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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(5)

Date Referred: April 9, 1990/

FURTHER REFERRALS:

FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 4/27/90

The COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS Committee considered:

CSSB 11(FIN)

CS SB NO. 11 (Fin)

BOUNDARY COMMISSION COMPENSATION

"An Act authorizing compensation for members of the state Local Boundary Commission; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- have attached amendme )  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):  
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) CFRA

zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero with analysis \_\_\_\_\_

zero fn/analysis \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

Do Not Pass    No Rec    Amend

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Eileen P. Maclean  
Chairman's Signature

# FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: "An Act..compensation for members  
 of the State Boundary Commission..."  
 Sponsor: Senato Sturgulewski  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Community & Regional Affairs  
 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>

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

GENERAL FUND	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>18.75</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary) No fiscal impact in FY 90.

This fiscal note assumes 25 days of meeting per year with compensation at \$150 per day.

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Date: March 7, 1990

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]  
 Agency: Department of Community & Regional Affairs

Date: 3-7-90

Distribution (by preparer):

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Changes in CSSB 11 (Fin)  
 have no fiscal impact.  
 This fiscal note is  
 appropriate. 3/29/90

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April 26, 1990

Testimony of Charles Bettisworth, Chairman  
Local Boundary Commission

To: House Standing Committee on Community and  
Regional Affairs  
Chairman Eileen MacLean

I'd like to first thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments regarding Senate Bill 11 "An Act Authorizing Compensation for Members of the Local Boundary Commission".

The Commission supports this legislation for the following reasons:

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission have increased since the creation of the Local Boundary Commission 33 years ago. At that time, there were only 30 Municipal governments in the State and today there are 163 Boroughs and Cities.

The Commission, at the time of its creation, met a few times a year. Presently, we meet 15-20 times a year - often in remote communities under hazardous weather conditions.

The additional number of meetings do not account for the additional demands placed upon the Commission. Procedures which were simple years ago have become increasingly complex. With revisions adopted last year, Local Boundary Commission regulations make up more than 50 pages of the State code. Actions which used to be processed in 60 days, now may take as long as 9 months.

All of this means that substantially more time is required for Local Boundary Commission members to appropriately act on issues before it.

As an example of the increased workload which the Commission is currently enduring, we have recently completed evaluations of the various petitions for incorporation of the region north of Matanuska-Susitna and south of Fairbanks North Star Borough (Matanuska-Susitna Borough Annexation petition, Denali Borough Incorporation Petition, and the Valley's Borough Incorporation Petition). The Commission reviewed over 700 pages of documents. These documents included the original petitions, the Departmental reports and draft reports and hearing supplements. Additionally, the Commission held 6 sets of hearings in 6 communities over the period of four days. Finally, on a separate weekend, conducted a decisional meeting in Healy. We are looking at similar levels of activity for petitions submitted by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City and Borough of Juneau, all of which require action this year.

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The Local Boundary Commission is a quasi-judicial commission. The issues before it are often controversial, over the years the decisions of the Commission have been challenged in court. As an example, the Alaska Supreme Court has rendered 9 decisions regarding the actions of the Commission. It is incumbent upon the Commission to act with care and thoroughness.

The Local Boundary Commission, along with the University of Alaska Board of Regents, is the only constitutionally-mandated State commission. Our duties and responsibilities are commensurate with those of many of the other State boards and commission which are compensated. It seems only appropriate that the Local Boundary Commission be compensated.

Finally, the impact of this bill is minimal. The current fiscal note attached provides for \$150/day per member for an estimated 25 meetings a year, equaling \$18,750 annual appropriation.

We very strongly urge you to approve Senate Bill 11 and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Charles Bettisworth  
Chairman

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