

HB

497

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

FILE

(11)

Date Referred: March 12, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/6/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 497

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM

"An Act relating to a master teacher program at state colleges and universities."

be replaced with CS HB 497 (HESS) the same title
 a new title

have attached amendment(s)

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note - H. FIN. CMTE
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) published: _____
- zero fiscal notes(s) published:
3/12/90 / Education

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

[Signature] Hoffman

[Signature] Swackhammer

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[Signature] CARSON No Rec.

[Signature] PHILLIPS No Rec.

[Signature] RIDGER No Recommendation

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Chairman's signature
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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Education
 Title: An Act relating to a master teacher program at state colleges and Universities BRU: Educational Finance & Support Services
 Sponsor: Kuhina & Ellis Components: District Support
 Requestor: HESS

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill has no fiscal impact

Prepared by: Marv Hakala Phone: 465-2800
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 2/23/90

Approved by Commissioner: William G. Demmert Date: 2/23/90
 Agency: Education

Distribution (by preparer)
 Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

Adopted

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: University of Alaska
 Title: An Act relating to a Master Teacher BRU: UAA, UAF, UAS, PWSCC
Program
 Sponsor: Kubina, Ellis Components: _____
 Requestor: House Finance Committee

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-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)

Prepared by: House Finance Committee Phone: 465-3727
 Division: Co-Chairman Ron Larson Date: 4/6/90

Approved by Commissioner: Co-Chairman Lyman Hoffman Date: 4/6/90
 Agency: [Signature]

Distribution (by preparer):
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 Impacted Agency(ies)

Adopted

Original sponsor(s): REP. KUBINA, Ellis, C.Davis

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 497 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a master teacher program at state
7 colleges and universities."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.40.095. MASTER TEACHER PROGRAM. (a) The teacher educa-
11 tion programs at a state university or college may participate in the
12 master teacher program. The purpose of the master teacher program is
13 to bring skilled, experienced teachers to the university or college to
14 work with student teachers who are enrolled in teacher education
15 programs.

16 (b) Under the master teacher program, a university or college
17 shall choose which school district to invite to participate in the
18 program and may choose whether it wishes teachers with experience in
19 teaching students in grade levels K - 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 8, or 9 - 12.

20 (c) A school district invited to participate in the program
21 shall notify the teachers in the district of the opportunity offered
22 by the university or college. The district shall ask for letters of
23 interest and letters of recommendation from the teachers in the dis-
24 trict. To be considered, a teacher must have had at least five years
25 of teaching experience at the indicated school level within the past
26 10 years.

27 (d) A committee of three local teachers, one local administra-
28 tor, and one representative from the state university or college shall
29 review the letters of interest and letters of recommendation,

1 interview candidates, and select the master teacher. The teacher
2 members of the committee shall be appointed by the bargaining orga-
3 nization representing teachers in the school district.

4 (e) The university or college participating in the master
5 teacher program may accept the teacher selected by a school district
6 and shall enter into a participation agreement with a master teacher
7 accepted for the program. An appointment to the master teacher pro-
8 gram begins on the date set out in the agreement and lasts for one
9 year. The university or college shall grant the teacher appropriate
10 academic standing.

11 (f) The university or college in which the master teacher is
12 serving shall reimburse the school district from which the teacher
13 comes for all costs of the teacher's compensation during the time the
14 teacher is participating in the master teacher program.

15 (g) Unless it is otherwise agreed, a teacher returning to a
16 school district from the master teacher program shall return to the
17 position occupied by that teacher when the teacher's participation in
18 the master teacher program began.

19 (h) Participation in the master teacher program is not an inter-
20 ruption of the continuous service necessary to attain or retain tenure
21 under AS 14.20.150, 14.20.155, or 14.20.160, and is not a break in
22 service for retirement purposes. However, the time spent in the
23 program may not be counted in determining when a teacher has suffi-
24 cient service to enable the teacher to acquire tenure rights.

