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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: January 20, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 1/31/89

The FINANCE Committee recommends that:

HOUSE BILL NO. 64 [EXTEND OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION]

"An Act continuing the Older Alaskans Commission; and providing for an effective date."

[] be replaced with _____ [] 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
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- [] fiscal note(s) published: _____
- [] zero fiscal notes(s) published: _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

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

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 Chairman's signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: revised 1/27/89
Title: An act continuing the Older Alaskans Commission
Sponsor: Rules Committee
Requestor: Governor

Agency Affected: Dept. of Administration
BRU: Older Alaskans Commission
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

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

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This BRU budget includes \$5,693.7 in federal receipts; \$915.5 state general fund match; and \$2,858 state general funds.

SEE ATTACHED DETAIL INFORMATION

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Date: 1-27-89

Approved by Commissioner: John M. Andrews
Agency: Dept. Administration

Date: 1/27/89

Distribution (by preparer):
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Adopted

OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION
FY 90 BUDGET REQUEST
JULY 1, 1989 - JUNE 30, 1990

<u>Cost Categories</u>	<u>Community Services Title III Admin.</u>	<u>Senior Employment Title V Admin.</u>	<u>LTC Ombudsman</u>	<u>Comm/Svcs Title III AS 47.65 Grants</u>	<u>Senior Employment Title V Grants</u>	<u>U.S. Dept. Agriculture</u>	<u>Federal Training Grant Title IV</u>	<u>Restr. on Fed. Auth.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personal Svcs.	566.1	158.3	55.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	793.1
Travel	41.7	8.8	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.0
Contract Svcs.	54.0	24.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.0	20.2	195.2
Supplies	8.2	1.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,538.4	1,601.6	256.0	0.0	13.4	8,409.4
Total	670.0	192.8	76.4	6,538.4	1,601.6	256.0	85.0	61.1	9,481.3
Federal Funds	300.0	192.8	76.4	3,501.1	1,235.4	256.0	85.0	61.1	5,693.7
State G.F. Match	107.3	0.0	0.0	648.2	160.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	915.5
State G.F.	262.7	0.0	0.0	2,389.1	206.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,858.0
Staff Positions									
Full PT									16.0
Part PT									0.0
Staff Months									192.0

NOTE: Agency expects personal services to return to FY 90 Adj. Base figure of 807.2 in Governor's Revised Budget Request. Revision will also return 2 FT positions to 2 PT.

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Introduced: 1/9/89
Referred: State Affairs and
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 64

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act continuing the Older Alaskans Commission; and
7 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 44.66.010(a)(10) is amended to read:

10 (10) Older Alaskans Commission (AS 44.21.200) -- June 30,
11 1993 [1989];

12 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

not adopted



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Finance

Official Business

P.O. Box V
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
LETTER OF INTENT
FOR
HOUSE BILL 64

It is the intent of the House Finance Committee that the Older Alaskans Commission comply with state and federal statutes and regulations regarding administration of the Older Americans Act.

Rep. Ron Larson, Co-Chair

Rep. Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair



Older Alaskans Commission

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SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY ON HB 64

The Older Alaskans Commission respectfully urges the House Finance Committee to pass out HB 64 without an accompanying letter of intent. The Commission is of course subject to compliance with all state and federal laws relevant to its operations, but the letter of intent may give a misleading impression that the OAC has somehow been out of compliance.

In preparation for the current sunset review, the Division of Legislative Audit conducted a Performance Audit of the OAC. The Audit Report did not find any OAC violations of federal or state law, and recommended the re-establishment of the Commission.

The Older Americans Act and the State OAC Act both exhort the OAC--as the State Office on Aging--to conduct many types of activities. Receipt of federal funds depends on approval by the Administration on Aging of a State Plan, wherein the OAC must demonstrate how it will comply with federal requirements. The OAC is currently operating under an approved State Plan, and is in the process of submitting a new Plan for 1989 through 1991 for federal review and approval.

