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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. President:

STATE AFFAIRS

Committee considered

HB 4

extending the termination date of the Alaska Women's Commission; efd.

and recommended:

[] replace with CS FOR _____) [] same title
[] or adopt _____ CS FOR _____) [] new title

[] attached amendment(s) and

do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendation

[] individual recommendations

[] further referral to _____

[] letter of intent adopted _____

Committee attached or [] adopted fiscal note(s)

[] new [] updated or previous

zero [] fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

Rep. J. J. ... - Do Pass
Rep. ... - Do Pass
Rep. ... - Do Pass

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Jan. Fair No Rec

Rep. ...
Chairman signature and recommendation

[] Committee Backup Attached



Alaska State Legislature

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Memorandum

To: Senator Mitch Abood
Senator Rick Uehling
Senator Jan Faiks
Senator Willie Hensley
Senator Joe Josephson

From: Rep. Mike Davis

Date: April 14, 1987

Re: HB 4; Extending the termination date of the Alaska Women's Commission

Under existing sunset provisions, the Alaska Women's Commission is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 1987. HB 4 would extend the life of the Commission to June 30, 1991, without making any changes to the statutes.

The Women's Commission was created in 1977 to address widespread discrimination in Alaska. Since 1977 the Commission has held many conferences and developed many reports to educate women, reverse discrimination and improve the legal, economic, social, and political status of women in Alaska.

During FY 87, the Commission has been working to establish several women's councils in rural areas of the state, conduct a series of constituent meetings in at least four different communities, and work toward legislation relating to divorce and dissolution and parental leave.

There is no fiscal note attached to HB 4. Funding for the Women's Commission is provided in the Governor's FY 88 budget and the level of funding will be determined in the normal budgetary process.

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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January 16, 1987

Mr. Gerald L. Wilkerson
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Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

I disagree with the recommendation contained in the report from the Legislative Audit Division concerning the Alaska Women's Commission, dated October 31, 1986, and delivered to me on December 19, 1986. I believe the Alaska Women's Commission has fulfilled its legislative mandate and that the staff component is essential to the Commission's continued effectiveness.

The report's assertion that there are no "quantifiable measures of the Alaska Women's Commission's effectiveness" is unfounded given that the legislatively stated purpose of the agency is to improve the status of women in Alaska by conducting research and by making and implementing additional recommendations on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Alaska. It is unfair to apply a standard of effectiveness which reaches outside the framework of the agency's purpose.

The attached detail provided by the Commission's Chair clearly demonstrates that the Alaska Women's Commission has, with limited resources, conducted extensive research and made both legislative and administrative recommendations. The work of the Commission has made a measurable and significant contribution to the improved opportunities that Alaska women enjoy:

Since 1970, women's work force participation in Alaska has increased by 17.2 percent. During the same period the national women's labor force participation increased by only 3.3 percent.

In 1985, Alaska women comprised 30 percent of the professional and managerial positions in the state. In the U.S. that figure had reached only 22.5 percent.

Highlights in Alaska Women's Commission History

- 1977 - The Status of Women in Alaska identified numerous problems confronting women in Alaska and recommended the formation of a women's commission to implement the recommendations contained in the study.
- 1977 - Statewide conference honoring International Women's Year is convened in Anchorage. 1,000 women in attendance. Conference recommendations included the need to establish a women's commission to address widespread discrimination.
- 1978 - Tenth Alaska Legislature passes HB303, creating the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women. Bill is sponsored by Rep. Lisa Rudd. On July 8, 1978, governor signs bill into law. Ten Commissioners appointed October 1978.
- 1979 - Public hearings conducted by the Commission are held on violence against women, sex bias in education, welfare, and displaced homemakers.
- 1979 - Commission conducts research on the status of homemakers in Alaska.
- 1979 - Commission develops training manuals and "how-to" guide on assertiveness training, applying for foundation funding and sex equity in education.
- 1980 - Status reports written and presented by Commission on child support enforcement, displaced homemakers and battered women.
- 1980 - Commission convenes task force on "Violence Against Alaska Native Women." Report and recommendations are forwarded to the governor for action.
- 1980 - Commission sponsors two conferences: Voices of Black Women in Alaska, Second Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization Conference.
- 1980 - Legislation on displaced homemakers and domestic violence is supported by the Commission. Domestic violence legislation passes into law.
- 1981 - Womens Legal Rights in Alaska is published by the Alaska Women's Commission. Over 5,000 copies distributed.
- 1981 - Commission holds hearings on "Women in Construction" to identify employment opportunities and potential barriers during construction of the proposed gas pipeline.

- 1981 - Commission sponsors five regional conferences: Filipino Alaskan Women's Network Conference in Anchorage; "Piqatigich" a conference held in Kotzebue to discuss sharing together; Women of Hoonah meet to discuss "Community Concerns", Kenai women discuss "Action or Reaction"; conferences on communication and roles of women in the village held in Fairbanks and Galena are conducted by ANWSO-Doyon Region, Tanana Chiefs and WIC-CA.
- 1981 - Commission forms task force on "Women and Corrections" and advocates improved facilities and programming for female inmates.
- 1981 - Commission coordinates meeting of lieutenant governor with major women's organizations in the state to discuss policies affecting women's equality.
- 1981 - Commission backed bill, "Mini Title IX" becomes law in Alaska. The bill (SB99) prohibits sex discrimination in education. Four other bills supported by the Commission are also passed into law which encompass domestic violence and sexual assault, child care assistance, child support enforcement, insurance coverage of midwives.
- 1981 - The governor proclaims Women's History Week, March 8-14.
- 1982 - Alaska Women's Commission testifies before State Human Rights Commission and Blue Ribbon Commission on Personnel regarding changes to the state's personnel system which would make it more equitable and accessible to women.
- 1982 - Alaska Women's Commission responds to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding affirmative action goals for hire on proposed natural gas pipeline.
- 1982 - Commission sponsors a statewide women's conference "Alaska's Women: Determining Our Futures. Attendance reached nearly 1,000 people from all over Alaska.
- 1982 - Commission develops media campaign on sex role stereotyping which airs on television throughout the state.
- 1982 - Assists the Department of Education in drafting regulations for the implementation of sex equity in education law.
- 1982 - Commission is appointed to the Equity Coordinating Council for Alaska to assist school districts with implementation of new sex equity law.

- 1982 - Co-sponsors "Women and Alcohol" Conference with the state Office On Alcohol and Drug Abuse.
- 1982 - Sponsors seminar on "Women in the Political Process" in Kodiak.
- 1982 - Commission forms Health Task Force to define women's health needs. A statewide teleconference is held on the issue and Commission acts upon recommendations.
- 1982 - Commission makes recommendations concerning 40 pieces of legislation pending before Alaska State Legislation and the U.S. Congress.
- 1982 - Alaska Legislature and the governor proclaim March, Women's History Month.
- 1982 - Commission co-sponsors with U.S. Women's Bureau conference on "Women in Apprenticeship."
- 1982 - A regional conference in Barrow is sponsored by the Commission.
- 1982 - Commission releases Five Years Later a status report on the recommendations contained in "A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska, 1977."
- 1983 - SB63, a bill to permanently establish the Alaska Women's Commission, passes the legislature and is signed into law by the governor. Senators V. Fisher and Rodey sponsor bill.
- 1983 - Six conferences and seminars are sponsored by the Commission; in Fairbanks "Making the System Work for you; in Juneau, "Southeast Alaska Women's Leadership Conference; in Ketchikan "Work and Network: Southeast Alaska's Immediate Future for Women; in Anchorage "The Future of Alaska-Protecting Human Resources as Industry Grows; in Kodiak "Women as Managers and Decision Makers," in Anchorage "Pay Equity/Comparable Worth."
- 1983 - Three posters targeted at school children that encourage them to explore all of their talents and interests are produced by the Commission and sent to schools statewide.
- 1983 - Commission publishes brochure for Women's History Month that suggests activities and projects suitable for classroom setting. Brochures are sent to schools statewide.
- 1983 - A comprehensive study on the Economic Status of Alaska Native Women is conducted and published by the Commission.

- 1982 - Public service announcements produced by the Commission air on television regarding non-traditional employment opportunities, fetal alcohol syndrome and non-sexist language.
- 1983 - Commission reviews and critiques pilot edition of the Alaska History textbook.
- 1983 - Profiles of 60 Alaskan women who have contributed to the state's economic, social and political development are published by the Commission in Profiles in Change - Names, Notes and Quotes for Alaskan Women.
- 1984 - Commission sponsors "Labor Union Workshop" in Anchorage and publishes results of the conference.
- 1984 - A statewide Directory of Women's Organizations is released by the Commission.
- 1984 - Alaska Women: A Databook a profile of Alaska Women based upon the 1980 census is published by the Commission.
- 1984 - A revised edition of Women's Legal Rights in Alaska is published by the Commission. Over 5,000 copies distributed since its second release.
- 1984 - Commission co-sponsors and helps publish Child Care Directories for Anchorage, Juneau/Ketchikan and Fairbanks.
- 1984 - Local Women's Councils are established in Anchorage and Sitka with the assistance of the Alaska Women's Commission.
- 1984 - Commission supports ten bills in the legislature, five signed into law.
- 1984 - Workshop on "American Women: Three Decades of Change" is co-sponsored by the Commission with the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the state Dept. of Labor.
- 1984 - Commission conducts study on pension reform within the public employees retirement system and submits recommendations for legislative changes. Changes are adopted in 1985.
- 1984 - Native Women's Task Force convened by Commission to address employment issues within state government.
- 1984 - Commission testifies before legislative committee on improving women's economic conditions through expansion of business loans targeted at women owned businesses.

- 1984 - "Barriers to Employment Conference" is co-sponsored by the Alaska Women's Commission.
- 1984 - Written Biographies of 20 women in Alaska history are distributed by the Commission to statewide media for use during Women's History Month.
- 1984-86 Commission serves on Sex Equity Advisory Committee of Anchorage School District.
- 1985 - Commission completes Review of the Alaska Statutes for Sex Discrimination which identifies over 80 discriminatory laws.
- 1985 - As a result of the Alaska Women's Commission's efforts, former spouses and widows of State employees are able to purchase group health insurance at a comparable price at no expense to the State.
- 1985 - Commission works with the Department of Administration to increase recruitment and hiring of Native women.
- 1985 - Commission publishes A Sense of History, the first annotated bibliography of books, articles, audio-visual aids and photo displays about Alaska Women. Distributes to schools, libraries and all social studies teachers in the state.
- 1985 - Commission establishes third local women's council in Juneau.
- 1985 - Commission holds statewide women's conference in Anchorage on the economic status of women "At the Edge of Opportunity" brought together more than 700 people from more than 30 communities.
- 1985 - A workshop sponsored by the Commission, on the United Nations Conference for Women is held in Anchorage.
- 1985 - A seminar on equal educational opportunities for girls is sponsored by the Commission in Wasilla.
- 1985 - Alaska Women's Commission organizes Legislative Alliance for Women Statewide (LAWS), a coalition of 15 statewide women's organizations whose purpose is to analyze and take positions on legislation, monitor budget and policy decisions which have direct impact on women's lives.
- 1985-86 - Seven bills are introduced by the Governor on behalf of the Commission which have a significant economic impact on women. Three of the bills pass.
- 1986 - Commission works with state government to initiate an expanded register to increase the hiring of women in ranges 18 and above.

- 1986 - Court system and the Commission work together to revise forms for marital dissolutions so that lay people can more easily understand their rights and obligations.
- 1986 - Commission evaluates implementation of Alaska's sex equity in education law, Chapter 18, in Alaska's school districts and publishes results in Commitment or Complacency: An Assessment of Sex Equity in Alaskan's Educational Institutions.
- 1986 - Four hundred rural women in attendance at four regional Commission sponsored conferences in Bethel, Huslia, Sitka, Wasilla. A report is published summarizing the events and recommendations.
- 1986 - Two leadership seminars are conducted by the Commission. Held in Juneau, the seminar "Women in Prison" provides policy makers with an overview of issues surrounding the Alaskan female prison population. In Fairbanks, "Making a Difference: A Primer for Women in Public Life" provides training sessions for women considering running for public office. A handbook for political involvement is issued following seminar and is mailed to about 1700 women.
- 1986 - Commission produces 30 public service announcements for television and radio profiling Alaskan women and their accomplishments. Profiles play throughout the state on commercial and public radio and television during March, Women's History Month.
- 1986 - Women's history timeline poster is produced by the Commission and sent to all schools, libraries and to every social studies teacher in the state.
- 1986 - Commission serves on state Commission on Child Support Enforcement, providing governor with findings and recommendations to make child support more uniform and equitable.
- 1987 - Commission co-sponsors Female Minority Leadership Conference with Anchorage School District, and serves as program chair.
- 1987 - HB4 and SB89, companion bills to extend the Alaska Women's Commission to 1991 are introduced. HB4 is sponsored by Representatives Davis, Kopponen, Ulmer, Ellis and Donley. SB89 is sponsored by the governor.



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Alaska Womens Commission

FY87 Legislative Platform

1. Continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission:

The Alaska Women's Commission expires on June 30, 1987 under the Sunset law for boards and commissions. The proposed legislation extends the commission for the maximum period of time, four years.

2. Parental Leave (amended version of HB 238)

Changes maternity leave to parental leave and extends that leave for the purposes of adoption. Changes the leave of absence for these purposes from 9 to 16 weeks. The law does not cover employees who are covered by collective bargaining. However, intent language was included indicating that it is the intent that the same policy be granted in all collective bargaining agreements made between the state and its employees.

3. Divorce and Dissolution Reform (amended version HB 496)

The proposed legislation requires both parties to attend the dissolution hearing under certain conditions in which an imbalance of power might be exercised. The court will also review dissolution agreements with heightened scrutiny when any of the following conditions exist:

- a) one party is represented by counsel and the other is not;
- b) a domestic violence complaint has been filed during the marriage by a member of the family;
- c) there are minor children of the marriage.

The bill changes the standard for examination of dissolution agreements from "not grossly unfair" to "fair". It also clarifies that retirement benefits and "other career assets" are considered part of the marital property to be distributed.

The legislation also indicates the type of court orders that can be requested during the pendency of divorce.



DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION REFORM BILL

No-fault divorce was hailed as a progressive social reform designed to lessen the emotional trauma of divorce for all family members. Recent research suggests that many women and children suffer severe "downward mobility" as an unintended result of these reforms. Economic settlements are often unfair, and many women and children appear to be losing ground financially because of them.

Hardest hit have been middle and upper-middle class women, groups formerly protected by alimony and child support. Nationally, 85% of divorced women are awarded no alimony at all and less than one-half of all divorced mothers receive the full amount of child support due. Current Alaska law does not authorize spousal support while a divorce is pending. In addition, the court often awards insufficient attorney's fees to a spouse already in financial need.

The Divorce and Dissolution Reform Bill addresses these problems by enabling the court to provide spousal support while a divorce is pending, and more adequate attorney's fees and court costs to financially needy spouses. These provisions will help prevent one marital partner from exercising unequal bargaining power over a financially needy spouse.

This bill will also clarify that "career assets" are part of marital property under dissolution law. This will enable judges who are dividing family income to consider the parties' future earning capability and retirement benefits as part of the property to be divided fairly.

More recent innovations in divorce reform such as Alaska's dissolution procedure, have created the potential for even greater inequities to occur in "no-fault" divorces. Alaska's dissolution law allows the parties to come to any agreement as long as it is "not grossly unfair." Yet, limited information is available to the parties on their rights and obligations, and they are not required to seek legal counsel. Conse-

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PARENTAL LEAVE

The demographic forces shaping the Alaskan workforce require new solutions for the care of our children. Since 1950, Alaskan women have increased their labor force participation by over 500 percent. Almost one-half of all mothers with children under the age of one are working outside the home. In state employment, about one-half of the workforce is composed of women. Eighty percent are of childbearing age and it is estimated that 93 percent will become pregnant during their work career. The majority of these women need to work. The two income family is no longer an anomaly but a necessity of life. Yet the dilemma exists. How do you balance the competing needs of job security and parenting?

National experts have stated that substantial harm to a baby occurs developmentally, emotionally, physically, and psychologically when an infant is separated from the parents during the first four months of life. But, current state policy provides only slightly more than two months of job protected leave, and only to mothers.

