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WHEREAS the State of Alaska, in an effort to heighten awareness of the unique problems experienced by certain individuals and groups, did establish the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the ~~Women's~~^{Women's} Commission, and;

WHEREAS through education, research and legislation, these commissions have been instrumental in improving the social and economic conditions for these Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the downturn in the state's revenues makes it imperative that measures be taken to ensure fiscal efficiency in administration while minimizing impact to services; and

WHEREAS there are similarities among the goals, objectives and efforts of the Human Rights Commission, the Office of ~~Equal~~^{Equal} Employment Opportunity, and the Women's Commission; and

WHEREAS the Alaska House of Representatives recognizes these common goals by inclusion of intent language in its fiscal year 1988 operating budget recommending the consolidation of these three commissions and the streamlining of their functions;

WHEREAS AS AS 44.66.010(12)(b) which governs Alaska's "sunset" procedures, a state board or commission has one year to conclude its activities;

BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to ensure continuation of the work of these three commissions, the Legislature

urges the Governor to implement a plan which will consolidate the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Women's Commission into one commission suitably named to reflect its new responsibilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the consolidation will combine the commissioners ~~into one board~~ as well as consolidate the staff under the supervision of one director; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED under AS 44.66.010(12)(b) the Alaska Women's Commission will continue during which time it will have the opportunity to actively participate in the consolidation thereby ensuring representation of all groups and individuals currently served by the three independent commissions and staff.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Paul Fischer
From: Rep. Mike Davis *Mike*
Re: Alaska Women's Commission
Date: May 15, 1987

Attached are the Alaska State Statutes for the Alaska Women's Commission, the Human Rights Commission and the office of Equal opportunity employment. As you can see from the statutes, the purposes of these offices and commissions are different.

The charge of the Human Rights Commission is to investigate individual cases of discrimination. The reason the Alaska legislature created the Alaska Women's Commission was that the work that needed to be done to improve the status of Women could not be done by the Human Rights Commission.

The EEO has a more narrow scope than the Human Rights Commission. It is an affirmative action office which deals solely with state employees who have employment grievances.

On the other hand, the Women's Commission's mandate encompasses the entire female population of the state. The charge of the Women's Commission is to improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting further research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs problems, and contributions of women in Alaska including but not limited to education, homemaking, civil and legal rights, labor and employment.

The Women's Commission has carried out their mandate through extremely effective and extensive research, conferences and publications which have been provide to tens of thousands of people in Alaska.

I respectfully request that you hold a hearing on HB 4 as soon as is reasonably possible.

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Title: Human Services Commissions

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Consolidation

Sponsor: Senator Paul Fischer

Components: _____

Requestor: Senator Paul Fischer

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	-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						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
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)

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Division: Health, Education and Social Services Committee Date: May 15, 1987

Chairman

Approved by: ~~Chairman~~ _____ Date: May 15, 1987

Agency: Senate Health, Education and Social Services

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