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Amended Definition of "rural" for housing assistance

AS 44.47.560 (5) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(5) "rural" means

(A) a community in the first or second judicial district with a population of 5,500 or less; *OR*

(B) a community in the third judicial district with a population of 5,500 or less that is not connected by road or rail to Anchorage; *or*

(C) a community in the third judicial district with a population of ~~250~~¹⁵⁰⁰ or less that is connected by road or rail to Anchorage; *OR*

(D) a community in the fourth judicial district with a population of 5,500 or less that is not located within the Fairbanks North Star Borough;

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 Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act..rural housing..C&RA..
 effective date."
 Sponsor: _____
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary

Agency Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 BRU: Housing Assistance
 Components: Housing Loan

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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POSITION PAPER

RE: Senate Bill 52, "An Act relating to the rural housing program of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs; and providing for an effective date."

SPONSOR: Senator Binkley

Program Effects of Bill:

Passage of this bill will have little effect and no negative impact on the Housing Assistance Division loan programs because demand will remain essentially the same as it currently is.

This bill redefines "rural" by changing the population figure for community eligibility from 4,500 to 5,500. This minor change will not cause the program to suddenly begin expanding to additional communities, however, it will help borderline communities such as Bethel, remain eligible for rural housing loans.

Comments

Item 5 (B) should reflect the same population figure as item 5 (A) making it 5,500 instead of 4,500 to conform with the rest of the Statute.

The Division supports this bill with the minor change as listed above.

David G. Hoffman By *Doy Giff*

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TO: Senate C&RA Members

Feb 5, 1987

FROM: Senate C&RA Staff

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "MEL".

RE: SB 52 - "An Act relating to rural housing".

This bill changes the definition of "rural" for purposes of administering the Housing Administration Loan Fund by raising the maximum population from 4,500 to 5,500.

In this packet is a memo from Senator Binkley, the bill's sponsor, and a position paper and zero fiscal note from DC&RA.

Senator Johne Binkley


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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SENATOR ARLISS STURGULEWSKI, CHAIRPERSON
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: SENATOR JOHN E BINKLEY 

DATE: February 4, 1987

SUBJ: Senate Bill 52, "An Act relating to the rural housing program"

Housing Assistance Loan Program Background:

The Housing Assistance Division was created by the 1980 Legislature (Ch. 20, SLA 1980), to administer the Nonconforming Housing Loan Program. Loan funds were to be distributed on a statewide basis, with emphasis on rural Alaska. Administration of these loans was primarily through seller-service agreements with financial institutions. The 1980 Legislature appropriated \$10 million for the program.

The 1981 Legislature funded the Nonconforming Housing Loan Program at a rate of \$40 million and directed the Division to divide the funds between rural and urban Alaska at a ratio of 80:20. The Legislature further directed the Division to offer funds directly to eligible borrowers who could not otherwise obtain loans in rural Alaska (Ch. 82, SLA 1981).

The Nonconforming Loan Fund was renamed the Housing Assistance Loan Fund during the 1982 Legislature (Ch. 113, SLA 1982). This fund combined the Nonconforming Loan Program with the AHFC Rural Mortgage Purchase Program for both owner-occupied and nonowner-occupied loans. An FY82 appropriation to the Housing Assistance Loan Fund (HALF) in the amount of \$45 million, brought the total appropriations to \$95 million.

The 1983 Legislature appropriated an additional \$45 million to HALF. The Legislature also established a new program called the Homeownership Assistance Fund. The object of this program is to subsidize a portion of the interest payment on the loan for low- and moderate-income households.

Both the 1984 and 1985 Legislatures redefined rural, with the most recent determination based on community population and rail or road access to Anchorage or Fairbanks.

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Additionally, the 1985 Legislature transferred the authority for making nonconforming loans in urban areas from the Housing Assistance Division to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. The 1985 Legislature also appropriated \$4 million from the General Fund to the revolving loan fund and allowed the Division to revolve FY85 and FY86 principal and interest repayments to the fund as additional sources of loan funds for FY86.

In 1986, the Alaska Legislature appropriated \$70 million from the Housing Assistance Loan Fund to the General Fund.

Sectional Analysis of Senate Bill 52:

Section 1. Redefines the definition of "rural" for the purpose administering the Housing Assistance Loan Fund by changing the population figure for community eligibility from 4,500 to 5,500. This change will allow communities currently classified as rural but nearing the population cutoff, such as Bethel, to remain eligible for rural housing loans. No new communities would become eligible for the Housing Assistance Loan Program should this change be adopted.

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Agency Affected: DCRA

Title: An Act relating to the rural housing program of DCRA

BRU: Housing Assistance

Sponsor: Binkley/Hoffman

Components: Housing Loan

Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Housing Loan Program (see position paper).

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