The OAC recognizes that there will always be debate over just how the Commission should carry out its statutory duties, and where it should place the emphasis of its Commission and staff time and resources. The Commission is currently focusing the greatest part of its advocacy and development efforts on pulling together the fragmented services for seniors into a Home and Community-Based Care System. This effort will take time, and coordination at state, regional, and local levels.

The OAC continues its work, as mandated by AS 44.21.230(3), to ...encourage and aid the development of municipal commissions serving older Alaskans and community-oriented programs and services for the benefit of older Alaskans.

The OAC distributes its earlier published book on how to establish a local senior commission, and this year has invited the four local senior commissions to join the Commission for a weekly teleconference on legislative actions of interest to seniors.

In summary, the Older Alaskans Commission believes that it makes all best efforts to comply with all federal and state laws. A letter of intent is not needed for those efforts to continue.

However, if it is the pleasure of the Committee, the Commission does not object to the passage of the bill with the proposed letter of intent.

APPROVED BY:

Cornelia J. A. [Signature]
for: Mellie Terwilliger, Chair
Older Alaskans Commission

DATE: 2-1-89

REVIEWED BY:

[Signature]
John M. Andrews, Commissioner
Department of Administration

DATE: 2/1/89



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HB 64 OVERVIEW OF THE COMMISSION

I. Federal Statutory Role of the Older Alaskans Commission (OAC)

The Older Americans Act of 1965 (amended 1987), Public Law 100-175, provides grants for programs for senior citizens (over 60) to the states, and requires that each state designate one state agency as the "sole State agency" to administer these grant programs within the state. Section 305. Since 1981, the Older Alaskans Commission has performed this function.

The Older Americans Act requires the State Unit on Aging to (1) develop a State Plan for senior programs, (2) coordinate all state activities related to the Older Americans Act, and (3) serve as an advocate for the elderly within the state, including review, comment, and technical assistance to any agency or individual.

II. State Statutory Role of the Older Alaskans Commission

- A. AS 44.21.200, passed in 1981, created the Older Alaskans Commission, placing it in the Department of Administration.

The Commission members include seven Alaskan citizens appointed by the Governor, and the commissioners of Administration, Health and Social Services, and Community and Regional Affairs, and the chair of the Pioneers Homes Advisory Board.

Summary of duties and responsibilities: The Older Alaskans Commission must "formulate a comprehensive statewide plan" for senior needs, make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding issues affecting seniors, encourage local senior commissions and programs to serve seniors.

The Commission is also charged with the responsibility to administer--with the approval of the Commissioner of Administration--federal programs under the Older Americans Act, and state programs funded with state general funds under AS 47.65.010.

Overview of Older Alaskans Commission

B. AS 47.65, passed in 1980 and amended in 1981, authorizes state funds to be awarded as grants for "Community Service Programs" for "older Alaskans," which is defined as "over 60." AS 47.65 also sets required contribution--or matching--levels for the recipient of a grant.

III. OAC program components include the following programs, with their FY 89 budget noted:

- Home and Community Services to Seniors -- Grants of state and federal funds to community organizations to provide nutrition, access, and supportive services. (\$ 6,432,329)
- Senior Job Training and Community-Service Employment-- Grants of state and federal funds to train and employ low-income persons over 55. (\$ 1,601,400)
- The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman--Federal and state funding of an advocate for residents of nursing homes. (\$ 127,900)
- Training of the Senior Network--Federal (only) grant administered by OAC to train members of the aging network statewide. (\$ 90,900)
- Federal Discretionary Grant to Alaska for the Alzheimer's Disease Family Support Group Project on providing respite care to families of victims. (Grant concluded December, 1988--total funding, \$ 78,100.)
- Legal Services Development--OAC staff produce or arrange seminars and educational publications on current legal issues. (In general administrative budget)

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My name is Amos J. - Joe - Alter and I speak in support of House Bill No. 64. I live at 303 Distin Avenue, Juneau, Alaska

As a 45 year Alaskan resident, past president of Igloo No. 6 Pioneers of Alaska, past president of American Association of Retired Persons - Mount Juneau Chapter 365, - current member of the Mountain View Advisory Board - past chairman of the Juneau Commission on Aging and currently a member of that Commission, I am deeply interested in the Older Alaskans Commission and the very important role only it can play in meeting needs of senior Alaskans.. As a member of the Pioneers' Home Advisory Board I am keenly aware of the necessity for support services such as those provided through the Older Alaskans Commission and designed to keep senior citizens independent and in their own home as long as possible. They help provide the ounces of prevention that is so much more economical than a pound of cure. To lose the valuable services provided through the Older Alaskans Commission would result in increased costs to Alaskans in care. In addition to increase costs the dignity and well being of older Alaskans would be lessened seriously.