25 (i) The Board of Regents may adopt rules to implement this
26 section.

27 (j) In this section

28 (1) "school district" means a municipal school district or
29 a regional educational attendance area;

1 (2) "university or college" means the University of Alaska
2 Southeast, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska
3 Fairbanks, and Prince William Sound Community College.

4 * Sec. 2. Each university or college that participates in the master
5 teacher program established by this Act shall report to the legislature by
6 February 15, 1993, on the merits of the program.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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February 27, 1990

The Honorable Eugene Kubina
Alaska House of Representatives
PO Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Kubina;

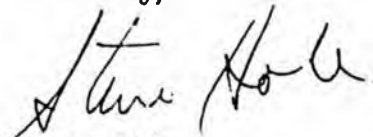
I have reviewed HB 497 with interest and believe the bill will benefit the education profession. I have referred the bill to staff for further study and will make sure that it comes to the attention of the State Board of Education.

Over the years, the education community has discussed initiating some type of master teacher program, so I suspect your bill will be met with some degree of enthusiasm. The Department and State Board have also discussed using Mt. Edgecumbe High School as a summer laboratory for the purposes proposed in your bill. You may want to consider a summer component for HB 497 since that is a time when teachers are not in the regular classroom. I will be happy to discuss this with you further if you wish.

I will pass on to Commissioner Demmert a copy of HB 497. The Commissioner will want to discuss this topic with an alliance he has formed with the university education deans.

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to the bill.

Sincerely,



Steve Hole
Deputy Commissioner

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Juneau Campus

March 5, 1990

Representative Eugene Kubina
P.O. Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Kubina:

Thank you for the opportunity to study and review the proposed educational bill to facilitate the utilization of master teachers in our state to improve and enhance teacher training. We believe this legislation would significantly enhance our university's resources to address the training of teachers to meet the diverse classroom needs of our state's public and private school systems at a minimum cost. Alaska's teachers require unique talents and traits that are not addressed in most teacher training programs. While the University of Alaska's Teacher Education programs strive to meet these unique needs, this proposed program would provide the essential linkage between the potential training resource qualified on the basis of successful experience in the field and the professional teacher training expertise of the university professor.

In the evaluation of the proposed legislation by our faculty and staff, two suggested revisions to the bill's language were made to strengthen the program. These suggestions include:

1. Modify Line 26, Section 1(c) of the bill to include at least five years of "Alaskan" teaching experience.
2. Modify Section 1(d) of the bill which describes the procedures for nomination and selection of the master teacher to the following: assign to the committee the responsibility for nominating candidates and add language to specify that the final selection of candidates be the responsibility of the university. I suggest this is necessary since the university will be responsible for supervising and evaluating the performance of the master teacher during the year he or she serves as a visiting university faculty member.

We believe this legislation represents the type of bold and creative approach required to provide the highest quality of classroom instruction at a time when the state is facing a decline in its financial resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Lind'.

Marshall L. Lind
Chancellor

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MEMORANDUM

MARCH 14, 1990

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE

FROM: *Nick Segich*
NICK SEGICH, VICE PRESIDENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 497

I am pleased to write in support of the Master Teacher Bill, HB 497. This legislation will provide great opportunities for our young people by developing new teachers "real world" knowledge in the profession. Teachers need and benefit from the experiences of veteran colleagues. This program will go a long way in equipping new educators to better meet the needs of children.

Educational reform is being demanded in all sectors of our society. Educators, parents and business leaders know that change is needed. The need for improved teacher training and enhancements cannot be understated. Throughout Alaska our members have been seeking methods of improving our system of education at the local level. This legislation is a small step, a sound step, in the right direction for our next generation of teachers and those they educate.

Please support this bill.

cc file



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March 12, 1990

Representative Eugene Kubina
P.O. Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Kubina:

On behalf of the School of Education at the University of Alaska Anchorage I wish to indicate support for your proposed HB 497.