This is a national problem since, unlike most other industrialized nations, the United States does not have a policy on parental leave. Extensive parental benefits are provided in over 80 nations either by the employer or by national insurance plans. In France, women are entitled to 90% of their earnings for a sixteen week period and are guaranteed the same or a comparable job on their return. In Sweden, "parent insurance" allows either parent to leave work for up to nine months after the birth of a child, without loss of pay. In West Germany, women receive about seven months paid leave.

The absence of a national parental leave policy has left the determination of parental leave up to individual employers. Some employers have recognized the important relationship of family to work. However, very often employers do not routinely assure that employees who must be out of work for any period of time can get their jobs back, regardless of whether they were out of work because they were having a child.

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SUNSET REVIEW

In 1987 The Alaska Women's Commission will face its "sunset" review. This is an opportunity for the people and legislators of Alaska to evaluate the Commission's effectiveness and decide if its work should be continued.

The decline in state revenues, as traumatic as it has been, does not approach the economic distress that women and children will face at the close of this century if we do not take action now. These trends toward increased poverty of women and children MUST be reversed. The Alaska Women's Commission is the only state agency working to insure that this issue is a policy priority.

Established in 1977 to improve the status of women in education, employment, health, homemaking and civil and legal rights, the Alaska Women's Commission was made a permanent commission in 1983.

This year the Commission is continuing its legislative effort to establish a Parental Leave Policy for state employees and to secure reforms in the Dissolution laws. Its major research project will assess the economic inequities that have accompanied "no-fault" divorce in Alaska. And in an effort to assist women whose access to affordable legal assistance has been drastically reduced, a Conference on Women's Legal Rights is in the plans as well.

Its accomplishments since 1977 are substantial and can only be highlighted in this brief summary:

- Completed a review of the Alaska Statutes for sex discrimination. This was the first and only such review ever conducted and it identified more than 80 discriminatory laws.

- Prepared seven bills for introduction by the Governor. These bills would have a significant economic impact on at least the 5,000 women who are divorced each year, the 4,000 children in those families headed by women and the 1,000 older women who will benefit immediately through fair and equitable distribution of pensions when this legislation becomes law. Three of the bills passed in 1986.

- Secured private funding to produce and air on state-wide television and radio a series of thirty profiles of Alaskan Women in History.

- Published and distributed over 10,000 copies of "Women's Legal Rights in Alaska" so that women can understand Alaska's law as it pertains to them without seeking expensive legal consultation.

- Evaluated the implementation of Alaska's sex equity in education law. Published and distributed the results in "Commitment or Complacency: An Assessment of Sex Equity in Alaska's Educational Institutions."

- Established four local women's councils to provide an effective voice for women on the local level. Their work in no way replaces or addresses state-level priorities that are addressed by the Alaska Women's Commission.

- Responded to the appalling lack of data on women's status by researching and producing Alaska Women: A Data-book, the first socioeconomic profile of Alaska's female population

- Implemented recommendations from its study on The Economic Status of Alaska Native Women to improve Native women's employment opportunities.

- Educated more than 3,000 individuals at statewide conferences, regional workshops and local seminars at fifteen locations throughout urban, rural and bush Alaska.

- Obtained an administrative change enabling widows and former spouses to continue group health insurance at no cost to the State. This measure is likely to affect 1,700 women and their 1,000 children this year alone. It will also prevent large numbers of these same families from requiring state funded medical assistance.

- Spearheaded Alaska's state government initiative to increase hiring of women into ranges 13 and above. The quantifiable impact will be gauged as these initiatives become operational and will be measured by the Division of EEO.

- Worked to revise forms for marital dissolutions so that lay people could understand their rights and obligations and reach more equitable settlements.

- Produced and distributed nearly 30,000 other publications on women's rights, women's history and information on insurance, pensions and politics since 1984.

The Alaska Women's Commission is the only state agency which speaks for all the women of Alaska. As it faces a sunset review in 1987, it is anticipated that the numerous supporters who worked to keep the Commission in the budget in 1986 will again work to maintain the Commission as a legislative priority.



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quently, the economic settlements are not always fair and equitable, nor are the long-term consequences of their spousal agreements always understood.

The Divorce and Dissolution Reform Bill will require greater judicial scrutiny of dissolution agreements and will require that settlements be "fair and equitable" where the following circumstances exist:

1. one party is represented by counsel and the other is not;
2. domestic violence has occurred in the marriage; or
3. there are minor children in the marriage.

Close review of these dissolution agreements will protect the best interests of the children and help prevent unfair bargaining power from being exercised by either of the parties.

The unequal bargaining power that exists in many marriages has left many women especially vulnerable during divorce. According to Lenore Weitzman's recent book The Divorce Revolution: the Unexpected Social and Economic Consequences for Women and Children in America, women experience a 73% drop in their standard of living during the first year after the divorce, while their former husbands enjoy a 42% rise in theirs.

The purpose of this legislation is to correct many of the economic inequities that occur under the current dissolution laws, to clarify the rights of spouses during a divorce action, and to help prevent the impoverishment of women and children in Alaska.



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The Parental Leave Bill is a positive response to the social and economic reality that the majority of parents - fathers and mothers - work outside the home. The bill will change maternity to parental leave and extend that leave for purposes of adoption. It would also extend protection of the worker's job from 9 to 16 weeks for this purpose. The Alaska Women's Commission believes that this bill will strengthen families, insure greater stability in the workforce and provide a benefit to Alaska's children without costing the state additional money. While the bill only affects state workers, it is considered "model legislation" that will be promoted among all other Alaskan employers.

No. 2

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: HR 4
Publish Date: HOUSE 2/20/87

Revision Date: 2/17/87

Agency Affected: Governor's Office
BRU: Alaska Women's Commission

Title: Extending Alaska Women's Commission

Sponsor: Davis

Component: _____

Requestor: House Finance Committee

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		----	---	---	---	---
TRAVEL		---	---	---	---	---
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		---	---	---	---	---
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OTHER		---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL		---	---	---	---	---

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Funding for the Women's Commission will be provided in the FY 88 budget if the legislature determines funding is necessary through the normal budget process.

Prepared by: Al Adams, Chair
Division: House Finance Committee

Phone: 465-3706
Date: 2/17/87

Approved by Commissioner: _____
Agency: _____

Date: _____

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

1. How can you support funding for the Women's Commission when other important programs are being cut ie day care, women's shelters, preventive services?

- I COMMEND MEMBERS OF THIS BODY FOR POINTING OUT THE DEFICIT IN HUMAN SERVICES THAT WILL OCCUR IF THE BUDGET IS PASSED IN ITS CURRENT STATE.

- THE BUDGET PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETED. THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE LEVEL OF FUNDING OF THOSE ESSENTIAL HUMAN SERVICES HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THOSE ISSUES ARE PRESENTLY BEING SCRUTINIZED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNOR.

- THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION ALSO HELPS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AND KEEP THE PUBLIC AND THE LEGISLATURE AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS.

- THERE IS NO FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED TO THIS BILL, FUNDING FOR THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE FY 88 BUDGET, IF THE LEGISLATURE DETERMINES FUNDING IS NECESSARY THROUGH THE NORMAL BUDGET PROCESS.

2. The Women's commission does not represent a broad spectrum of interests?

- THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, HIS APPOINTMENT IS BASED ON CONCERN FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES. THERE ARE 9 MEMBERS, 1 APPOINTED BY THE A.G.. THE COMMISSION IS REPRESENTED BY 1 BLACK WOMAN, 2 NATIVE WOMEN. GEOGRAPHICALLY THE COMMISSION IS DIVIDED INTO 1 KETCHIKAN, 1 SITKA, 1 FAIRBANKS AND 6 MEMBERS FROM ANCHORAGE.

3. Why shouldn't we combine this commission with the Human Rights Commission or the EEO commission?

- THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED THAT A WOMENS COMMISSION BE CREATED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME OR THE MONEY TO DEAL WITH WOMEN'S ISSUES SUFFICIENTLY. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DEALS WITH INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS AND VIOLATIONS. EEO DEALS WITH ONLY JOB DESCRIPTION AND WORKPLACE VIOLATIONS. THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION WORKS AT A BROADER LEVEL

TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN ALASKA THROUGH RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION

4. What are the 3 bills that the commission worked on and were
passed last year?

- HB 237 PENSION REFORM
- HB 499 INHERITANCE AND PROBATE
- HB 493 REVISORS BILL

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REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: HB 4
Publish Date: HOUSE 2/20/87

Revision Date: 2/17/87

Agency Affected: Governor's Office
BRU: Alaska Women's Commission

Title: Extending Alaska Women's Commission

Sponsor: Davis

Components: _____

Requestor: House Finance Committee

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		----	---	---	---	---
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EQUIPMENT		---	---	---	---	---
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GRANTS, CLAIMS		---	---	---	---	---
MISCELLANEOUS		---	---	---	---	---
TOTAL OPERATING		---	---	---	---	---
CAPITAL		---	---	---	---	---
REVENUE		---	---	---	---	---

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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FEDERAL FUNDS		---	---	---	---	---
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POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		---	---	---	---	---
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ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Funding for the Women's Commission will be provided in the FY 88 budget if the legislature determines funding is necessary through the normal budget process.

APA

Prepared by: Al Adams, Chair
Division: House Finance Committee

Phone: 465-3706
Date: 2/17/87

Approved by Commissioner: _____
Agency: _____

Date: _____

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The Honorable Mitch Abood
Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The undersigned respectfully request that House Bill 4, the measure passed by the House and endorsed by the Governor and others, to extend the Women's Commission, be considered again at the next meeting of the State Affairs Committee, and reported out of the Committee.

We are deeply concerned that any additional delays could jeopardize the Senate's opportunity to consider the measure on the Senate floor.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Joe P. Josephson
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- MEMORANDUM -

March 11, 1987

TO: Senator Mitch Abood, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Fred Zharoff

RE: HB 4: An act extending the Women's Commission

HB 4, extending the Women's Commission, is now in your committee and has three additional committees of referral.

I would request that you review the potential impact of this bill as well as the Alaska Women's Commission and the contribution they offer to the status of women in Alaska.

And, if possible, a scheduling of this bill would display your kindness, generosity, understanding and big heart, not only to your colleagues but to the many women of Alaska who have a desire to see this legislation brought up for a hearing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this most humble request.



Alaska State Legislature

SENATOR JIM DUNCAN

P. O. Box V JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

(907) 465-4766

COMMITTEES:
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March 5, 1987

TO: Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs

FROM: Senator ~~Jim~~ Duncan

SUBJECT: House Bill 4, an act relating to extending the
termination date for the Alaska Women's
Commission.

Please calendar HB 4 for a hearing in your Committee as soon as possible.

I feel that the Alaska Women's Commission has done a great deal to improve the status of women. But they still have much to accomplish, specifically this year SB 124, "An act relating to employment rights based on pregnancy, childbirth, and adoption," and some legal issues concerning divorce. I strongly believe the extension of the Alaska Women's Commission should go through the Committee process and come before the entire Senate for a vote.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

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Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill
Alaska State Legislature

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(907) 465-4797

Box 55028
North Pole, Alaska 99705
(907) 488-0862



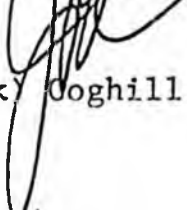
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TO: Senator Mitch Abood

FROM: Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill

DATE: April 22, 1987

RE: Alaska Women's Commission



Enclosed please find a copy of a letter sent to me by the Alaska Women's Commission.

At your earliest convenience, please consider hearing HB 4, the bill extending the Alaska Women's Commission.

Thank you in advance.

cc: Kris Chatfield

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STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



PHONE
(907) 561-4227

STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
3601 C STREET - SUITE 742
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503

April 7, 1987

APR 13 1987

Senator Jack Coghill
P.O. Box V
Fairbanks, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Coghill:

On behalf of the entire Alaska Women's Commission I want to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with our members on March 24 and 25 to discuss the Commission's sunset bill (HB4), our FY88 budget, as well as the other legislative concerns which we considered. We appreciate both your time and your thoughts.

At this writing, HB4 has been in Senate State Affairs for more than one month and has not had a hearing. Anything you can do to urge Senator Abood to move the bill will be of great assistance.

The Commission and the thousands of women it represents appreciate the support you have shown in the past and your current efforts to keep the Commission's work alive.

I have enclosed two recent articles on the Commission for your information.

Sincerely,

Kris Chatfield

Kris Chatfield
Chair

DENISE S. HANSEN
2863 Redwood Place, Anchorage, Alaska 99508



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April 14, 1987

Senator Mitch Abood
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator,

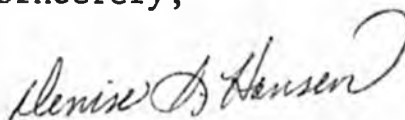
Hello; I just wanted to give you my opinion of the Women's Commission: Let's cut it out! Please vote against keeping this in the budget.

This organization isn't for things that will better the lives of women at all. I don't believe the majority of women in Alaska or the U.S.A. agree with the things they stand for. Without going into detail now - I believe these women do more harm than good. Let's not keep funding this organization.

Please answer my letter and let me know where you stand on this important issue. I'd appreciate any new information you could send me, too. I really am very interested and concerned about what happens.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Denise S. Hansen

Testimony re HB 4 April 23, 1987
Sylvia Funk

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As an individual who helped sponsor the Minority Leadership Conference in the Anchorage School District which originated in the Commission and School District, I am supportive of efforts which target potential direct aid populations in an effort to create awareness of job opportunities and present positive role models to emulate. This aspect of the Commission's work certainly deserves continuation for the benefit of our whole society.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my view and urge ^{your} rapid movement of HB 4 through the Senate.



4620 Southpark Bluff Dr.
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
April 2, 1987

Alaska Women's Commission
3601 C Street, Suite 742
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Women's Commission:

Looking over your February/March 1987 Status Report, I was impressed once again with the many ways in which the Women's Commission has touched the lives of women throughout Alaska. Many of the rights we have as mothers, homemakers, job holders, and citizens are ours because of the work of the Women's Commission.

Personally, I owe a debt of gratitude to the Women's Commission for encouraging me to participate as a member of the Steering Committee of the 1985 Statewide Women's Conference, "At the Edge of Opportunity." As an urban Alaskan, the conference gave me a unique opportunity to meet, learn from, and share with women across the state. I believe I came away from that experience a more aware, sensitive, and caring human being - qualities I now try to bring to my roles as a professional and as a civic and community leader.

The work of the Women's Commission benefits not only the women of Alaska but their families, employers, and the community at large by assuring that women have a fair and equitable opportunity to realize their full potential. While the Women's Commission has made great strides to promote women's legal rights, protect us from discrimination and abuse, and help us cope with our roles in our changing society, much work remains. Those who think that the Women's Commission has fulfilled its purpose or doesn't speak for them are naive or arrogant or both.

The Women's Commission speaks for all of us. We need it today, tomorrow, and into the future - until inequity, abuse, and discrimination have been eliminated from our society.

Sincerely,

Gay I. Leslie
Gay I. Leslie
President

4-15-87

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS TESTIMONY

CHAIRMAN ABOOD, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS KAREN RICH AND I SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JUNEAU WOMEN'S COUNCIL. THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR OPERATION OF THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

WE BELIEVE THAT, IN TIMES OF DIMINISHING DOLLARS, IT IS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TO PROVIDE AN ADVOCACY GROUP FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALASKA. STAFF RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE NEEDS OF ALASKA CITIZENS AND TARGETED MECHANISMS FOR DEALING WITH THOSE NEEDS. THE GROUPS SERVED BY THE COMMISSION ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO DECISION-MAKERS AND WHO OFTEN FIND THEMSELVES OVERLOOKED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNACCUSTOMED TO THE PROCESS OF ALLOCATING DOLLARS TO STATE PROGRAMS.

GROUPS SUCH AS THE EEO OFFICE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAVE DIFFERENT ORIENTATIONS AND CLIENTS THAN THOSE SERVED BY THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE SEPARATING OUT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE THREE GROUPS WITH THE RESULT OF BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLICS THEY SERVE.