I urge continuance of the Older Alaskans Commission effective through June 30, 1993

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

January 9, 1989

The Honorable Sam Cotten
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Cotten:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to continue the Older Alaskans Commission for the customary four-year period. (See AS 44.66.010(c).) Under current law, the commission is scheduled to "sunset" June 30, 1989. It will go into its "wind-down" year (under AS 44.66.010(b)) before going out of existence.

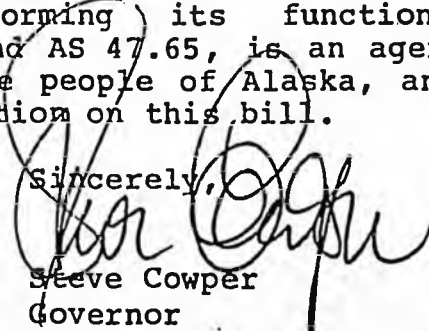
The commission serves as the state unit on aging, the single state coordinating agency for purposes of receiving federal money from the Administration on Aging. The commission administers both the federal money and the state money authorized under AS 47.65, for direct home and community-based services to senior Alaskans and for the Senior Community Service Employment Program for low-income workers over 55. In awarding grants under federal and state law, the commission strives to distribute services equitably and efficiently across the state and within communities.

The commission also serves as a statewide advocate for senior issues with the legislature and with other agencies within the judicial and executive branches. The commission engages in planning, research, and program development related to senior needs and senior services.

The commission's seven lay members, appointed by the governor, provide senior Alaskans with a strong voice in senior affairs at the local, state, and even federal levels.