The intent of the Bill is clearly consistent with efforts nation-wide to increase involvement of classroom teachers in education. It is an excellent model for accomplishing that goal. Students in the School of Education would benefit from such a resource. Teachers selected for this role would be welcome in the School of Education.

Increasing linkages between the School of Education and school districts is one of the main objectives of the School. We are increasing the involvement of school districts in our programs through the following methods:

1. School district personnel on Advisory Councils and search committees.
2. Increased use of classroom teachers and administrators as part of the School's adjunct faculty.
3. Increased efforts to exchange personnel and share personnel resources. In the last two years the School has worked with school districts to: (1) semester exchange between an elementary education professor and a 5th grade teacher from the Anchorage School District; (2) Use by the School District of School faculty for assistance in major curriculum revisions in Reading and Science; and increased use of classroom teachers as guest speakers and resources in teacher education classes.
4. Increased efforts to define and develop the role of "Host" teachers who assist with school pre-student teaching practicum students and students enrolled in the student teaching phase of our program.

H.B. 497 would result in an additional linkage between the School and local school districts. This is consistent with the five year goals of the School of Education at UAA. We strongly support the intent of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael E. Carl".

MICHAEL E. CARL, Dean
School of Education

cc: Don Behrend

MEC,mw



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March 21, 1990

Representative Eugene Kubina
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Kubina:

Thank you for introducing HB-497--a program to draw upon master teachers from school districts by colleges and universities. I am hopeful that we will see some version of this bill passed this session.

This year, the University of Alaska Fairbanks entered into a similar pilot program with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD), and our experience with the program has been extremely positive and has lead us to believe that continuing activity is necessary and desirable. Ms. Sue Yerian, from the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, is our master teacher this year. Her position is jointly financed by funds pulled together from our own Department of Education (UAF), the school district (FNSBSD), and my office. This was the only way we could finance the program to make it happen this year. Thus, a continuing base of support is necessary to assure continuity of the program.

I would like to comment on two sections of the bill. In Section 1(a), teacher education is offered only by the three universities and not by Prince William Sound Community College which, by designation, cannot offer courses beyond the 200 level. Thus, you may wish to modify this portion of the bill.

In Section 1(d), there may be minor problems with the committee "selecting" the master teacher. The committee is appropriate, but I believe they would be "nominating" the master teacher. Usually, in hiring for University faculty, the cognizant department within the University (in this case the respective education departments) would need to be involved in approving and inviting the master teacher to serve as a member of the faculty for a period of time. Thus, changing the word "select" to "nominate" on line one, page two of this section would cure any internal problems.

Based on our experience with the program, I believe it benefits both the University and the school district. In terms of the University, we are able to bring into our classrooms an individual who is experienced on the day-to-day firing line and is able to contribute a substantial dose of reality to our future teachers. In the case of the school district, the resident practitioner, in preparing for and teaching the University courses, undergoes a substantial refresher which encourages the individual to think through the approaches he/she utilizes in the classroom. As a result, Ms. Yerian expects to go back to her district with an even greater set of skills than the substantial talent she brought to us a year ago.

Representative Kubina
March 21, 1990
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I strongly endorse HB497. It is a good program which will yield excellent results. If there is anything I can do to help facilitate the bill through the process, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick J. O'Rourke".

Patrick J. O'Rourke, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

PJOR/cb

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act Relating to a Master Teacher Program."
Sponsor: Kubina, Ellis
Requestor: House Hess

Agency Affected: University of Alaska
BRU: UAA, UAF, UAS, PWSCC
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The average teacher in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is paid \$44.1 per year. Assuming 3 master teachers are selected each year the reimbursement for teacher costs to school districts by the University will be \$175.0 annually.

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Division: Statewide Budget Office Date: 3/9/90

Approved by ~~Commissioner~~ XXXXXX Brian Rogers Date: 3/9/90
Agency: University of Alaska

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