THE JUNEAU WOMEN'S COUNCIL LOOKS TO THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION FOR GUIDANCE ON CRITICAL ISSUES AND RESEARCH

SUPPORT AND INFORMATION. WE FIND THE COMMISSION RESPONSIVE AND HELPFUL WHEN WE MAKE INQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC ITEMS.

WE ASK THAT YOU MOVE THIS BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE HOPES OF THE JUNEAU WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

2505 Aspen Drive
Anchorage, Ak. 99517

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Senator Mitch Akood
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Akood,

Your help in keeping the Alaska Women's Commission a viable and continuing organization is needed.

Too often legislation which affects women and children is left to happenstance. We need an organization that can keep women informed and coordinating the needs that are stated throughout the entire

state.

When we have an organization that is so effective, we the people need it, and you, the legislature should keep it.

I am a Spencard resident, a retired educator, a mother of six and grandparent.

I worked with the Alaska Women's Commission representing the American Association of University Women and know the good work that has been done.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hermit K. Booth

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: BOB WATERS

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 10300 HILLSIDE DRIVE

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99516

PHONE: 346-3148

BILL NO: HB 4

SUBJECT: EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

MESSAGE: PLEASE URGE SENATORS ABOOD AND FAIKS TO MOVE HB 4 OUT OF COMMITTEE.

THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALASKANS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: CINDY HARTMANN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 3250 DENALI #7A

CITY: KETCHIKAN ALASKA

ZIP: 99901

PHONE: 225-2148

BILL NO: AHFC

SUBJECT: AHFC

MESSAGE: I AM REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT OF AHFC'S PROPOSED SIMPLIFIED REFINANCE PROGRAM.

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DATE: 04/21/87

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: HELEN WOMACK
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 746 9TH AVE.
CITY: FAIRBANKS
PHONE: 451-6415

ZIP: 99701

BILL NO: HB 4
SUBJECT: EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
MESSAGE: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION BE CONTINUED
AND FUNDED AS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR. ALSO, THAT THE AWC NOT BE COMBINED
WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. I URGE THAT THE AWC BILL BE MOVED QUICKLY
THROUGH THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. EOM/AN

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: CARRIE FARR
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 80864
CITY: FAIRBANKS
PHONE: 455-6416

ZIP: 99708

BILL NO: HJR 4
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR-FREE SUBARCTIC, ARCTIC, & ALASKA
MESSAGE: PLEASE VOTE FOR HJR4. I HOPE YOU WILL HELP HJR4 GET THROUGH THE
COMMITTEES AND INTO THE FULL SENATE FOR A VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALASKA
SUPPORTS A NUCLEAR FREEZE AS SHOWN BY LAST SUMMER'S VOTE. PLEASE SUPPORT
THE NUCLEAR FREE ARCTIC. EOM/AN

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: MIKE GEIL

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1641 GILLAM WAY

CITY: FAIRBANKS

PHONE: 451-6998

ZIP: 99701

BILL NO: HJR 4

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR-FREE SUBARCTIC, ARCTIC, & ALASKA

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HJR4. PLEASE HELP THIS RESOLUTION THROUGH THE

SENATE COMMITTEES FOR A VOTE ON THE SENATE FLOOR. LAST SUMMER'S FREEZE

INITIATIVE PASSED IN YOUR DISTRICT. PLEASE HONOR THE WISHES OF YOUR

CONSTITUENCY. SUPPORT A NUCLEAR FREE ARCTIC.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: VALERIE THERRIEN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

TITLE: MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

ADDRESS: 779 8TH AVE.

CITY: FAIRBANKS

PHONE: 452-6194

ZIP: 99701

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: WOMEN'S COMMISSION

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS CONTINUED

EXISTENCE. THE WORK THAT THE COMMISSION DOES IS VALUABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT

IS A REAL BENEFIT TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR STATE.

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The Honorable Mitch Abood
Chairman, State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
Room 423, Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Abood:

As you perhaps remember, I was one of the people who was to testify on behalf of the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission, but the hearing ran out of time. For that reason, I would like to place these remarks on the record.

The Alaska Women's Resource Center (AWRC), incorporated since 1975, offers general support to all women, and specific counseling surrounding issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, teenage pregnancy, employment readiness counseling and job opportunities, and houses a facility for recovering public inebriate women.

Considering the economic condition of the Municipality and the State, not only is the Alaska Women's Commission facing a sunset review, so too are many of the agencies which serve the needs of women. It is in that vein that the Alaska Women's Resource Center lauds the efforts of the Alaska Women's Commission. With our resources so strained, we are unable to devote staff or even volunteer time to the necessary research to make our case before various funding agencies. So we are especially pleased that the Women's Commission has chosen to publish the results of some exceptionally fine studies into the status of women in Alaska. Our agency daily uses the "Legal Rights Handbook", and looks forward to the work undertaken regarding the economic status of women following divorce and dissolution.

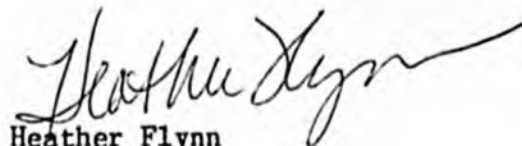
AWRC appreciates the organizational and monitoring abilities of the Commission with regard to proposed or pending legislation. It is the one place where we can get a reading on all such pieces of legislation, their current status, their likelihood of passage and their impact on women. We also appreciate the thorough research and the excellent network to all agencies serving women. Despite its significantly reduced funding, we hope it maintains the emphasis upon both research and legislative monitoring.

The Honorable Mitch Abood
April 17, 1987

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The Alaska Women's Resource Center strongly supports the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission. It is our sincere hope that the Senate State Affairs Committee recommends a due pass. Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Flynn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heather Flynn
Executive Director

women's Comm

April 11, 1987

Dear Senator,

I'm writing today to ask you to stop funding for the women's commission. In these times of greatly reduced state monies we need to weed out such program especially when it doesn't reflect the views of the majority of women. I really resent the name because it implies that it is reflecting the views of women. This commission stands for the things I'm opposed to. Please stop this senseless misuse of state funds.

Sincerely,

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7020 Vitburnum
Anchorage, AK 99507

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P.O. Box 926

Wrangell, Alaska 99929

State Affairs Committee

Senator Mitch Abood, Chairman

P.O. Box 1

Juneau, Alaska 99811

HB 4
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Dear Senator Abood:

I urge you to vote no on HB-4 as I believe it is an impractical use of our declining tax dollars. I think that the monies that fund the Alaska Women's Commission would be of more benefit to women through social services, community schools, day care assistance, education, etc.

Please vote no on HB-4.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruby Taylor

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: GEORGE ALLEN
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 307 BUNNELL ST.
CITY: ANCHORAGE
PHONE: N/A-

ZIP: 99508

BILL NO:
SUBJECT: AK COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
MESSAGE: PLEASE PASS SB60 ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. IT HAS PROVEN TO BE LOW COST CLASSES BEARED TO THE INTEREST AND OURS OF MANY PEOPLE. COMBINING WITH THE UNIVERSITY WOULD GIVE FEWER CHOICES OF SUBJECTS, HIRE COST AND GRADUAL FACING OUT COMPLETELY, WHICH WOULD DISAPPOINT MANY PEOPLE.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: BETTY CHAVERS
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 7020 GIBBS HILL CIRCLE
CITY: ANCHORAGE
PHONE: 338-5477

ZIP: 99504

BILL NO: HB 4
SUBJECT: EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
MESSAGE: PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO STOP THE RENEWING OT THE WOMENS COMMISSION I AM A WORKING WOMAN, MOTHER AND WIFE AND I DO NOT FEEL THEY REPRESENT THE BEST INTEREST OF WOMEN IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: SHIRLEY HARDUAR
TITLE:
ADDRESS: PO BOX 110241
CITY: ANCHORAGE
PHONE: 345-3580
BILL NO: HB 4
SUBJECT: EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
MESSAGE: I AM STRONGLY AGAINST KEEPING THE COMMISSION IN EXISTENCE THROUGH
STATE FUNDING. FOR THE GREATER PART, THE COMMISSION DOES NOT REFLECT MY VIEWS
AND I DO NOT WANT MY TAX DOLLARS TO SUPPORT IT.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR ABOOD

NAME: DAVID DEHART

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 1267

CITY: WASILLA, AK.

PHONE: 892-6589

ZIP: 99688

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: SPENDING MONEY

MESSAGE: I WANT TO ASK THE LEGISLATIVE BODY IF WE ARE IN A DIRER NEED OF MONEY IN THIS STATE, WHY WE ARE SPENDING MONEY ON MEAT PROCESSING PLANT IN PALMER, MATINUSKA MAID, STATE FUNDED ABORTION CLINICS, AND WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR A6000

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SUBJECT: ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

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April 14, 1987

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee:

You have before you House Bill 4 which provides an additional four years of service by the Alaska Women's Commission. Support for the Commission has been shown by the Alaska House of Representatives by not only passing this bill, but also providing adequate funding in the FY 88 budget.

It is now for you to decide whether the important work of this agency is allowed to continue. The League of Women Voters of Alaska urges you to support this bill. As the Alaska Women's Commission is the only state agency that speaks for all women of Alaska, its work is unique.

The Alaska State Legislature is charged with the task of maintaining programs and services which the public has come to expect in the face of shrinking revenues. Each service must be evaluated not only on its cost-effectiveness, but also on the costs of not having the service.

There are still many hurdles to be met before it can truly be said that sex-related discrimination in our laws and in our society is a thing of the past. Women need an advocate inside the bureaucracy to ensure fair treatment for half the state's population. But we need more than just a voice: we need the types of services now supplied only by the Commission. These have included: workshops for rural and urban women; proposed legislation and review of current laws to end sex discrimination; publications to educate women on laws, insurance, pensions and politics.

The Alaska Women's Commission has proven its ability to produce significant work. Please allow this to continue.

Sincerely,

Kate Graham
Legislative Liaison

ALASKA WOMEN'S LOBBY

POST OFFICE BOX 10-1571, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

April 17, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood
Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Chairman Abood and members of the Committee:

The Alaska Women's Lobby would like to express its strong support for the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

Since its creation eight years ago, the Alaska Women's Commission has worked hard to meet its statutory directive to improve the legal, economic, social and political status of women in Alaska.

We believe that beyond serving as an advocate for positive change and providing a forum for discussing significant issues, the Alaska Women's Commission has been effective in the struggle for economic equity for Alaska's women.

During 1985, the Commission initiated a comprehensive review of Alaska statutes to identify those statutory provisions which run counter to the principle of equal rights. The review identified over 80 statutes needing revision. The review was conducted and coordinated by the staff of the Women's Commission, utilizing the volunteered expertise of Alaska Bar Association members, the volunteer efforts of other Alaskan women's organizations and the help of many individual Alaskans.

This work has already resulted in important changes in the areas of pension reform and inheritance laws. There is a great deal more to be done.

Since 1950, Alaskan women have increased their labor force participation by 548%, but over 62% are concentrated in low-paying occupations. In fact, over one-quarter of Alaska's families headed by women are living in poverty.

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The Women's Commission has, over the years, provided the women of Alaska with a forum for advocacy and education through its statewide and regional conferences and workshops, and through the distribution of its publications such as the Legal Rights Handbook, fact sheets on insurance, pensions, education and politics.

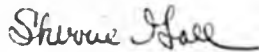
The Women's Commission has been responsible for the initiation of an expanded state register to increase the hiring of women in ranges 18 and above, and has worked to increase the recruitment and hiring of Native women.

It functions as a clearinghouse for information on services, programs, legislation and issues relating to women's concerns in the state of Alaska today.

Equal opportunity has begun, but it is not complete. We urge you to support the extension of the Women's Commission in order that it may continue the important work of achieving full equality for Alaskan women.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sherrie Goll
for the Alaska Women's Lobby

APRIL 23, 1987

WC

TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE STATE AFFAIR COMMITTEE RE: HB4

SENATORS:

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW OF THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION. IT IS ONLY PROPER THAT DURING A REVIEW MANDATED BY THE SUNSET STATUTES, THAT A BROAD SPECTRUM OF ALASKANS HAVE A CHANCE TO OFFER THEIR OPINIONS AND OBSERVATIONS.

IN 1975, AS A RECENTLY ARRIVED ALASKAN RESIDENT I BECAME AWARE OF AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION. AFTER CONCERTED EFFORTS, AND THE IMPETUS AFFORDED THE MOVEMENT BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1977 IWY CONFERENCE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, THE COMMISSION BECAME REALITY. IN THE NEARLY TEN YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE COMMISSION HAS ACCOMPLISHED NUMEROUS TASKS WITH VERY SMALL APPROPRIATIONS. THEY HAVE PUBLISHED MANY DEFINITIVE REPORTS, HELD NECESSARY CONFERENCES AND FORUMS, IN GENERAL BEEN A CATALYST FOR MANY OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE IMPROVED THE LOT OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND MINORITIES. THEY SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINED OUTSIDE FUNDING TO FURTHER THEIR PROJECTS, NEVER PARTICIPATING IN THE USUAL POLITICAL PLOY OF INFLATED BUDGET REQUESTS EVEN DURING THE "OIL BOOM" ERA.

NOW, I FEEL THE COMMISSION IS UNDER HARSH SCRUTINY WHICH IS UNDESERVED. AS I LOOK OVER THE BUDGET, I SHARE WITH YOU THE CONCERN OF HOW TO DO SO MUCH WITH SO LITTLE - BUILDING A BUDGET TO FIT THE FAMILY'S MEANS IS A FREQUENT TASK OF A WOMAN -SO WE ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK BEFORE YOU. MY CONCERN IS THAT WHAT I HEAR IN HEARINGS INDICATES A WILLINGNESS TO CUT FIRST AND DEEPEST THOSE PROGRAMS WHICH AFFECT THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD A LOSS OF REPRESENTATION DURING LEAN TIMES: IE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MINORITIES.

AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN, STATEWIDE I LISTEN MONTHLY TO REPORTS ON THE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND THEIR PROBABLE IMPACT ON PROGRAMS SERVING THIS CONSTITUENCY. I AM DISMAYED TO THINK THAT NOW WHEN WE MOST NEED A STRONG ADVOCATE AS THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN, IT IS IN JEOPARDY. PRESENTLY THE SUGGESTED LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION IS LOWER THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN 1981; LESS THAN \$1 PER FEMALE IN THIS STATE - LESS THAN .02% OF GENERAL FUNDS IN FY88.

I FEEL THAT WITH THE COMMISSION'S GOOD REPUTATION, COUPLED WITH THEIR ABILITY TO CAREFULLY MANAGE THEIR FUNDS, THEY SHOULD BE RE-AUTHORIZED AND AT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING SUGGESTED BY THE GOVERNOR. IN THIS TIME OF FISCAL CRISIS, WE CAN LEAST AFFORD TO LOSE THE VERY ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BEST MAKE ALL OF US AWARE OF THE GAPS CREATED BY LOWERING LEVELS OF FUNDING. THE COMMISSION IS THE ESTABLISHED POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND A WHOLE HOST OF INDIVIDUALS. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO RISK ALIENATION OF THIS CONSTITUENCY BY A

RETURN TO PRE-1978 CHAOS, IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION ON THE TO OTHER SENATE
COMMITTEES OF REFERRAL QUICKLY.

Janice L Foster
9601 Spring Hill Dr
Anchorage AK 99507
346-1154

Henre Falls

"Against"

I have seen several projects
The Ak Womens Commission has
worked on recently. Some are
worth while + some are not
so worth while. "The Women's
Legal Rights in Ak" is worth while
However the "booklet" "Commitment
or Complacency" to me is a
waste of government money.
It cost \$10,000 to print this
pamphlet according to the
director Christine Callahan.
This booklet ~~is~~ and the
time spent making it
is to check up on ^{people +} government
and make sure laws are being

#2 Glenn Ralls Cont'd.

enforced. Do we ~~want~~ ^{need} to
check up on people every time
a new law is passed. No!

We are not wanting a
Communist Government!

At this time I believe
the economy is tight and
we need to be using
our money for jobs that
are necessary to keep
place and for social
~~services~~ ^{workers}. Such as ~~are~~ ^{those}
checking ^{up on} child abuse. These
jobs are not staffed
adequately at this time.
and could use \$25,000 very
nicely - Thank you.

