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March 30, 1989

POSITION PAPER

RE: House Joint Resolution 38

SPONSOR: Representative Hoffman

Program Effects of Resolution

There would be no major effects on the Department of Community and Regional Affairs from this Resolution.

Comments

The Department strongly supports this Resolution. The federal funding sought by this resolution are important to residents throughout rural Alaska.

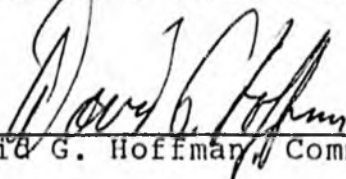
The level of funding requested by the Resolution is a 1988 maintenance level allocation of federal funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the regional housing authorities for construction of decent, safe and sanitary housing for Alaska's rural residents.

The effects of not having federal HUD funding for housing construction by the regional housing authorities would be devastating. There is no other program available for low-income housing to rural residents such as provided by the HUD funding to regional housing authorities. The number of people living in substandard housing throughout rural Alaska would increase through deterioration of existing housing and population increase.

A 1988 rural housing study completed by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs documented a current need for 6,740 units of new housing for rural Alaska. The U.S. Department of HUD will use the results of this survey in determining the funding allocations to Alaska. The State of Alaska has continued its commitment to reduce the number of families living in substandard, overcrowded, unsanitary housing by providing funding for water and sewer, roads, and electrical distribution facilities to the majority of houses constructed by HUD funding even during times of reduced state revenues.

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The Department of Community and Regional Affairs has been very active in rural housing issues and will continue cooperative efforts with federal agencies in encouraging legislation to improve the living standards of Alaska's rural residents.



David G. Hoffman, Commissioner

ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA HOUSING AUTHORITIES



April 4, 1989

House DCRA Committee

RE: Joint Resolution #38 Testimony

The Joint Resolution before your committee is very important to the Low Income needs of the STATE OF ALASKA.

Presently in the Federal budget no funding is provided for the Indian Housing program. This program is most prevalent in Rural Alaska and in normal funding cycles brings some 25 to 50 million dollars into the State in the form of moneys for New Construction and Rehabilitation funds.

The importance of the State of Alaska sending such a message as contained in the resolution to Washington D.C. on this issue cannot be over emphasized.

The State of Alaska has participated in Leveraging these federal funds in past and this philosophy is very consistent with the present administrations philosophy.

The State also has initiated and created the Rural needs assessment study showing a need for over 6,700 units in the Remote Rural areas of our State. The study was created at the States own expense to enhance these federal efforts. We believe it's appropriate and necessary given this past State involvement that the 1989 Legislature follow with the reminder of its commitment and inform the Federal Government of its continued concern regarding this program.

Sincerely,

Mike Shuler
President

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "Relating to housing programs of
 US Dept HUD"
 Sponsor: Rep Hoffman
 Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 BRU: _____
 Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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