan Faiks, received last spring is attached along with a copy of your letter to us at that time.

Thank you very much for your assistance in "helping to make it fair."

Sincerely,

Peggy & John

Peggy and John Davis, Teachers

Thank you for your letter of support last spring!



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Al Adams
Chairman
Committee on Finance

February 25, 1988

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 274-0615

Peggy & John Davis
P.O. Box 246
Barrow, AK 99723

Dear Ms. & Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter regarding participation in the Retirement Incentive Program by former Alaskan BIA teachers.

Although I have not been an enthusiastic supporter of the RIP program, I whole-heartedly agree with your position that this program has unfairly treated those employees who would have otherwise qualified for early retirement except for the fact that a portion of their teaching career in Alaska was under the BIA.

I have spoken to Mr. Bob Manners of the NEA and Senator Duncan's office and understand that Senate Bill 42 will be under consideration in the Senate Finance Committee next week to deal with this oversight in the original legislation. At this time I can assure you that I will do everything possible to see that this measure receives favorable consideration in the House at such time as it passes the Senate.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If there is anything further I can do for you at this time, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Adams".

Al Adams
Chairman
House Finance Committee

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: LARRY M. SMITH

NAME: JED WHITTAKER

TITLE:

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 3434 CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP ROAD

ADDRESS: 2004 ASPEN

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99504

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99507

PHONE: 333-9173

PHONE: N/R-

TEL NO: SD 42

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

SUBJECT: DEMOCRACY

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA

MESSAGE: PLEASE BRING HJR 4 TO A FLOOR VOTE. IT IS ONLY DEMOCRATIC TO DO SO.

SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

BY SENATOR BINKLEY AND SENATOR HALFORD

PLEASE KEEP ME ADVISED TO THE STATUS OF THIS BILL.

POMID: 03095256

POMID: 03095817

DATE: 03/14/88

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TIME: 09:52:56

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: MILDRED JOHNSON
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 202 STEWART
 CITY: ANCHORAGE
 PHONE: 335-8656
 BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99508

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA SERVICES TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

POHID: 03162813
 DATE: 02/22/88
 TIME: 16:28:13
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: MARY K. GLOVER
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 4660 REKA, RD 23
 CITY: ANCHORAGE
 PHONE: 337-3021
 BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99508

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT IN SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

POHID: 03133009
 DATE: 02/22/88
 TIME: 13:38:09
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNICAN

NAME: CURMIE WEBB

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1804 SOUTH SALEM DRIVE

CITY: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

PHONE: 561-0534

BILL NO: SB 42

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW B.I.A. SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

ZIP: 99515

Sheldon Rayanne
Reply

POMID: 03120433

DATE: 02/22/88

TIME: 12:04:33

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNICAN

NAME: PHYLISS BRACKEN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 771551

CITY: EAGLE RIVER

PHONE: 694-9609

BILL NO: SB 42

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

ZIP: 99577

Reply
Sheldon Rayanne

POMID: 03121648

DATE: 02/22/88

TIME: 12:16:48

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: HANCY MCGEE
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 3134 DELTA DRIVE
 CITY: ANCHORAGE
 PHONE: 248-0241
 BILL NO: SB 42
 SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA SERVICES TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

ZIP: 99502

*Debbie
 Casanova
 Reply*

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: JACKIE SMITH
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 3434 CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP RD.
 CITY: ANCHORAGE
 PHONE: 333-9173
 BILL NO: SB 42
 SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW BIA SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

ZIP: 99504

FORMID: 03112716
 DATE: 02/22/88
 TIME: 11:27:16
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

Peggy

NAME: MORGEN PAULK
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: 4201 I IHA APT. 4
 CITY: ANCHORAGE
 PHONE: 581-1111
 BILL NO:

ZIP: 99502

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT FOR THE B.I.A. TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE
 RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

FORMID: 03075807
 DATE: 02/22/88
 TIME: 07:50:07
 LOCATION: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: PEGGY DAVIS
 TITLE:
 ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 246
 CITY: BARROW
 PHONE: 852-4711
 BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99723