WC

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Testimony to Senate State Affairs, Apr. 23, 1987
Re: HB 4 - Extension of Alaska Commission
on the Status of Women.

By: Sylvia Fink (Mrs.); librarian by profession.

I will address only two ^{of the} areas with which
I am personally familiar.

As a librarian, I know the Commission has
been a major contributor to a data base of
substantive information related to Alaska women.
This information provides a base of other
Alaskan organizations seeking to extend
research or those organizations applying
for grants in related areas of interest. In the
early 1970's the National Science Foundation
distributed a rationale for rejection of grants -
one of the major reasons was lack of
adequate research base. The Commission
is providing this statistical information
which has not been collected by other State
or private agencies; therefore, non-continuation
of the Commission will have a negative
ripple effect on all other individuals or
groups.

4-23-57

Senate Affairs Committee

I do not favor HB-4. Please
vote against this bill. Lets
save the State of Alaska some
money!

Sincerely,

Harold Rasmussen

1545 S. Hope, '9

Anchorage, AK

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Sen. Abood

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TESTIMONY RE: HB4- AK Women's Commission

FROM: Donna Troutlet & Deanna Adams PHONE: _____

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STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION
3601 C STREET - SUITE 742
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503

FY88 Budget Information

- The total request for the Alaska Women's Commission budget for state general funds for FY88 is \$251.5.
- Since 1986 the Commission's budget has been cut 24%.
- Ten Commissioners serve voluntarily, without pay or stipend.
- The FY88 request includes cutting one full-time professional position. This represented 33% of the total professional staff.
- The 3 remaining positions are:
 - executive director - handles all administration, supervision, budgeting and work plans. Solicits additional sources of funding. Staffs all Commission committees. Advocates for legislative platform. Provides public presentations on Commission activities. Plans and implements workshops, seminars and conferences.
 - research analyst/information officer - handles more than 1000 information requests per year. Designs and conducts complex research projects. Writes quarterly newsletter. Edits all publications. Assists in educational programs.
 - secretary - receptionist, office manager. Maintains mailing list of over 2000. All typing and word processing, supplies, travel arrangements, and distribution of publications. More than 14,000 publications were distributed in 1986.
- The Commission has sought and secured additional sources of federal, state and corporate funding since 1983. It has also secured and coordinated thousands of volunteer hours each year, providing an estimated in-kind contribution of \$20,000-\$30,000 worth of professional services per year.
- Even when oil revenues were high the Commission did not seek any major budget increases. Today's budget represents nearly the exact same amount the Commission received in 1981, adjusted for inflation.
- It requires a basic level of operation and staff to write grants to pursue additional funding at the same that research and advocacy efforts are continued. The Commission has reached that level.

4-23-87

Senate Affairs Committee -

I do not favor HB-4. Please
vote against this bill. Lets
save the state of Alaska some
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Sincerely,

Harold Russell

1545 S. Hope, '9

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From: Donna Norbet

798 Hygrade Way

Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

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To: Senate State Affairs ^{P.2}

HB 4

Alaska Women enjoy many freedoms, rights +

pleasures. One pleasure for some has been the

AK Women's Commission. Alaska women are a strong, determined and resourceful bunch.

This is why I feel that the sunsetting of the AK Womens Commission would not be a blow to Alaska Women. We can hold our own with out it.

We have ample support by our Gov. our reps. (both male + female) and our Senators (both male + female) to suffice us should ~~the~~ ^a need or ~~needs~~ arise.

I do not mind standing aside and letting the commission go so that other projects can have the needed money to function for all AK people. In this time of lack of funds I encourage you and support you in the sunsetting of the AK. Women's Commission.

Thank You -

T.O: Senator Abood and the State Affairs Committee

I urge this committee to vote for the extension of the Alaska Women's Commission. The Commission has served Alaska well and needs to continue its work of sponsoring workshops and conferences, of publishing research material not otherwise available, of promoting legislation that will improve the status of Alaskan women.

Despite what our dreams may be for the women of Alaska, we continue to have tremendous problems to overcome, such as a high rate of domestic violence which means women and children live in daily fear, such as women's jobs are still paid only 59 cents to a man's job of \$1.00; such as women continue to be underrepresented in our legislature, in upper management, in influential positions. By giving women around the state the opportunity to learn what resources are in Alaska, to learn what we can do to improve the Alaskan living situation, the Alaska Women's Commission has played a vital role in women's lives. We need to keep the Commission and I urge each of you to vote for passage of this bill. Thank you.

Deanne L Adams

Deanne L- Adams

PO Box 1853

Fair banks, AK 99707

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KETCHIKAN LIO(225-9675)

TO: Juneau LIO PHONE _____

FROM: Ketchikan LIO for Paula Ziegler PHONE 225-9675

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2. Disruptive forces are at work in Alaska families. The AWC is not one of them. The divorce rate here is 62%, compared with 49% nationally. The AWC did not create this situation; ~~we do not encourage divorce.~~ But that high rate here is a fact, and we must deal with it. So what the AWC does is provide information about what a woman's legal rights are, advocate for legislation to ~~protect the~~ rights of both parties and their children, and engage in a research project to determine the economic impact of divorce in Alaska. Homemakers. The divorce rate in Alaska is a problem; eliminating the AWC is not the solution.

Over half of all Alaska women work outside the home, most single-parent families are headed by women, and most families below the poverty level are headed by women. The AWC did not create this situation, but we must help deal with it and the child care, employment and public assistance implications it brings about. Legal Rights Conference. Parental leave legislation.

Economic and social disruption of families is a problem; eliminating the AWC is not the solution.

3. The last issue is about the representativeness of the AWC. By statute, the AWC is charged with the responsibility of achieving equal (not special) legal, economic and social status for all women in Alaska. Our goal really isn't to speak for all women as much as it is to speak about all women and to all women. The information we produce is for all women. The advocacy effort we make is on behalf of all women. Whether all women avail themselves of our work is up to them; not all may chose to do so and some may disagree. / ^{The more theoretical communitate & become part of the process.} The commission looks at the facts as determined by our research and sets policy. This is similar to what a legislature does and there, too, if disagreement about the policy is a problem, eliminating the entire institution, be it the legislature or the AWC, is not the solution. *Abortion Issue*

In closing, I return to the notion of "special" and "equal." For the last three years, women mushers have won the Iditarod. Libby Riddles and Susan Butcher did not win because as women they were special. ^{as mushers} They won because they were good and because as people they were given an equal chance to compete. That is what the work of the AWC is about, and that is why ~~we~~ urge its continuation.

PAULA ZIEGLER
307 KETCHIKAN
CANDEN 99901
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My name is Susan Alexander, I am an English teacher at Palmer High School. One of my English classes is Women in Literature which the Women's Commission helped to advocate. You will be interested to know that this year half of ^{that} / class is boys.

As a teacher of students and of English, when women are equally represented in textbooks and in the selection of literature to be studied then perhaps we can consider sunsetting the Women's Commission, but not until then.

My husband, Dor Lehmen, social studies teacher and girl's track coach, supports my position and knows how much the Alaska Women's Commission has done to make it possible for girls to participate equally in athletics. He believes we need the Women's Commission to continue monitoring in the waive of budget cuts.

P.O. Box 870157
Wasilla 99687

Forty years ago, when I enrolled at Fairbanks High School, girls couldn't take subjects like physics or shop--those were boys subjects. Today all students are able to study courses within their intellectual capability regardless of sex.

Thirty-five years ago I competed with a male in an essay contest for a scholarship at the University of Alaska. My entry was judged the better, but he got the money because everyone "knew girls never did anything with an education". Today womens' efforts in endeavors like that are judged on their own merits.

Three of my daughters have helped themselves through college by playing basketball, because Title IX assured them equal access to athletics as well as instruction.

I worked for 30 years as a homemaker and farm wife--longer hours and harder work than many men ever do--yet I have no Social Security benefits accrued from this work. When I entered the job market in 1980 I was given no credit for any of this work--not cost accounting farm books--not skill as a cook--not even as a farm laborer!--by our own State Job Service, so I ended up with a low paying clerical job, traditional women's work.

When my husband died I got nothing from his contributions to a Union retirement plan, I got nothin for myself from Social Security. If I had not already been employed and if he had not had the foresight and wherewithall to leave our family protected by life insurance, I would have been forced to sell my house, reduce my family's standard of living, my children may well have been forced to quit college, and quite possibly we would have had to apply for public assistance.

I regard agencies such as the State Women's Commission the most valuable asset women--not working women, all women--have in redressing these unfair facts of life. These largely unpaid commissioners are every woman's advocate for equality in education, equality in employment opportunities, pension reform, access to child care and health care. It's one of the most cost effective government agencies in this State and one responsive to the needs of 50% of the citizens of this State. I urge that these valuable services be retained.

Mary E. Welch

Wasilla, Alaska

PS I can't attend this hearing in person because it is scheduled during work hours
SR A Box 6470
Wasilla 99687

My name is Bernice Linn and I am a guidance counselor at Palmer High School.

I support the retention of the Alaska Womens' Commission particularly as its activities relates to the "not so trivial pursuit of identity in adolescence". There is evidence to support what I witness each day -- the need for enhancement of self concept in teen age girls -- the need to support networks that clarify life role preferences -- traditional and non-traditional -- the need for collaboration to support gratifying adult roles for women.

I am concerned not only as these topics relate to my professional life but also with the future of my two granddaughters and the opportunities that I believe should be open for them.

P.O. Box 276
Palmer 99645

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Delia Iyapana
President of Kawerak, Inc.

My name is Delia Iyapana. I am testifying on behalf of Caleb Pungowiyi, President of Kawerak, Inc. who is currently traveling on business, out of state.

My testimony is in support of the Alaska Women's Commission and request the Senate to approve the bill extending the Alaska Women's Commission. I believe that the Women's Commission has not only addressed issues and problems affecting women and families in Alaska but has made concrete recommendations for solutions to problems.

I firmly believe the State of Alaska will realize a greater benefit by continuing the Alaska Women's Commission and their work to improve the status of women. *Thank you.*

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RE: HB 4 -- Extending the Alaska Women's Commission

I feel that the Women's Commission has played a vital part in improving the Women's position in Alaskan society. Their research projects in documenting child abuse, marital abuse and the abuse of the elderly has brought attention to these problems. They have worked on mental health problems which include alcoholism and drug abuse problems. One of the new thrusts is the effect of alcoholism on the fetus.

I attended the Sitka Women's Conference last year which was funded by the Women's Commission. I was moderator on a discussion group on handling teenage problems. I also wrote it up for the S.E. Log. I thought it was very excellent. We need more of such conferences. There is much yet to do in the Women's area and I hope the commission will be continued. It has addressed issues facing women and families as perhaps no other group has. Look what has been done on child abuse alone. I see the need for more shelters for children who find themselves in an impossible home situation. They need a place to go which isn't the streets as a runaway.

Marilyn George
Box 1032
Petersburg, AK 99833

(Resident since 1946)

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-testimony-

I realize that you have no control over the Constitution of the United States, but you do control State funding. Please eliminate the Alaska women's Commission as they actively support ^{abortion,} lesbianism and homosexuality. It has been said that we cannot legislate morality, but it appears that we are doing our best to legislate immorality.

Alicia Young
Box 1104
Petersburg, AK

teleconference testimony

April 22, 1987

Dear Senator Abood,

I do not support extending the Alaska Women's Commission. This commission does not represent all Alaskan women. After reading several reports and documents written by this group I found several things that I strongly oppose. I was alarmed to find support of gay and lesbian life styles. Everyday we are becoming more aware of the destructive consequences of the break down of the traditional, heterosexual family unit.

Throughout the documents is found the endorsement of abortion, and the active promotion of using state dollars to fund abortions. I believe that human life starts at conception and must be protected. I also believe that the unborn child is just one victim of abortion; many women are left with severe emotional scars after they learn the truth about abortion. It upsets me to think that our government would support this destructive practice through a state commission.

There are real needs of women and children to be met, but there are many groups set up to meet these needs. This women's group should not be state endorsed or funded. These women have a right to be an organization, but not a commission authorized and funded by our state government.

Thank You.

Alana Pfundt
Box 855
Petersburg, Ak. 99833

~~7-24-87~~
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TO: Sen. Abood & S-SA Cmt
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April 23, 1987

Senate State Affairs Committee
Mitch Abood, Chair

Thank you for taking the time to listen to testimony on the Women's Commission. I would like to encourage you to continue the Commission as one of the most cost effective methods of assisting a major portion of the population of the state.

As State funding drops, it is critical that we take advantage of those organizations which can provide coordination between programs. Projects like the "Women's Legal Rights In Alaska", published by the Commission in 1981 with revisions in 1984, have been literally invaluable in our assistance to victimized women.

The Commission budget is very small relative to the potential good that they can accomplish.

Sincerely,

Susan McCleat
Director

DATE _____

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Testimony on HB 4 for Senate State Affairs

My name is Bertha Karras, Native American. I am against funding the Alaska Women's Commission. I really don't feel a person like myself is well represented as a homemaker. How many people believe in a woman staying home any more? Or would encourage others that way? We have a big role -- guiding children, caring for them, leading to less sex abuse -- our society strengthened by being home.

Bertha Karras
230 Kogwanton
Sitka AK 99835

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Senate State Affairs Committee

4/23/87

Mr. Chair, members of the Committee, my name is Mary D. McNally and I am the chair of the Sitka Women's Council. I would like to make a few comments as to why I would like to see the Alaska Women's Commission sunset at this time. I am opposed to a state-funded group being allowed to lobby on behalf of legislation which does not support my views and the views of many, many others in our state.

Also, at the Alaska Women's Commission meeting in Juneau on March 24, 1987, it was discussed that the Concerned Women for America group has certain complaints about the Women's Commission. Let me take a few minutes and read some notes from someone who attended the conference:

Concerned Women of America group from Sitka had some complaints against the Women's Commission. To fight them, talk about their complaints on economic terms.

- When they talk about our supporting abortion, counter by saying we support a legal operation, and that women are discriminated against if it is not funded.

- CWA's complaint that our commission does not represent all women, counter by saying "These women are left out by their choice. This commission works in all areas, Republicanism, Democrats, etc. If they don't avail themselves of work of the Commission it is their own fault. Talk about these complaints in these terms.

I find it very discouraging to know that we have a group of women advocating only what some of the women in Alaska want, they are not the least bit interested in hearing any views that may be different from their own.

My voice is clearly not represented on this Commission. The voice of the majority of the Sitka Women's Council is not represented on this Commission. And it probably even not need be mentioned that the voices of many, many women in Alaska are not being represented by this Commission.

In conclusion, I would ask you to please seriously look at the need for a Commission of this type in Alaska, especially since the views they hold are already heavily lobbied by private groups such as the League of Women Voters, Business & Professional Women, etc.

Let's not spend our State's limited budget dollars on something that is only a duplication of other outside organizations. Let's not have a group of women that speak only for a portion of women; think that they, in fact, represent the majority of women in our State.

Please, let your sound judgment and wisdom prevail and let HB 7 be allowed to sunset at this time.

Thank you very much for your time.

Mary D. McNally
608 BMC
Sitka, AK 99835

316 Wortman Loop
Sitka AK 99835

Senate State Affairs Committee,

My name is Shirley Demmert. I have lived in Sitka for 14 years. I am an instructor in Adult Basic Ed, the director of the pregnancy aid office in Sitka and the area director of Concerned Women for Alaska. I am also a member of the Sitka Women's Council and I speak today as a representative of many women who do not support the extention or funding of the Alaska Women's Commission.

I have been told that it is impossible to support the Sitka Council + not support the state commission, but I disagree and I would like to tell you why.

The Sitka Women's Council has been a group with representation from both the liberal and the conservative viewpoints. We have been sensitive to the women of Sitka, soliciting their input and focusing on their priorities. We conducted an extensive needs assessment and chose to focus on the family, the ~~survey~~ top area of concern in our survey. We are learning to work together and find areas of agreement and cooperation.

2.) I oppose the continuation of the AWC for the same reasons I support our local Council.

1. Representation - The Status Report issued by the AWC (Oct/Nov 86) issue states that the AWC is the "only state agency which speaks for all women of Alaska."

I find that very interesting - when there is no conservative representation, when no input is solicited - when the criticisms & concerns about their legislative package and agenda have not been taken seriously.

