

SB

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March 9, 1987

The Honorable Jan Faiks
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
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Dear Senator Faiks:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that combines the Review Board on Alcoholism (nine members) with the Advisory Board on Drug Abuse (12 members) into the new Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (12 members). In 1980, the legislature changed the name of the Office of Alcoholism to add "Drug Abuse" (AS 47.37.020); however, a corresponding change was not made in the law relating to that office's authority to combat drug abuse, and the two boards were not correspondingly merged. This bill corrects those defects.

The combined board would save money for travel, per diem, and staff support, and would afford those interested in both alcoholism and drug abuse (as is typically the case) better access to the state health planning process. It is anticipated that this bill will promote cooperation among interested organizations and agencies around the state and will make it possible for communities working on both alcoholism and drug abuse to work with only one board. Combined alcoholism and drug abuse grants offer the opportunity for better coordination of programs and thus more efficient management. Currently, grantees soliciting funds for both alcohol and drug abuse are required to submit two grant applications. Under this proposed change, only one combined application would be required. This would reduce paperwork and inconvenience to grantees applying for both types of funding.

In addition, many of the clients of our alcohol programs have problems with both drug and alcohol abuse. A combined resource would provide a more consistent approach to address these problems.

The language being added to AS 44.29.100, in sec. 1 of the bill, is simply taken from AS 47.37.060, which is being

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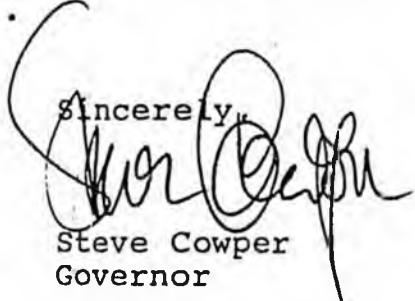
repealed in sec. 22. The amendment of AS 44.29.110, in sec. 2 of the bill, conforms the language to AS 47.37.070, which is also being repealed in sec. 22. The new AS 44.29.115, in sec. 3, is taken from AS 47.37.080 (being repealed in sec. 22) and consolidated with the substance of the language being deleted from AS 44.29.110.

The revised AS 44.29.120 combines the substance of the old AS 44.29.120 with that of AS 47.37.090 (being repealed in sec. 22), using the four-year-term provision of the latter. The remaining AS 44.29 amendments (secs. 4 -- 7 and 22) merely make changes to implement the consolidation in the statutes. The AS 47.37 amendments, also aimed at implementing this consolidation, refer in some places to "prevention." The current authority to deal with prevention is implicit, such as in AS 47.37.120's reference to "research on and education concerning" alcoholism. The phrase "treatment and prevention," used in this bill, is a more succinct statement of the activities. Section 22 of the bill repeals AS 44.29.150, a provision that largely duplicates and is partially inconsistent with AS 47.37.020 on the coordinator; the other provisions being repealed are those in AS 47.37 dealing with the board, which the amendments in AS 44.29 make unnecessary.

No substantive change is intended by the amendments and repealers in this bill. The 1980 enactment, changing the name of the office that works with both boards, implied the office's responsibility for the subjects dealt with by those boards. In completing the consolidation of functions, this bill merely makes express what the law clearly implies and what happens in practice.

The July 1, 1987 effective date coincides with the beginning of the next fiscal year and with the effective date of some 1986 amendments of AS 47.37.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date : _____

REQUEST SB 175

Bill/Resolution No. : _____
 Title : Merging Advisory Boards on
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Sponsor : Governor
 Requestor : By Request
 Date of Request : 12/29/86

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected : Dept. of Health & Social Services
 BRU : Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Components : Administration

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL		(3.0)	(6.0)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(6.4)
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		(3.0)	(6.0)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(6.4)

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		(3.0)	(6.0)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(6.4)
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		(3.0)	(6.0)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(6.4)

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS :

Presently, the Review Board on Alcoholism and the Advisory Board on Drug Abuse each meet twice a year. Merging these Boards, resulting in fewer members, would save approximately \$3,000. per meeting in travel, per diem, meeting room, staffing, and communications costs.

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Approved by Commissioner : Myra M. Munson *Myra M. Munson* Date : 1/7/87
 Agency : Department of Health and Social Services

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<u>Strongly supports SB 175</u>					PLEASE CALL
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SIGNED					WANTS TO SEE YOU