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: WITH 17 YEARS BARROW TEACHING, I COULD NOT RETIRE UNDER R.I.P. BECAUSE
 5 BARROW YEARS WERE UNDER B.I.A.. OTHER FORMER B.I.A. EMPLOYEES COUNTED THEIR
 YEARS TOWARD R.I.P./P.E.R.S.. SUPPORT WORDING TO OPEN A CORRECTIVE R.I.P. WINDOW
 FOR APPROXIMATELY 7 TEACHERS LEFT STATEWIDE. WE CARED. DO YOU?
 HELP MAKE IT FAIR!

FORMID: 04140203
 DATE: 03/02/88
 TIME: 14:02:03
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: JOHN DAVIS

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 246

CITY: BARROW

PHONE: 852-6745

BILL NO: SD 42

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MESSAGE: TREAT ALL ALASKAN TEACHERS EQUITABLY. PASS SD 42.

ZIP: 99723

FOIID: 04172346

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

NAME: RUTH ANN HOAR

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 113

CITY: TOK

PHONE: 893-5532

BILL NO: SD 42

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MESSAGE: I WAS DENIED THE OPTION OF THE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM LAST YEAR BECAUSE MY SERVICE TIME INCLUDED ALASKA STA TEACHING. TEACHERS WHO TAUGHT NATIVE CHILDREN SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS THAT OTHER TEACHERS IN THE STATE RECEIVED. PLEASE SUPPORT SD 42 TO RECTIFY THIS INEQUALITY.

ZIP: 99780

FOIID: 02094729

DATE: 03/03/88

TIME: 09:47:29

LOCATION: DELTA JUNCTION LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

Reply

NAME: MICHAEL HOAR
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 113
CITY: TOK, ALASKA
PHONE: 883-5532
BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99780

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
MESSAGE: I AM A LONG TIME TEACHER IN THE STATE OF ALASKA WHO WAS DENIED THE
EXTENSION OF THE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM LAST YEAR BECAUSE MY SERVICE
INCLUDED ALASKA BIA TEACHING. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 42 TO RECTIFY THIS IN-
EQUITY. IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, PLEASE SUPPORT SB 42.

PO MID: 02155255
DATE: 03/01/88
TIME: 15:52:55
FROM NAME: DELTA JUNCTION LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR DUNCAN

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Reply

NAME: TIM MACDONALD
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 272
CITY: DOT LAKE
PHONE: 882-2665
BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99737

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE TEACHERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE
EDUCATION OF RURAL ALASKA SCHOOLS WHILE UNDER BIA CONTROL. BENEFITS FOR EARLY
RETIREMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THESE DEDICATED EDUCATORS OF ALASKA'S
EARLY RURAL EDUCATIONAL EFFORT. PLEASE VOTE YES FOR SB 42.

PO MID: 02120839
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BILL NO: SB 42

ZIP: 99752

SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
MESSAGE: I BEGAN TEACHING CHILDREN IN KOTZEBUE FOR THE B.I.A. IN 1973. I'M STILL HERE TEACHING FOR THE H.N.A.B.S.D. WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FINANCIALLY FROM MY RETIREMENT. SEVEN NORTHERN ALASKAN TEACHERS, INCLUDING ME, WERE UNFAIRLY DENIED OUR BENEFITS UNDER THE EARLIER RETIREMENT BILL. PLEASE SUPPORT SB 42 NOW IN SENATE COMMITTEE.

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SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE TEACHERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE EDUCATION OF RURAL ALASKA SCHOOLS WHILE UNDER BIA CONTROL. BENEFITS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THESE DEDICATED EDUCATORS OF ALASKA'S EARLY RURAL EDUCATION EFFORT. PLEASE VOTE YES FOR SB 42.