In the March meeting of the AWC in Juneau (1987) the topic of complaints and criticisms against the Commission was brought up. The discussion that followed centered on ways to fight the complaints, not on ways to encourage input, to compromise, or to encourage representation of any other point of view. I find it disturbing that a group of women that seeks justice, equality and non-discrimination would so blatantly practice the things they are fighting against.

The second reason is one of issues. This Commission has time and again supported legislation and programs that I believe are detrimental to families, to women and to our free enterprise system. Legislation that is costly to government.

Comparable worth or pay equity is a prime example of this. The institution of this system of governmental setting of wages would cost millions of dollars to implement and lock in place an inflexible salary schedule that would not reflect market conditions or respond to the laws of supply and demand.

The supporting of state funded abortions is another example. Supporting legislation to destroy our most valuable resource, our children, is detrimental not only to the unborn who are sacrificed on the altar of women's rights, but also detrimental to the women who live with the guilt of this action.

No where can I find any support from the AWC for women in crisis pregnancies who want to have their babies but need help and support. Where is the commission on this issue and why is there no support for these women?

Has the Commission asked the women of Alaska what their goals are, what their values are, what their interests are? Have they

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listened to criticisms of non-representation of conservative women? NO - they have their agenda that they are pushing full steam ahead. They certainly don't represent the women I know and speak for today.

I ask you to disband this Commission which is so narrow in focus, so restricted in its representation and so locked into promoting its feminist agenda.

Thank you,

Shirley Demmert

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Senators — thank you for the opportunity to testify before you. I want to say that I believe the Alaska Women's Commission must be continued because of the valuable services it provides on behalf of Alaskan women. Last year I had the opportunity, while living in Yakutat, to attend the Women's Regional Conference in Sitka. Having lived in five different Alaskan communities, I have seen the Commission's endeavors carried out throughout the State, & it has a respected reputation throughout Alaska. The Commission's research & advocacy roles are vital to the citizens of this state. When the lives of women are improved, the lives of all Alaskan citizens are improved. I urge you today to give full support to the extension of the Alaskan Women's Commission. Thank you.

Peggy Rogers
~~Peggy Rogers~~
Box 716
Sitka AK 99835

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TO: Senate State Affairs

FR: Jody Marcelllo

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April 23, 1987

Senator Abood and other members of the Senate State Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee today. My name is Jody S. Marcello. As a newcomer to Alaska last August, one of the first state government groups about which I learned was the Alaska Women's Commission. In the last few months, I have had the opportunity to gain much more information about the Commission and its functions on behalf of the women of Alaska. Put bluntly, I am impressed! The amount and quality of the work done by this Commission is excellent. In particular, the Commission's research and publications are tops. The publications themselves are vital to anyone conducting research about Alaska women or anyone advocating improvements in the status of women in Alaska. This is vital information and distributed to anyone asking for it. This function alone justifies for me the extension of the Commission; however, it performs other vital functions, such as advocacy in the legislature. The Commission's research, as pointed out by Chair Kris Chatfield, has provided the necessary data to show areas of weakness in public policy, and then pointed the way to bring about statutory or policy changes to end discriminatory practices against women. The Alaska Women's Commission also serves as a messenger for other women's organizations here in Alaska.

The State of Alaska, by sustaining the Alaska Women's Commission, ^{continue it} makes a commitment to the women of Alaska ^{and} which says that we are not going to let you be left behind as we move forward into the future. If the Commission is not continued, the State will move back in time and possibly lose the support of the women of Alaska. If Alaska is not progressive in this area, it stands a chance of losing valuable women to other states where they may move forward in their lives and see the lives of other women also improving.

Thank you.



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I DO NOT SUPPORT HB4 EXTENSION OF ALASKA WOMENS COMMISSION
BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF ALASKAS TIGHT BUDGET AND IT IS NOT
REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF ALASKA WOMEN. I URGE YOU TO VOTE
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IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT A SMALL BUT VOCAL GROUP CHARACTERIZED BY REACTIONARY IDEAS REGARDING WOMEN MET IN ANCHORAGE LAST WEEK WITH AN OUTSIDE ACTIVIST AND ORGANIZER TO TARGET THE ALASKA WOMENS COMMISSION FOR ELIMINATION. THEY CITED AS THEIR REASONS INACCURATE POSITIONS THAT THEY ALLEGE THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS. THEY ALLEGE THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS "EASY DIVORCE" AND "GUN CONTROL". WITH REGARD TO DIVORCE THE COMMISSIONS PRIMARY EFFORT HAS BEEN TO STRENGTHEN THE DIVORCE LAWS. WE HAVE PROMOTED HEIGHTENED SCRUTINY RATHER THAN QUICK AND EASY SOLUTIONS AND PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AS OPPOSED TO SPEED OF SETTLEMENT. CITING "GUN CONTROL" IS SIMPLY LUDICROUS. NEVER IN ITS NINE YEARS OF EXISTENCE HAS THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED THIS.



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OTHER MISINFORMATION ABOUND AMONG CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP, WHOSE ROOTS ARE IN THE MORAL MAJORITY. FOR EXAMPLE THEY HAVE ACCUSED THE COMMISSION OF IGNORING HOMEMAKERS. IN FACT, THE COMMISSION HAS ADVOCATED MEASURES TO IMPROVE HOMEMAKERS STATURE, RESPECT AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. YOU WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE RECEIVING A NUMBER OF POMS FROM MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WHICH WILL CONTAIN THESE OR OTHER FALSE ACCUSATIONS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTACT ME OR OUR OFFICE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO PROVIDE A MORE ACCURATE PICTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

KRIS CHATFIELD, CHAIR

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Senate Advisory Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Paul Fischer
Alaska State Senate

ATN: Jack Sanderson

FROM: Lee Ann Lucas *lal*
Senate Advisory Council

DATE: January 14, 1987

RE: Ak. Women's Commission

In response to your request, I offer the following.

The Alaska Women's Commission was established by the Legislature in 1978 (Ch. 120, SLA 78). The Commission was reaffirmed and renewed in 1983 (Ch. 52, SLA 83) by the Legislature and the Governor. Copies of these Acts are attached for your information.



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AN ACT

Creating the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 44.19.956. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.

Sec. 44.19.957. COMPOSITION. The commission consists of nine members and an ex officio member representing the office of the attorney general who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Sec. 44.19.958. APPOINTMENT. (a) The members shall be appointed on a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory basis by the governor within 60 days of the effective date of this Act. The members shall be residents of the state. At least one member shall be a homemaker who is not otherwise employed. In making the appointments, due consideration shall be given to

(1) the recommendations made by civic organizations, women's organizations, educational and vocational groups, employer groups, labor unions, church groups, homemakers clubs and organizations, and other groups having an interest in the status of women;

(2) statewide geographical representation of the commission; and

(3) minority and low-income representation.

Chapter 120

(b) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson and may select other commission officers as it considers necessary.

Sec. 44.19.959. MEETINGS. Within 60 days after the appointment of all the members of the commission, the governor shall call the first meeting of the commission. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the powers of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, at the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a majority of the members.

Sec. 44.19.961. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of office of each member is five years. Terms shall be staggered. Initial terms shall be three members serving for one year, three members serving for three years, and three members serving for five years. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

Sec. 44.19.962. COMPENSATION. Members of the commission receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to per diem and travel allowances authorized by law for other boards and commissions.

Sec. 44.19.963. PURPOSE. The purpose of the commission is to implement the recommendations contained in the preliminary study on the status of women in Alaska which was mandated by the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, under ch. 99 SLA 1976, and 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,

- (1) education,
- (2) homemaking,
- (3) civil and legal rights,
- (4) labor and employment.

Sec. 44.19.964. POWERS AND DUTIES. To accomplish its purpose, the commission may

- (1) hire an executive director and additional administrative staff as may be necessary to the commission's function;
- (2) act as a clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental information relating to the status of women;
- (3) cooperate with public and private agencies in joint efforts to study and resolve problems relating to the status of women in Alaska;
- (4) accumulate and compile information concerning discrimination against women;
- (5) disseminate the results of research and

compilation of data acquired under (4) of this section by publication and other methods such as public hearings, conferences, and seminars;

(6) study and analyze all facts relating to Alaska laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to equal protection for women under the state constitution;

(7) recommend legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for women;

(8) select and retain the services of consultants whose advice is considered necessary to assist the commission in obtaining information;

(9) encourage women to utilize their capabilities and to assume leadership roles;

(10) establish standing committees among the members to investigate and make recommendations on various areas of concern;

(11) create task forces composed of commission members and other experts as needed;

(12) accept monetary gifts or grants from the federal government or an agency of it, from any charitable foundation or professional association or from any other reputable source for implementation of any program necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes of the commission.

Sec. 44.19.966. ANNUAL REPORT. Each year the commission shall file a report with the governor and the legislature of its proceedings for the previous calendar year and shall submit recommendations for legislative and administrative action. Reports and recommendations required under this section shall be prepared no later than the convening of the legislature.

* Sec. 2. The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women created under AS 44.19.956 shall terminate on June 30, 1983.



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AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women;
and providing for an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO
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DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL
REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY
LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: July 11, 1983
Actual Effective Date: July 12, 1983

AN ACT

Relating to the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women;
and providing for an effective date.

- Section 1. AS 44.19.165 is amended to read:
Sec. 44.19.165. CREATION OF COMMISSION. There is created in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Women's Commission [ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN].
- Sec. 2. AS 44.19.175 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(13) encourage the development of regional and municipal women's councils or commissions.
- Sec. 3. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
(12) Alaska Women's Commission -- June 30, 1987.
- Sec. 4. The Alaska Women's Commission established in sec. 1 of this Act succeeds to all the powers, duties, and facilities of the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women.
- Sec. 5. Section 2, ch. 120, SLA 1978 is repealed.
- Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-3.070(c).



American Association of University Women
ANCHORAGE BRANCH

9621 Spring Hill Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507

March 23, 1987

Women's Commission
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The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Abood,

Enclosed is a copy of the testimony I delivered to the Finance Committee at the Public Hearing held in Anchorage Saturday, March 21, 1987. My testimony related to the Alaska Women's Commission, the appropriation for which appears as line item 8 in the copy of the budget distributed at the hearing.

When the idea of the Commission was first proposed in the seventies, we were strong proponents. We continue to be advocates for the Commission, in fact, continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission is our number one legislative priority. We feel the Commission has fulfilled its mission in an exemplary fashion and should be continued until 1991 at its current level of funding and staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice L. Foster".

Janice L. Foster, Legislative Chairman

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TESTIMONY RE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION - BUDGET LINE ITEM 8
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 1987 ANCHORAGE

SENATOR UEHLING AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS JAN FOSTER; I AM THE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ANCHORAGE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. IN ALASKA WE HAVE 500 COLLEGE EDUCATED WOMEN AS MEMBERS; IN ANCHORAGE WE HAVE 50. WE HOLD THE CONTINUATION OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION AS OUR NUMBER ONE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY.

WHEN THE IDEA OF THE COMMISSION WAS FIRST PROPOSED IN THE SEVENTIES, WE WERE STRONG PROPONENTS; WE CONTINUE TO BE ADVOCATES FOR THE COMMISSION. WE FEEL THE COMMISSION HAS FULFILLED ITS MISSION IN AN EXEMPLARY FASHION AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL 1991 AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING AND STAFF.

I HAVE ATTENDED HEARINGS ON HOUSE BILL 4 VIA TELECONFERENCE. I HAVE LISTENED CAREFULLY TO TESTIMONY FROM THE OPPOSITION AND AM DISMAYED AT SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS. I DISAGREE STRONGLY WITH THOSE WHO SAY THE COMMISSION REPRESSES CERTAIN POINTS OF VIEW. INSTEAD, I BELIEVE THE COMMISSION IS THE ONLY STATE AGENCY WHICH TRULY SPEAKS FOR ALL WOMEN OF ALASKA.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSITION TAKEN BY SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES THAT THE COMMISSION'S PORTION OF THE BUDGET MIGHT BETTER BE SPENT ON DIRECT AIDE PROGRAMS. I AM NOT A CONSUMER OF DIRECT AIDE - IN FACT MY FAMILY'S ECONOMICS ALLOW ME TO VOLUNTEER MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK - BUT I DO BENEFIT FROM THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

FOR EXAMPLE. I USE THEIR PROFILE DATA BOOK, ALASKA'S WOMEN, IN MY POSITION WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN. AS THE ONLY DEFINITIVE DATA BASE AVAILABLE, IT IS INVALUABLE AS A RESOURCE FOR PREPARING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO OUR FOUNDATION. IN MY ROLE AS A GIRL SCOUT TROOP LEADER, I REFER TO THE SERIES OF THIRTY PROFILES OF ALASKAN WOMEN IN HISTORY TO CITE WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY'S YOUNG WOMEN. I HAVE RELIED ON THEIR WORK ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN IN ALASKA TO RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OLDER WOMEN WHO ARE POTENTIAL DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS. I FULLY INTEND TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS ON APRIL 25TH.

IN SUMMARY, I FEEL THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF. THE PROPOSED \$262.6 GF REPRESENTS ONLY 0.02% OF THE ENTIRE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET. IN LIGHT OF THE NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION, WE IN AAUW FEEL THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SPEND THIS AMOUNT TO CONTINUE THE COMMISSION AT CURRENT STAFF AND FUNDING LEVELS.



American Association of University Women
Alaska Division

Box 33977
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April 15, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairman Abood:

The Alaska Division of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), with branches in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, is very supportive of HB 4 to extend the Alaska Women's Commission until 1991.

The mission statement of AAUW reads in part that a basic goal is "to promote positive societal change." While this is a broad statement, it is intended to be implemented in specific action. In Alaska, it is the Alaska Women's Commission which translates this type of unarguable, human goal into specific action plans. The Commission serves as a catalyst through its ability to define problems and recommend concrete remedies, be it through research and recommendations or working through the Executive Branch to promote needed changes to Alaska statutes.

It is my understanding that objections have been raised to the Commission such that it "discriminates" against those women with a more conservative point of view. The concept of conservatism is to conserve, or to preserve the status quo. The purpose of the Alaska Women's Commission is, like that of AAUW, to promote positive changes in our society. By definition then, an agency advocating change would clash with an agenda which seeks to prevent change or reverse those changes in society which have occurred.

A period of societal change is never easy, and the last ten years have witnessed new attitudes which are now widely accepted. As our Alaskan economy experiences difficulties, the stress of this situation would allow for patterns of discrimination to re-emerge which would be reflected in both economic and non-economic environments. The continued existence of the the Alaska Women's Commission is vital to the continued quality of life in Alaska which allows for human progress, not just women's progress.

We urge your support of HB 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcia Lynn McKenzie".

Marcia Lynn McKenzie
President

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5896 Lund Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801
April 13, 1987

Senator Mitch Abood
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Abood,

I am writing in opposition to HB 4, An act relating to the termination date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I am substitute teaching and will be unable to attend the hearing.

Attached is a copy of the testimony I presented before the House Finance Committee on this legislation and also a statement I have written about what happened to me as a result of testifying before that committee. Please consider this information when you are trying to give fair evaluation to this bill.

Sincerely,

Alice Bergdoll

Alice Bergdoll

House Finance Hearing - 2/19/87

My name is Alice Bergdoll. I am a 43 year resident of Alaska. Although I am a member of the Juneau Women's Council, I am not testifying as a representative of the Council, but as a private citizen.

I appreciate the visibility the Women's Commission has given to women's issues in Alaska and but I think they have fulfilled the state's role in providing the momentum this issue needs in Alaska. I have a list of over 50 women's organizations that have existed or have been created addressing women's issues in Juneau from all perspectives. According to correspondence I have from the Alaska Women's Commission on May 28, 1986 from Kathy Marshall, the former Executive Director of the WC, I quote, " If it had not been for you and all that you did to educate the legislature and to let law makers know the Commission is a vital and important voice - in fact the only voice in State government - for women and children." The Alaska Women's Commission is not the only voice in state government for women and children, in fact, you elected officials in this committee and your colleagues have all been a voice in state government for the women and children you represent and for all Alaska. Other voices in state government or receiving funding from state government for women and children include: Aid to Families with dependent children, Alaska Legal Services, Child Support Enforcement, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Day Care Assistance, Early Childhood Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Headstart Program and the Human Rights Commission and there may be some I have missed. Other voices for women and children which don't use state funding are those in the private sector - privately funded programs and religious organizations. These voices many times provide an alternative way of addressing women's issues allowing for greater diversity. When tax payers are required to pay more into state funded programs by increased taxes as has been suggested for our financial difficulties, it allows less money to be channeled into private programs and consequently decreasing the variety of choices for women and children's needs.

Do we indeed need another layer of bureaucracy for this concern thus creating the additional financial burden to the state, drawing money away from programs that more directly meet the needs and further burdening the tax payer, including women tax payers? We need places to cut the budget and yet keep intact those programs that do benefit not only women and children but Alaskans.

I think much evidence can show the Women's Commission is not the only voice for women and children in Alaska. I oppose HB 4.

Statement regarding The ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Alice Bergdoll, Member of the Juneau Women's Council
March 27, 1987

House Hearing on HB 4 - 2/19/87

At the January 28 meeting of the Juneau Women's Council a motion was made and passed to have the Chair of the Council testify before the House State Affairs Committee supporting the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

We do not have advance agendas so I did not know that this would be an item up for discussion. I did not speak against it as I should have at that point; I just abstained from voting. An accurate record of the vote is not available because the Council does not have strict voting procedures. However, my abstaining from voting on this motion prevented it from being a unanimous decision.

The day of the hearing I was asked to testify before the House Finance Committee in opposition to HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I did so as a private citizen. I prefaced my comments by saying that even though I was a member of the Council, I was not representing them.

After my testimony, Carla Timpone, a relatively new member of the Juneau Women's Council, interjected a contradictory comment to the affect that the Council had voted unanimously to support HB 4. As I said above, even though the minutes to not support this statement, I was made to look like I was testifying contrary to a previous position. My credibility as a witness was challenged unfairly as well as my right to testify as a private citizen.

After the hearing she personally confronted me stating that I shouldn't have said I was on the Council if I was testifying as a private citizen. I reminded her that I had made the disclaimer to clarify my position in the hope that this confusion would not occur.

I called Karen Rich, the Chair of the Juneau Women's Council, in an effort to resolve this conflict. During our conversation she explained to me that I had a responsibility to those women whose viewpoint I represent on the Council. She indicated that this representation could take the form of a written report to be included in any records.

"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created
these things. . . ."

-Isaiah 40:26



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Rep. Robin Taylor Sen. Mitch Abernethy

Rep. John Seard Sen. Lloyd Jones

Rep. Mike Davis Sen. Jon Falck

Gov. Steve Cooper

Gentlemen:

I am strongly opposed to the
funding of the Alaska Women's
Commission. In reviewing their reports
over the past few years, I don't
feel that they represent the
majority of Alaskan women, nor do
they represent the Conservative
Alaskan women at all.

Thank you

Jay Shepherd

Rep to Potomac, Va.

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Sen. Mitch Abood
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

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Dear Sen. Abood,

I am writing to ask you to vote against funding the Alaska Women's Commission. I feel it is a misuse of our tax dollars in this time of declining revenue. There are much more practical ways to help women + children such as funding adult basic ed, daycare assistance and various social services. I believe it is time to cut the feds out of state government and use our tax dollars in the most efficient way. The Women's Commission speaks for only a small group of women + does not represent or benefit the majority of women.

316 WORTMAN LOOP
SITKA, AK 99835

Sincerely,
Shirley Demmet
Sitka

Sitka Stitches

Gail Sohornak
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Women's Commission
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March 7, 1987

Dear Senator Mitch Abood,

I am a twenty five year resident of Alaska, a business woman and a member of the Sitka Women Council. I am strongly against the funding for HB-4 - funding for the Alaska Women Commission.

The money could be used for more education - care assistance centers - social services and etc.

Thank you
Gail Sohornak

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April 6, 1987

Senator Mitch Abood, Chair
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Re: HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission

Dear Senator Abood:

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Women's Political Caucus in support of HB 4.

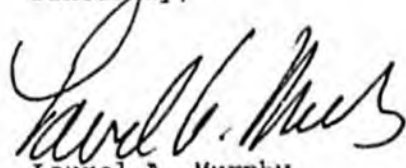
I understand this bill was referred to your committee on March 3 and that no hearing is scheduled. If there is anything our organization can do to help move this bill, please contact me at 337-7450.

The Alaska Women's Political Caucus is composed of 225 politically active women and men. Our purpose is to work toward the full equality of women through the local, state and federal political processes.

The Alaska Women's Commission is vital to our mission. We rely on the Commission for information and education about women's (and men's and children's) issues in Alaska. If women are to achieve true political and economic equality in this state, we must have an agency in the state bureaucracy which advocates on our behalf.

Thank you for your help on this important bill.

Sincerely,



Laurel A. Murphy
Chair

cc: Senator Rick Uehling
Senator Jan Faiks
Senator Willie Hensley
Senator Joe Josephson
Representative Davis

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Senator Abood, and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee:
Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 4 to extend the Alaska Women's Commission. My name is Kris Chatfield and I serve as Chair of the Commission.

Power is an important factor that determines the shape of our lives. Many people seek power, some people fear it. You, as Senators have the power to make decisions that impact hundreds of lives and change the course of history for this state. There are groups of people who will go to great lengths to influence the decisions you make.

I understand that there is a group of women known as, 'Concerned Women for America', who are making a tremendous effort to encourage you to eliminate the Alaska Women's Commission. The Commission finds itself fighting labels and vague generalities based on misinformation that we cannot respond to. Although, the Commission provides for public testimony, this organization and its individual members have not availed themselves of this opportunity. They have remained strangely silent to the Commission, other than one instance of a copy of concerns being forwarded thru a Commissioner. Those concerns were reviewed and a reply was sent explaining the position of the Commission.

This organization represents one point of view. Looking at the public testimony we receive and the data from our research, it appears that this point of view comes from a small but very vocal group. Their beliefs and positions are important, but are not necessarily shared by other thousands of women, and organizations representing them.

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The decisions of the Commission are based on input from many different sources and reflect the mandate in the statute creating the Commission: "...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:

- (1) education
- (2) homemaking
- (3) civil and legal rights
- (4) labor and employment

The status of women in Alaska has improved in some areas since the Commission was created. However, there is an uncertain future for Alaska's women during these times of economic stress. Many of the problems experienced by women are magnified by the pressures brought about by unemployment and decreased support for vital human services as state government looks for ways to reduce its expenses.

The legislative audit of the Commission suggests that the various women's organizations around the state would be able to step in and fill the gaps if the AWC were allowed to lapse. These other organizations however, are diverse in their activities and many times severely limited in their scope by affiliate charters. They cover a broad range of social, educational, and service related functions aimed at their particular membership.

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Women's organizations have in fact, increasingly turned to the AWC for information and assistance. The Alaska Women's Commission has earned respect for its work as an advocate for change to improve the status of women in Alaska. The commission's research has provided the necessary data to show areas of weakness in public policy and pointed the way to bring about statutory, or policy changes to end discriminatory practices against women. The Commission is a conduit for women, and organizations representing their needs, and has brought to the forefront the problems faced by women in employment, education, legal rights, domestic violence, and special needs of rural, older, native and other minority women.

The current staffing level reflects a 25% cut of full-time staff since last year, and a 33% cut in professional staff since FY86. It would be impossible to produce the quality research, and publications that the Commission is currently providing if this minimum level of staff support were not available. It is certainly through the dedication and commitment of the current staff that quality and effectiveness have been maintained in spite of already substantial cutbacks. The Commission has certainly considered ways of maintaining effectiveness while limiting its funding resources and would be ready to discuss those possibilities.

It has been suggested by some that the Alaska Women's Commission could be merged with CEO or the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights. This action would essentially eliminate the most effective means of insuring equality for Alaskan women.

While ASCHR is authorized to "study the problems of discrimination" (AS 18.80.060) it has had to focus almost entirely on resolution of individual legal complaints and to the protection of the individual's

right to redress. This is the result of eliminating its Systemic Unit due to budget reductions.

The conclusions stated in A Preliminary Study: The Status of Women in Alaska, compiled in 1977 for the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, are as crucial today as they were then. "However, because women's problems are so numerous and complex, and because they have been disregarded for so long, the Human Rights Commission probably cannot be expected to respond to them all, even with increased funding."

Functionally the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the AWC do not share common responsibilities or statutory authority. EEO administers the state's EEO program, an effort which affects state employees only. The Alaska Women's Commission's directive encompasses the entire female population and mandates further research and recommendations to improve the status of women in areas of education, homemaking, civil and legal rights as well as labor and employment.

The role of the Commission is vital to the economic well being of women in Alaska. In turn, their economic viability and therefore decreased dependence on State dollars has a significant impact on the state budget in the future. Alaska is only slightly behind national statistics which indicate that sixteen years from now, if the current trend continues, nearly 100% of the poverty population will be women and children.

The goal of improving the status of women is so important that to eliminate the AWC or reduce its effectiveness by removing funding, jeopardizes the precarious status of women and as a result, the overall economy.

*Senator Abood, I was not able to present this
verbally but wanted you to have it for your file.*

Thelma Langdon

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STATEMENT PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION AT TELECONFERENCE ON
APRIL 23, 1987 -- HB4, EXTENDING ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION ON

I am in support of the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission. I know that their past work and activities have benefited many vulnerable women and children. In our current society, this population is encountering ever increasing problems in their day to day living situation, and their numbers are increasing. This is especially so in Alaska with our high divorce rate and harsh, stressful living conditions. The advocacy role of the Commission will continue to be needed for this group.

I bring to your attention another group whose numbers are increasing day by day. The elderly population of women - many of whom find themselves in poverty, without family or friends and not knowing where to turn for any kind of help. It is often when a CRISIS, emergency situation arises that some of these individuals get any attention. It is on behalf of these unfortunate, needy individuals that I speak at this time.

We know that the over 65 population is increasing at a growth rate greater than any other age group. Indeed, it has been said by well recognized gerontologists that "Aging is a women's problem". There are an increasing number of elder women caring for elder women - daughters caring for mothers, or siblings caring for siblings. These living situations create many very serious problems.

A very large percentage of those in nursing homes are frail women. One only needs to visit any nursing home in or out of Alaska for a real learning experience!! This population will continue to increase through the coming years at a rate of 3 women for every man, and 1 out of 4 will be in poverty. Some official body needs to be concerned about their needs, in a position to research the many facets of their problems and able to advocate on their behalf. I believe the Alaska Women's Commission could very well be this official body. I ask that you seriously consider the continuation of this needed Commission.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Senator Jan Fair
Representative Mitch Abbot

Sir and Madam:

a few comments pertinent to the attached news clipping. The Women's Commission is nothing more than an activist lobbying group headed by women on some kind of mission supported by public funds. I object to the misuse of the Commission by activists promoting their own vision at my expense. I suggest they be terminated. If unaccountably extended, they should be merged with say, the Human Rights Commission, which in itself should be renamed the Human Rights and Responsibilities Commission. In particular do I object to the orientation of the Sitka Commission. Given the funding provided the Womens' Commission, there is no reason to object to any other commission including homosexuals (i.e. queers in the unabashed language of more honest days).

Sincerely

H. S. Hayes



"Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action"

Concerned Women for America

OF ALASKA

Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, President

Mrs. Sharon Rhoades, Area Representative
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April 16, 1987

State Affairs Committee
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State Capitol
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Dear State Affairs Committee,

As an individual and as Area Representative for Concerned Women for America of Alaska, I would encourage you not to support the funding for the Alaska Women's Commission, HB 4.

Listed below are a few reasons for my convictions:

1. Financial: it is not practical use of declining tax dollars when there are over 40 privately funded women's organizations who can and do provide the same services
2. It is discriminatory against the conservative woman and does not represent all women

Please vote against funding for the Alaska Women's Commission.

Sincerely,

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA OF ALASKA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Rhoades".

Mrs. Sharon Rhoades
Area Representative

you are concerned about...

Protecting human life from the moment of conception

Religious freedom and prayer in the public schools

Equal protection under the law for men and women

The dangers of militant homosexuality

Pornography (including child pornography and cableporn) and the sexual exploitation of children, women, and men

A strong national defense

The preservation of our free enterprise system

I'll be glad to learn about...

Concerned Women for America

the national women's movement that is protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action.

Come Help Save America!



A positive alternative to the militant feminism that threatens American society.



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was founded in 1979 by Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, well-known author and lecturer on child-raising, marriage and family life. CWA began with only nine members and now numbers more than 500,000.

Concerned Women for America represents traditional American values and gives a national voice to women who are not in agreement with the liberal feminist viewpoint.

CWA members include homemakers, single parents, married women, college students, professional women, and retired women. "The feminists do not represent all the women of America," says Mrs. LaHaye. "The women of this country are every bit as pluralistic as the men. This fact is obvious in looking at how women voted in the 1984 Presidential election. Fifty-five percent of the women who voted chose to cast their ballot for a conservative president — and clearly rejected liberalism and feminism."

In 1984, CWA held its first annual convention in Washington, D.C., where over 2,000 men and women were challenged by the theme of "taking a stand for righteousness" in America. The second annual convention drew over 2,200 who were confronted with their responsibility "for such a time as this." In accord with CWA's "Basic Concerns for Public Policy," information and training were given to deal with such issues as abortion, pornography, religious freedom, parental rights, national defense, free choice in education, and the free enterprise system.

Ongoing educational materials provided by CWA include a monthly newsletter, special issues brochures, and "Issues At a Glance" — a monthly review of news items of interest to CWA members.

Mrs. LaHaye and her husband, Tim, have defended family values for many years. For five consecutive years, 1980-1984, Mrs. LaHaye was named one of the "Ten Most Admired Conservative Women" (not in Congress) in the *Conservative Digest's* annual poll. In 1985 Mrs. LaHaye was awarded "Christian Woman of the Year - 1985."

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

Concerned Women for America



believes, as you do, that God created the family as the foundation of national life... and established definite guidelines for developing it and keeping it strong.

CWA was formed to alert concerned women like you to the forces that are trying to weaken and destroy this divine order. We are working to preserve and strengthen the American family and combat the tide of immorality that threatens American society.

You can help protect American family life by joining the hundreds of thousands of women who are already involved in CWA's vital work. Read this brochure carefully to learn more about CWA and its activities. Then complete the attached membership information form and return it with your donation of \$15 or more.

With your help we can turn America around!

Concerned Women for America works to...

- ★ ...inform American women about the steady erosion of our nation's historic Judeo-Christian values and moral standards.
- ★ ...expose movements that are attempting to weaken the American family.
- ★ ...educate women in the principles of living according to the Word of God.
- ★ ...organize the concerned women of America into united, effective prayer chapters to pray for the nation and its leaders.
- ★ ...train volunteer lobbyists in our "535" Program to make our views known in the Senate and House of Representatives as well as the 50 state legislatures.
- ★ ...provide representation in Washington, D.C., for the concerned majority of American women.
- ★ ...provide legal defense to preserve our religious freedoms, moral integrity, and the rights of the family.



CWA at work...

Concerned Women for America is a leader in the legal battle to defend America's moral traditions.

As the tension between humanism and Christianity becomes greater, CWA will become more and more involved in legal defense. Our lawyers are dedicated to defending Americans whose religious freedoms have been denied or challenged. Here are several examples of CWA's active role in the courts.

Mendez v. Seminole County Public Schools —

An eight-year-old girl, Olivia Myers, was denied the freedom to give stickers to her classmates at Christmas because they had Jesus' picture on them. A thirteen-year-old girl, Becky Reichert, in the same school system, was required to rip down her entry in a PTA-school Christmas art contest because it depicted a nativity scene. CWA is representing these two girls for the violation of their religious freedom and freedom of speech.

Vicki Frost —

In Church Hill, Tenn., Mrs. Frost was jailed on false charges after protesting the humanistic, occultic textbooks being used by her children in public school. Frost and other concerned parents petitioned the school board for alternate reading books, but these requests were rebuffed. CWA came to her defense, secured her release, and filed a lawsuit against the school district for violating religious liberty. CWA won a victory on Vicki's criminal charges resulting in their dismissal. The textbook suit was dismissed by the federal district judge, but CWA won a stunning victory in the federal appeals court sending the matter back for a full trial to investigate these textbooks.