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 BILL NO: SB 42
 SUBJECT: EXTEND EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
 MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO SB 42 WHICH WOULD ALLOW B.I.A.
 SERVICE TO BE CREDITED UNDER THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Reply

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March 25, 1988

Representative Fran Ulmer, Chairman
House Committee on State Affairs
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ulmer,

In January, I wrote you to express our appreciation for your efforts as sponsor of HB 17 to correct the inequity in the RIP statute which prevented the participation of long-time Alaskan teachers with Alaskan BIA teaching service. Since that time it has been encouraging to learn of passage by the Senate of SB 42 in a revised form that we understand has had input from the TRS, the House Research Agency - possibly including your office, and other interested parties as well.

My husband and I urge you and Representative Menard, as co-sponsors of HB 17, and members of the House State Affairs Committee to work for rapid movement of CSSB 42 in your committee, and to facilitate its movement through HESS and Finance in a timely fashion. It appears that possibilities may be good, with two sponsors in State Affairs which reviews the bill first, and the assistance of Representative Adams. Though not an avid supporter of the "RIP" concept Representative Adams has written us of his support for this Bill because of the equity issues involved.

A brief summary of our difficulties and the reasons we are so interested in obtaining legislative relief may be of help to you in this effort.

Although the RIP window is closed, there are a few persons around the state who were deprived of the opportunity to participate in that program because part of their teaching was under the BIA. They met TRS "20 and out" retirement regulations, and desired to participate.

My husband and I have taught in Barrow for the past 18 years, all in the same school. The first 5 years were under the BIA, before the North Slope Borough was formed. We saw fellow employees from the BIA years (BIA Maintenance, Public Works, Roads, Utilities employees from round the

state) receive credit for their BIA service and qualify for RIP under PERS. This was also true of former Public Health nurses and employees who had transferred into PERS with North Slope Borough service. Not BIA teachers.

When we first heard of RIP nearly 2 years ago, we assumed we were included, as TRS has already included our category in the "20 and out" retirement option. It was with shock and disappointment that we found ourselves eliminated due to the Kerttula amendment's use of the definition of "employer". As we did not have access to the "Definitions" of the sections related to education, it was several months before we found we were not included. To us, it seems that we are not accorded "equal protection" under the Constitution. . . however inadvertently that may have been. Our hopes rose last year as remediation under HB 17 or SB 42 seemed possible. These were delayed past the window deadline by the budget shuffle.

We now find that the inequitable statute has been inequitably applied, and that 2 persons in Anchorage have actually retired using BIA teaching service both to complete required years, and also for credit. Our investigations indicate that their retirement cannot be nullified (for which we are glad), however for us to achieve the benefit they enjoy, it will be necessary for us to have help.

Just before Christmas, I contacted all other known teachers around the state with Alaskan BIA teaching experience. Of those who responded to previous questionnaires, there are 7 who could not retire last year because of the Kerttula Amendment that still are interested in retiring.

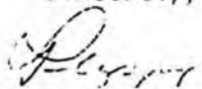
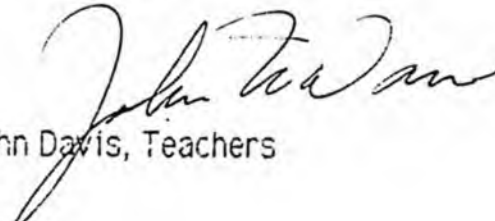
The CSSB 42 which passed the Senate last week corrects this inequity by opening an enrollment period for teachers unfairly prevented from participating last year, and does so economically - the estimated cost being but about \$6000 to \$9000, I believe. Yet passage of the Bill would still have some economic benefits to school districts.

We now earnestly request your support and assistance, both moral and actual in seeing that this handful of hardworking professionals are not penalized for making years of contribution to the native people of our state during the years when neither state nor local governments took responsibility for the education of children in remote villages of the north.

Bob Manners, our NEA-Alaska Legislative liason man has been aware of the constitutional equity problems of the original RIP as they relate to former BIA teachers, and is our contact person there in Juneau for attempting to resolve this problem. His phone number is 598-7090. A letter from Jan Faiks, received last spring is attached including a relevant summary of the problem.

Thank you very much for your interest in "helping to make it fair." Anything you can do to help bring about an equitable solution, will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

 
Peggy and John Davis, Teachers