Betty Batey —

In San Diego, CWA defended Betty Batey, a Christian mother who is fighting to secure custody of her son from her ex-husband, Frank Batey, an avowed homosexual. CWA's lawyers succeeded in having custody removed from Frank Batey. Further proceedings remain before custody can be returned to Betty. Our lawyers also secured the dismissal of the criminal charges on constitutional grounds, but the state is appealing.

The Nebraska Seven —

On Thanksgiving Day, 1983, seven fathers were sent to jail in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, because they sent their children to an "unaccredited" Christian school. For standing for their religious convictions, they spent the next 93 days in jail. CWA's legal defense lawyers worked for — and eventually secured — their release. CWA has recently filed a multi-million dollar suit against the judge for his intentional violation of these families' constitutional rights.

Witters v. Department of Services for the Blind —

In CWA's first full hearing before the United States Supreme Court, we argued that it was unconstitutional to deny a blind man vocational rehabilitation simply because he wanted to become a pastor. The ACLU and other liberal groups argued that separation of church and state should be carried one step further — separation of the religious individual from the state. The case awaits decision by the Supreme Court.



Dear Friend:

I trust you will choose to become a member of CWA and help us stand up for what's right for America. For a gift of \$15 or more, I will send you our beautiful membership pin and our monthly newsletter which will keep you up to date with information on issues that concern the family.

Beverly LaHaye

Detach the envelope, fold flap over, moisten and seal.

Please fill out the membership form on the back of this page and send it in the detachable envelope.

PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES OF:

- 1) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
- 2) FINANCE
- 3) JUDICIARY

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April 23, 1987

RE: TO SUPPORT HB4- TO CONTINUE THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Dear Sir/Madam:

In 1978, the Legislature established the Alaska Women's Commission to provide women in need of health care, education, protection from unfair discrimination, child support enforcement, better pension protection and the list is endless.

The result of a 1980 census found 2,669 female-headed families in 1980 fell below the poverty line in Alaska. Something is terribly wrong! Because of this startling fact, the Alaska Women's Commission needs funds appropriated. One of several areas that will be researched by the Commission is the "Economic Impact of Divorce on Women and Children" for 1987.

We support the Alaska Women's Commission because it is a vital necessity for the Alaskan Community in aiding Women in need and we hope you will also.

Sincerely,

<u>Shirley Hargel</u>	<u>Robert H. Chis</u>
<u>Just Jensen</u>	<u>Katherine Johnson</u>
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<u>Carol Thompson</u>	<u>Renate L. J. Jire</u>

As a 17 year resident, full-time homemaker, part-time property manager, and former business manager, I urge you to vote against HB 4.

Fiscally, Alaska's current financial demise demands responsible legislative spending. I would rather see the money appropriated to fund public safety needs which would benefit Alaskan men, women, and children.

Representationally, the Alaska Women's Commission does not represent Alaskan women. The Commission does not have one member representing a conservative, pro-family, pro-life perspective. Statistically, well over 10% of the women's population of our state maintain a vastly different view on most issues supported by the Commission.

I urge you to vote "No" on the

continuation of the Alaska
Women's Commission.

Shirley Deal
Anchorage
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I am a biologist and an educator
so I do promote equal opportunity
for women. As an opponent of HB 4, I
have listened to all the testimony
this afternoon and heartily concur
with all testimony against its
ratification.

However, I feel an issue was
not addressed which should be
given careful consideration. When
reading the statute on the commission,
one notices that 9 of the 10 board
members are appointed by the
governor. There are absolutely no
guidelines as to the political and
social orientation of the members.
When we have a Democratic governor,
we have a Democratic board. If the
governor believes in an issue, he will
appoint members of a similar
persuasion. This is arbitrary and
unfair to the women of Alaska to be
represented in such a manner.

The history of the commission for

the last eight years has shown an almost total representation of a philosophy that is ^{the} opposite of a "traditional," conservative element. This means that my tax dollars, at a time of recession, are being used to promote ideas to which I am adamantly opposed.

For the above reasons, I urge a no vote on House Bill 4.

Sandy King
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Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission promotes the status of women statewide; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission promotes economic equity, advocacy and education; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission develops research and provides information in the areas of homemaking, education, civil and legal rights, labor and employment; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission supports legislation protecting women and children from domestic violence and child sexual assault; and

Whereas the Alaska Women's Commission supports legislation that fosters protection of children, child support enforcement and parental leave;

Be it resolved that Soroptimist of Cook Inlet promotes the economic equity of women and urges the 15th Alaska State Legislature to support HB 4; and

Further be it resolved the Alaska State Legislature approve the operating budget for the Alaska Women's Commission at the level requested by the Governor.

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I am the Associate Dean of Community Development and Continuing Education at Anchorage Community College and directly responsible for the activities in the Center for Women & Men.

The Alaska Women's Commission has achieved a list of accomplishments by developing and promoting research, education, and advocacy for women in this state. I have used the resources of the Alaska Women's Commission in several ways:

1. I served on the Advisory Task Force for past Statewide Conferences like "Alaska Women Determining Our Future," held in 1982, where 300 women statewide attended.
2. Co-sponsor for the present conference being held this Saturday on "Legal Rights for Women" - free to women. I see many women in my office, usually in crisis, who need this kind of information.
3. I distributed the "Legal Rights Handbook," developed by the Commission, to many women on campus and I am currently getting requests for this publication.
4. I use the information in the resources book - "Profiles in Change: Names, Notes and Quotes for Alaska Women" in presentations for Alaska Women's History in the classroom, with Federal Women's programs and with women's church groups to name a few.

5. I access the office continually for statistics, research and information on Alaskan women by age, race, work categories, legislation, young women's concerns etc.

6. I served on the Sex Equity Task Force, as a representative of the Governor's Council on Vocational and Career Education. The report released June 1986, called "Commitment or Complacency: Assessment of Sex Equity in Alaska's Educational Institutions.

Much more work needs to be accomplished in many areas, but one in particular is encouraging young women into trades and technical professions where better paying jobs are available.

Anchorage Community College's Educational Equity Committee and Curriculum Integration Project was used as an example to other university units as a way of addressing equity issues on their campuses and coming into compliance. Recently I talked with University of Alaska, Fairbanks and they have established an Educational Equity Committee because they hadn't fared too well in the Women's Commission report and plan to set up a committee like ours on their campus pertinent to their needs.

I feel very strongly that our state needs the resources of the Alaska Women's Commission. This office has provided realms of information with a very small staff and budget. I urge you to support HB4 and move it to the Senate floor for full discussion

on the Commission's merits. I further urge the 15th Alaska State
Legislature to support the continuation of the Alaska Women's
Commission and support the funding at the level requested by the
Governor.

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Senator Mitch Abood
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Abood,

This letter is to urge you to keep the Alaska Women's Commission alive and well. Half of the population of this state are women. We need the Commission to keep us on track in our efforts to achieve equality with the other half of the population.

I am writing to ask you to support full funding as proposed by Governor Cowper, and to keep the AMC independent. If combined with the Human Rights Commission or EEO office, it will not be able to fully focus on the tasks at hand.

Thank you for your support in the past. We (myself, my two year old daughter, and the other women of our fair state) are counting on your continued help.

Cheryl Keepers
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Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am a twenty year Alaska resident and registered voter, and appreciated the opportunity to attend the teleconference yesterday concerning the extension and funding of the Alaska Women's Commission. Due to time constraints I was unable to give verbal testimony on this issue, so I am offering my views in this letter.

After speaking to a friend who was referred to the Alaska Women's Commission for child care assistance following a divorce, and seeing some short advertisements sponsored by the AWC, I decided to look into this group to know what they are about, and what they stand for. After reading several of the reports published by the AWC I find they openly endorse activities that I do not want our state money funding, specifically abortion and homosexuality. I believe these practices can be very detrimental to women and to families. As a homemaker and mother, I cannot support a group whose activities include those I feel are negatively impacting the traditional nuclear family and right to life of unborn Alaskans.

These people have every right to meet and present their views, however I think it should not be funded by state dollars, or should be the source of input when decisions are being made that affect Alaskan women, as they don't represent the values of the more conservative female population.

I know that you have a very difficult task at hand as you carefully consider each item to budget this year. Please give a higher priority to funding schools, health care, and capitol improvements rather extending funds to a political, lobbying commission. Please do not extend the Alaska Women's Commission.

Thank you,

Mary G. Leonard

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Mitch Abood, Chairman
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Senator:

Thank you for encouraging testimony on SB 89. I found the majority of the testimony to be extremely positive and would encourage you to pass this bill out of committee. I would also urge you to vote for passage when the bill reaches the floor of the Senate.

The goal of improving the status of women is extremely important! Please don't allow the Alaska Women's Commission to sunset.

Sincerely,

Ruth McKenzie
Ruth McKenzie
Box 1922
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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TESTIMONY
HB4
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 1987

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Christine Callahan and I am the Executive Director of the Alaska Women's Commission. I have worked for the Commission since 1980 and have served with most of the women and men who have been appointed to the Commission since its establishment by the legislature in 1978.

I believe that you have received a copy of the latest Commission newsletter which includes an overview of the Commission's activities, projects and accomplishments over the past 9 years. In order to be brief and since you have that written information available to you I will not repeat most of it. I think it would be more fruitful for me to summarize and highlight four or five relevant points.

First, I think it might be helpful for you and other people around the state who are participating in the teleconference to know something about the Commissioners themselves. As you know, there are 10 of them, 9 appointed by the Governor and one appointed by the Attorney General. They serve voluntarily, without pay, for terms of five years. By statute, at least one must be a full time homemaker at the time of appointment. At the time she was appointed in 1983 our current chairperson, Kris Chatfield, the mother of four children, was a full time homemaker and had been so for approximately 17 years. Of course time and circumstances change and Kris, having sent their oldest off to college, is now working outside the home on a part-time basis while continuing to function as a fulltime homemaker. The personal experiences of each of the Commissioners enables them to understand and appreciate the diverse and varied circumstances that women throughout the state face. In the years since 1978 the women and men who have served as Commissioners have included Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians; there have been single parents, foster parents, full-time homemakers, moms who work outside the home as well as in it; there have been students, or people who decide to go back to school and pursue new careers and directions. There have been lawyers, psychologists, business women, anthropologists and health planners as well as women whose primary work has been of a community, civic and volunteer nature. Urban and rural, Native and Black women, seniors and disabled women, and people with religious vocations have served on the Commission and have contributed to its efforts to take a broad perspective and to work to achieve fair laws, just policies and full equity for all of the women of the state. The Commission has not agreed at all times on each and every item they considered. In fact, they have debated and differed and consider such debate to be healthy and vital. For this reason their meetings are held in different areas of the state, are well publicized, always encourage and include public testimony as well as panels and workshops for the public to attend so that information can be shared and discussed. For people who may have the mistaken impression that there is a single stereotype person who serves on the Commission, I hope that this brief description gives them some idea of the healthy diversity that the Commission members embody.

My second point has to do with some of last week's testimony. You know from the materials you have received and some of the testimony that you have heard in the past that the Commission has three main functions: research, advocacy and education. They are closely intertwined and I think just one example of how they work together will help clarify things. One of the first research projects the Commission conducted in 1979 was on the status of homemakers. In future projects, there were consistent efforts to improve the status of homemakers. For example each of the Commission's statewide conferences offered workshops on the subject; wherever appropriate its publications and media projects have included profiles of the essential role that homemakers fulfill not only for individual families but for the community at large. Commission legislative efforts include the successful passage of pension reform and a change in the regulations regarding health insurance... both actions which have a profound impact on the economic security of homemakers. The Commission has supported national efforts to reform the Social Security System, an area in which traditional homemakers are regularly and blatantly discriminated against and left in economic jeopardy. The Commission has also supported efforts to revise the national tax policies regarding IRA's (Individual Retirement Accounts) so that homemakers can qualify for this pension plan to the same extent that people who work outside the home can. All of these efforts are essential if we are going to help reverse the trend of poverty among elderly women.

My third point relates to the compelling and complex issue regarding the impact of efforts to improve the status of women on the employment opportunities available to Native or other minority men. First, of course, it is important to clarify that the Commission's mandate relates to improving the status of women and it is not within our purview to research and advocate for the entire spectrum of groups who are struggling for equality. However, having stated that I can assure the committee and others that the Women's Commission has made serious efforts to strengthen EEO and affirmative action policies. These efforts have supported ALL minorities, not only minority women. In our study on the economic status of Alaska Native Women, we found that Native women were obtaining education at a rapid and increasing rate, one that outstrips the same rate for almost every other population group in the country. That research indicated that Native women who wanted to stay in their villages and home communities were frustrated at the lack of adequate job opportunity and often had to leave home in order to find adequate and suitable work. I believe it is safe to say that they share Native men's frustration but are not actually competing for the same jobs. As the principal researcher on that project, Rosita Worl, said at the time, "Native women do not want to be whaling captains." The recommendations in that report included support for cottage industries that would enable both men and women to pursue traditional crafts in their home villages but with enough state investment and support to ensure economic viability. I think this important issue might be discussed productively around the broader issue of local hire and local preference and I know from previous discussions that the Commissioners would want to be a part of that discussion if possible.

Finally, I would like to say one brief word about the Commission budget. It is currently at about the same level that it was prior to the jump in oil revenues. I think it is important to point out that while other projects and programs were ballooning the Commission did not, and never asked to. The Commission has always sought and secured additional sources of funding from private and federal groups. It has also received at least \$20-30,000 worth of in-kind volunteer service, each year, one of the main reasons why it has been so unusually productive. The current budget request is \$251.5 SGF and represents the expenditure of about \$1.00 for every female in the state. The return to the state in increased equity, fairness and opportunity for half of its citizens makes it a sound investment.

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May 1, 1987

The Honorable Mitch Abood, Chairman
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Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
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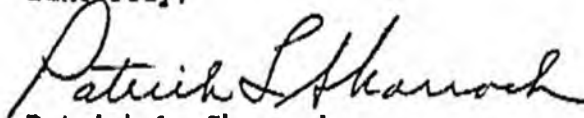
Dear Senator Abood:

Your office called to let me know that your committee will consider SB 276 concerning brewery licenses on Monday, May 4.

Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board have informally discussed micro breweries and their increasing popularity. The board believes the innovation would contribute to a new dimension of operation for licensees and, therefore, has no objection to the proposed amendments.

Thank you for notifying the board. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Patrick L. Sharrock
Director
(907) 277-8638

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cc: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sen. Hensley
FROM: Terry Berman
DATE: April 15, 1987
SUBJECT: Alaska Women's Commission

Impacts of Women's Commission on Rural Areas and Alaska Natives:

1. Female Minority Leadership Conference
2. Commissioners from Nome and Barrow
3. Educational projects on Alaska women's history
4. Regional conferences in Barrow, Kotzebue, and Bethel
5. Work with Dept. of Administration to increase hiring of Native women
6. Provide travel stipends to bring rural women to state conferences
7. Working on women's health issues, including rural issues
8. Has given support to Alaska Native Women's Organization
9. Task force on violence to Alaska Native women
10. Produced Women's Legal Rights Handbook which is used largely by rural organizations

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- 8. ✓ JAN FOSTER - FOR
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1. VALERIE THERRIEN - FOR THE BILL		
2. ANN MATTHEW-JOHANSEN - FOR THE BILL		
3. DONNA TRONTVET - AGAINST THE BILL		
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- 3. MILES KASTE--AGAINST
- 4. JANET GEORGE--FOR

- P.S. PREVIOUS MESSAGE SENT --
- #1 PAULA ZIEGLER--FOR
- #2 WANDA JANSEN --FOR

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THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE IN ATTENDANCE OF THE SSTA-HB TELECONFERENCE.

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APRIL 23, 1987
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2. BERTHA KARRAS (TIME CONSTRAINT) (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
3. MARCIA JOHNSON (FOR)			TESTIFY	
4. JOE MASCELLO (FOR)			TESTIFY	
5. PEGGY ROGERS (FOR)			TESTIFY	
6. CAROL TWITTY (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
7. ANN JANZEN (FOR)			TESTIFY	
8. SHIRLEY DEMMERT (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
9. FRANCES HALLGREN (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
10. RUTH E. MCKENZIE (FOR)			TESTIFY	
11. ANTHONY R. FERWICH (FOR)			TESTIFY	
12. KATHLEEN MCCRAW (FOR)			TESTIFY	
13. JO DONALDY (AGAINST)			TESTIFY	
14. LOUISE LLOYD (FOR)			TESTIFY	

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- 1. JOAN BENNETT SCHRADER (CLOW) 2.

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1. ALANA PFUNDT - AGAINST
2. LILA TRASK - AGAINST
3. MARILYN GEORGE - FOR
4. LAWLEE TULLOCH - AGAINST

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5. EVIE WHITE - AGAINST
6. MARY LEONARD - AGAINST
7. ALICE YOUNG - AGAINST

~~TO OBSERVE~~

1. JHANNA HUBBARD - AGAINST
2. KATHY EMMENEGGER - AGAINST
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4. LILA TRASK - AGAINST

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- op 2. SUSAN BOWELL, BOX 2086, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2128)
- 3. SANDY ARNSTROM, BOX 2131, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2431)

TO OBSERVE:

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- 2. SHARON A MELINE, BOX 169, WRANGELL, AK. 99901 (874-3753)
- 3. MARY HALING, (874-3 341)
- 4. MARLENE BARNES, BOX 701, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3930)
- 5. MARGE SMITH, (874-3628)
- 6. JUDITH MURDAH, BOX 1221, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2115)
- 7. KELLI P RESCOTT, BOX 403, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3691)
- 8. JUDI MURDAH, BOX 1 221, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2115)
- 9. DEVERIL SOETEDER, BOX 365, WRAN GELL, AK. 99929 (874-2190)
- 10. CHARMAINE FLANGHER, BOX 615, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3579)
- 11. BETTY GOODWIN, BOX 497, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-3821)
- 12. PATRICIA BARTON, BOX 2102, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-219 2)
- 13. SANDRA CRISWOLD, BOX 1975, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2464)
- 14. SANDY CHURCHILL, BOX 45, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2247)
- 15. MARY LOU JIMENEZ, BOX 1571, WRANGELL, AK. 99929 (874-2159)

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Testimony regarding THE ALASKA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Alice Bergdoll, Member of the Juneau Women's Council,
March 27, 1987

As a member of the Juneau Women's Council I am concerned that the testimony regarding the effectiveness of the Alaska Women's Commission does not fairly reflect the turmoil which is resulting for those seeking balanced representation in defining and addressing women's issues.

The following are three recent examples which I personally experienced. In presenting them I hope to underline why I found it necessary to resist the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

House Hearing on HB 4 - 2/19/87

At the January 28 meeting of the Juneau Women's Council a motion was made and passed to have the Chair of the Council testify before the House State Affairs Committee supporting the continuation of the Alaska Women's Commission.

We do not have advance agendas so I did not know that this would be an item up for discussion. I did not speak against it as I should have at that point; I just remained silent. An accurate record of the vote is not available because the Council does not have strict voting procedures. However, my abstaining from voting on this motion prevented it from being a unanimous decision.

The day of the hearing I was asked to testify before the House Finance Committee in opposition to HB 4, Extending the Termination Date of the Alaska Women's Commission. I did so as a private citizen. I prefaced my comments by saying that even though I was a member of the Council, I was not representing them.

After my testimony, Carla Timpone, a relatively new member of the Juneau Women's Council, interjected a contradictory comment to the affect that the Council had voted unanimously to support HB 4. As I said above, even though the minutes to not support this statement, I was made to look like I was testifying contrary to a previous position. My credibility as a witness was challenged unfairly as well as my right to testify as a private citizen.

After the hearing she personally confronted me stating that I shouldn't have said I was on the Council if I was testifying as a private citizen. I reminded her that I had made the disclaimer to clarify my position in the hope that this confusion would not occur.

I called Karen Rich, the Chair of the Juneau Women's Council, in an effort to resolve this conflict. During our conversation she explained to me that I had a responsibility to those women whose viewpoint I represent on the Council. She indicated that this representation could take the form of a written report to be included in any records.

Alaska Women's Commission Meeting - 3/24/87

In view of these instructions I was more than a little concerned to discover that she (Karen Rich) testified for the Council before the Alaska Women's Commission at the March 24 meeting in Juneau. Because there was no prior discussion at any of our meeting nor did we receive any correspondence relative to this subject, I was not only unaware of her intent but I was consequently also denied the opportunity to represent my constituents.

This experience seems doubly important in view of the fact our minutes reflect my requests to review correspondence or action taken in the name of the Council.

Unofficial Juneau Women's Council Action - 3/24/87

I understand that at her testimony before the Alaska Women's Commission on March 24 she presented, as one of the worthwhile projects our Council did this last year, the review of the City and Borough of Juneau statutory language for sexism. This project represents an example of a failure on the part of the Council to address issues which are relative to the needs of all women. In addition, it is an example of involvement in a project which is unnecessary. There is a statement in the charter that "the masculine gender extends to and includes the feminine gender and the neuter" (whatever that means)! The minutes will reflect that I opposed this project not only as unnecessary but unjustifiably expensive since any changes to the charter requires each page with a change be published in the paper at the city's expense.

notes on Alaska Womens' Commission meeting
3-24-87

9:30 a.m. Report from Commissioners. Only one heard was Paula Ziegler's report.

Concerned Women of America group from Sitka had some complaints against the Womens' Commission. To fight them, talk about their complaints on economic terms.

when they talk about our supporting abortion, counter by saying we support a legal operation, and that women are discriminated against if it is not funded.

CWA's complaint about our advocacy for lesbians. Only talk about discrimination on the job is unconstitutional. Do not discuss morality of.

CWA's complaint that our commission does not represent all women, counter by saying "these women are left out by their own choice. This commission works in all areas, Republicanism, democrats etc. If they don't avail themselves of work of the commission it is their own fault. Talk about these complaints in these terms.

Counter by turning to the purpose of the commission: that of research, education and advocacy.

If legislators discuss feasibility of funding cuts, agree, and state "of course, we're willing to take cuts."

If legislators suggest we get under the arm of EEO and Human Rights Commission, say that these latter are state agencies which can't devote time to just womens' issues which are so complex, they can't adequately give time to them or children's issues.

If legislator says, if we fund you then have to take money from crisis center (Kay Wallis's baby), day care or such, counter by saying "Funding doesn't have to mean taking from one woman's agency to another. Remove funding from some other unrelated program.

All of you have been assigned Senators to lobby. Curt Menard and Paul Fischer are very strong but since Fischer is very concerned about senior citizen issues we will send Dove Kull to him and let her join these issues with senior womens' issues.

Those for us are Eliason, Sturgulewski, Farenkamp, Rick Halford, but the problem is, they have no power. So we will have to get to Faiks, Bennett. Joe Josephson, our friend, told us that Abood and Hensley are swayable. Donley is a key vote. (they stated why, but couldn't catch it.)

Kay Wallis is soft. But if money is taken from crisis center, would lose her vote. It is going to be tough in the Senate.

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update on PSA's statewide on t.v. for womens' history month

Barb Bakers report on 2000 court records gone through for divorce and dissolution research using 121 volunteer hours time. wanted to interview 200. letters of inquiry sent out, 5,000 pieces of mail. 78 people agreed to be interviewed re child support, custody, domestic violence.

Question: are we on target for legislation?

Barb: Now at training of interviewers stage. working with Church Klins--ld, social work class with UAJ. June is a reasonable date for completion.

Betty Ramage: is self-selection for interviewing going to be a problem in statistical results with those who agree to be interviewed?

Barb: not looking for a problem per se. Man with dissolution said I probably didn't want to talk with him. They think dissolution and divorce are the same thing.

Chris: is it true that all interviews are in Anchorage so far?

Barb: yes

ques: HB 189, how will this relate to this?

Barb: Paula feels it would be helpful for committee to understand.

Chris: The complaint is that this committee contracts out a lot of work, but there is also a lot of work that we do, oversight, design, monitoring and getting volunteers

Project Updates:

Report from Karen Cantillon, Juneau Womens' Council

3 functions: 1. Candidates night publicizing who we are- positive feedback. 2. Reviewing city charter. It is complete and we are turning it over to Caren Robinson. 3. Womens' History Month. We're advertising women not ordinarily outstanding, monitoring legislation and testifying, giving support to womens' gencies. spring projects include lobbying for womens' commission. Kathy Bixby is on committee and is "great with child" but she says that won't interfere with her work.

Rosalee Walker and Caren push what we want. Yes, we have a positive role now, last year I would have to say no. We get staff support. Alice Bergdoll act as our secretary and she does a tremendous job.

Funding is not difficult to get for our projects. We got funding for our museum, but not for our potluck as we asked too late. No resistance in the community. We were going to piggyback our survey on the community survey, but it never occurred.

Jody ? President of Sitka Womens' Council. Report.

3 vacancies were filled in January with Ruth McKenzie; Sara Jordan and Gilbeth resigned. Trying to get more diverse representation. Our focus is the family. Subject is the result of needs analysis polled from 87 Sitka organizations. Women of the year awards were unsung hero awards. We're working on bicentennial commission issues. One problem is no minority representation on council. We're called middle class. Asking Alaska native sisterhood for suggestions. We have negative public image which is a serious issue. Hope to have a retreat to get to know each other to help. Our attempt March 14th to support Ak. Womens' Commission failed. On march 19th we obtained a recognition that The Ak. Womens' Commission was instrumental in establishing the Sitka Womens' Council. That was all we could get. We are involved in internal issues. There is some effort to block minority participation. Assembly didn't appoint minority members. If do so now will be admitting making a mistake. I've been actively recruiting minority members.

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Fran Ulmer walked in 11:45 a.m.

I want to give you some feedback on the legislative future of the commission and wish you to receive it in the spirit offered. I chaired this in State Affairs during which time the overwhelming messages were for missions and actions except from Sitka - tight budget cut in advocacy and research.

After bill started to flow, received overwhelmingly positive response, followed by negative: mission 1-sided, narrow focus, heard from Juneau, Anchorage and Sitka. and Senate heard it was 1 sided and doesn't listen to most concerns. I never have attended a meeting.

I like your research. Don't know if we'll get it out of the senate. Some there with philosophical problem deeper than obvious remarks. It has a zero fiscal note. However, the Governor has budgeted for.

If you are not thinking of alternative strategies, should be. Think of worse case scenarios, way they can be continued to be worked on. " Women historically are superb at doing without resources" (Exact quote!)

Here are copies of letter for commission written to Coke Oiness. I have a copy. You'd shared with me through a letter that there was that concern. We don't focus our program on their concerns, although their concerns are important.

I don't have any problems with the commission. I say, "show me a politician who isn't controversial, and I'll show you one who isn't working."

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p.m. notes

Patty Kastelic, Executive Assistant to the Governor was being asked a question by Wendy Redman.

Wendy: Lobby the people in charge of the lobbying. We need to be put on that list. You're our only hope.

Patty:I'll continue to pressure here. be real specific with Governor tonight. State which committees are causing problems and who the people are in those committees who are causing problems.

quest: what have you heard in respect to resistance?

Patty: bottom line is money. Some concern that commission only represents one viewpoint.

Betty Ramage: there is overall support, just "little glitches" here and there.

Patty: I'll make sure they are included in our Friday meeting, which is on priority legislation, so timing is good. I'll see that Bob and George are at the house tonight (reception for commission at Gov's mansion). Everyone of you talk to everyone of them. Say, this committee is were the problems are and these are the people.

Karen Cantillion: we wrote letter to the assembly and outlined membership quotas and actively lobbied minorities.

Kris: what do councils look to Ak. Wm's cl for?

Karen: for a statewide perspective, parent organization, give guidance.

Jody: I promised one member to tell this group that they do not feel there is any representation on this commission of anyone from a "conservative" group.

Kris: Appointments to boards and commissions are open to all. There is no litmus test to get on as far as liberal or conservative..

Pat: we don't make recommendations. Is there something we can do as a commission to help you in Sitka, Jody?

Eliz. Kennedy: " No, it is too delicate."

Betty Ramage: Do all women on the council support the council?

Jody: No, just working within to destruct.

Kris: a board or commission has a mandate. If members don't support the mandate and it doesn't express their views, they shouldn't be on the board or commission. There are other ways to work against it. (Comment of typist: how does this statement jibe with her other statement that boards and commissions are open to all?)

Jody: The assembly has been asked to revise process by Business and professional women who will attack the by-laws. We also requested they appoint people in support of goals of council. (comment of typist: I thought the commission stated that they represented all women and thus they would all work together to a compromise position. Now they are saying there is only one way to think?)

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2:00 public comment

Peg Mantela. Representative Kay Brown is circulating a draft of a bill on parental leave and is asking the commission for a statement of support. It is a companion bill to Josephson: SB124 with eight differences. See attached.

Opposition to this bill is organized and strong, especially in the state and local chambers. You need to help us get medical and other groups with knowledge and who would support this bill.

2:45 public comment continued with statement to Allen Stein "you have only 5 minutes to testify" (comment of typist: as you could expect, Peg Mantela & Kay Brown had unlimited time)

Allen Stein said custody legislation is extremist and there is a movement to scuttle this bill as Av. Gross, Mary Alice MacKinnon, opposition from Sherrie Goll and others. Women can't bargain. If allegations of sex or physical abuse, remediation kicked out. Poor people can't afford court. Some of you here favor advocacy ad litem. This bill is held hostage by Sherrie Goll. Tragic if didn't support medical bill. Parties pay for mediator.

3:00 panel discussion: Myra Munson, Sen. Halford, Sherrie Goll, Johnny Ellis

Ellis: spend more on the growth of a tree than a child.

Halford: What's happened is a funding of human programs as: 35-40% ed.

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1985 #1 state for spending in non-standard things

elem ed. 48th in nation by % of budget.

higher ed. 48th

pub welfare Ak is 50th 8.1% in 1985 to 33.2% natl.

73% males are married, 27% of wm married. And 45% wm widowed, 60% of men have family near them, 20% of wm do.

Will use this info for Anchorage caucus and childrens's caucus. Need to reduce spending but increase allocation for human service.

Opposed. Cola out of AFDCd. Taking it out takes \$12.00 out of monthly check. 1/2 we save is out of Fed. funds. 100% women take a position against gov.

Munson. Fully funded for entitlement program. Grants program. General relief assistance program served single people. 1/3 are single 15% couples, all rest are family. Families needing housing assistance. People being significantly replaced. Unmet needs enormous.

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Ellis: Those of us who are advocates for childrens programs took charge. Alaska Childrens' Week. Caps have driven things. Coppers numbers as budget caps..gaps, concerned that childrens' commission mandate is so broad. 15 members of that commission. Halford forming childrens' caucus. Mark Boyer. Cola eliminated \$10.77 not looked at favorably by my committee. Early intervention grants. Rationale to guilt trippings. Fairbanks youth facility will be open. Domestic assault. Brown lobbying for training grant. Progress on foundations programs. Material prepared by Boyer can give you. Kindergarten bill passed oput. A lot of emotion, but passed out.

Great time to introduce 1st phase of classification. In Clocksin days to implement classification study would cost 23 million. Will try for 7 year phased in by 1/2 steps and then it won't be so threatening to DOT and Dept (?) Public Safety.

Sherrie: no, 2 years, 7 up and 2 down. better chance.

Ellis, I thought it was for 7 phased in.

Sherrie: no, 2

Miklos: Public Safety. violent crimes compensation board. 58,000 in general funds go in to grants. Counseling medical services.

Sherrie: 2.4 mil for child all in DCAF educ in training grants. 500,000 is the increase. Headstart receiving no increases. No general funds to help out. 18 legislation pieces to childrens' caucus, so many advocates. Have policy move budget put health nurses down to 1974 level. Infant learning cut 18%. Only more money will solve the problem.

Halford: Information base is more important than power base. Draw out of agencies what they won't tell us. We put 40 mil back in budget on (?medicare) the info was devastating PROVIDE THE INFO

Munson: that is correct. we were not asked to skew statistics or represent it in a more favorable light. Cuts next up will have devastating effects. How much concensus is there for womens' needs and childrens? We haven't done a good job of selling needs.

Betty: is there a change in mood towards womens' programs that it may have been too low?

Halford: I came in to legislature with conservative rhetoric. The rhetoric goes on and nothing changes. I say if things under pressure. fund things that breathe first. Out of phase to (?) winning battle over time.