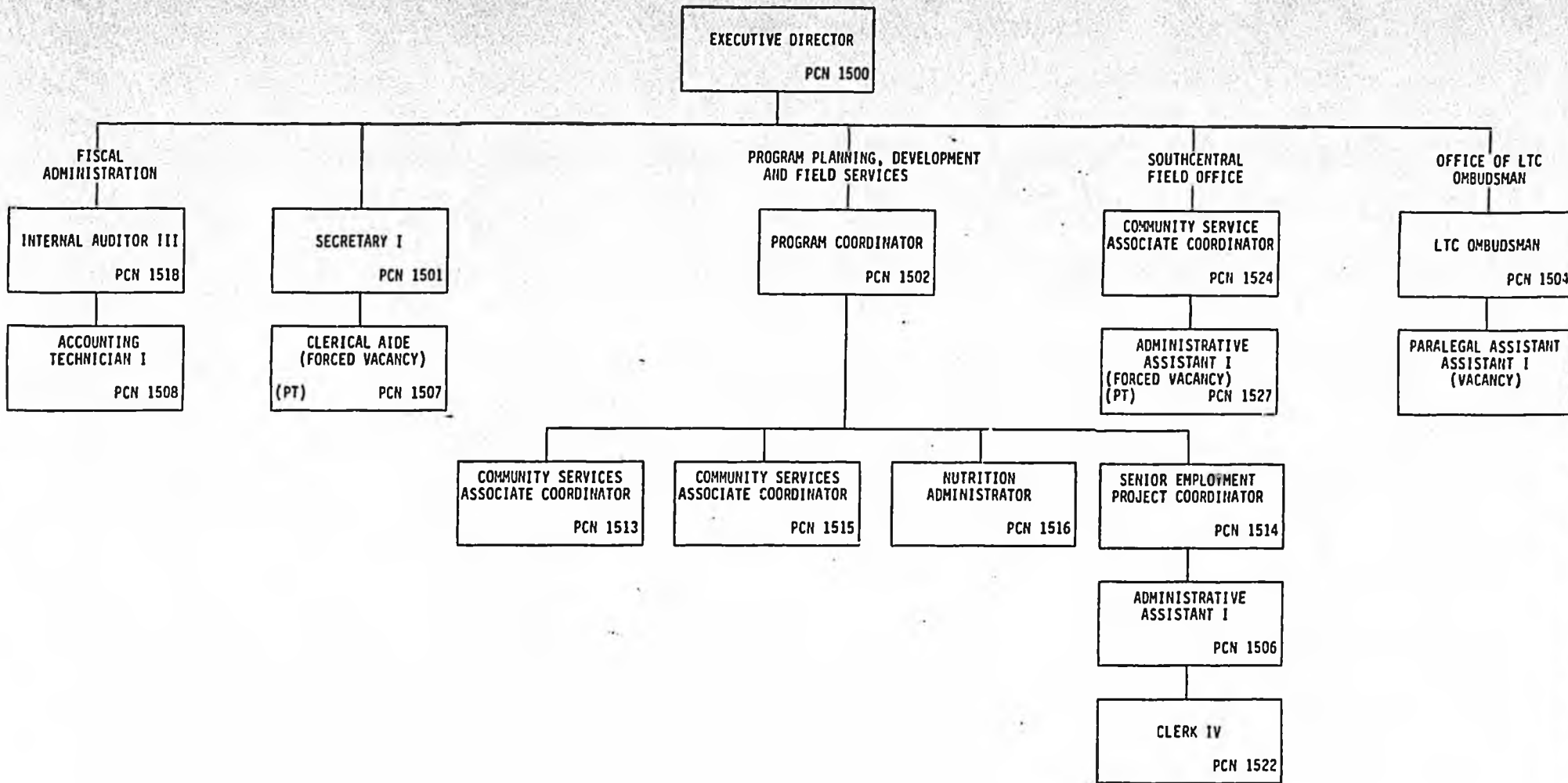
The commission, in performing its functions under AS 44.21.200 -- 44.21.240 and AS 47.65, is an agency vital to the best interests of the people of Alaska, and I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,


Steve Cowper
Governor

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THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HAS
NOT BEEN FILMED BUT IS
AVAILABLE IN THE ORIGINAL
FILE

A PERFORMANCE REPORT
ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION

July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1988

Audit Control Number

02-1347-89-R

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Administration

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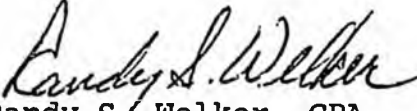
October 26, 1988

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

According to the provisions of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes, the Division of Legislative Audit is required to conduct a "sunset" review of the Department of Administration, the Older Alaskans Commission.

At the request of the Chairman, during Fiscal Year 1988 budget deliberations, the Audit Division's budget was revised to reflect certain changes in the organization of the Committee's two Divisions. The revised budget of the Audit Division reflected efficiencies that might be obtained by utilizing the staff of the Legislative Finance Division on selected audit assignments during the interim.

As a result, the audit of the Older Alaskans Commission was conducted and this report has been prepared by the Legislative Finance Division. We feel this report discharges our responsibility under Titles 24 and 44. The report is submitted for your review.


Randy S. Welker, CPA
Legislative Auditor
Division of Legislative Audit

STATE OF ALASKA

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BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FINANCE DIVISION
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October 21, 1988

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and 44 of the
Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), the attached report is
submitted for your review.

A PERFORMANCE REPORT
ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION

July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1988

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Mike Greany, Director
Division of Legislative Finance

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Purpose

In accordance with the intent of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have examined the activities of the Older Alaskans Commission (OAC) for the past four fiscal years to determine if the Commission has been operating in an efficient and effective manner.

Legislative intent requires consideration of this report during legislative oversight hearings to determine whether OAC should be reestablished. The law now specifies that the Commission will terminate June 30, 1989, and will have one year from that date to conclude its affairs.

Scope

The major areas of our examination were program performance, administrative functions, and commission proceedings. We reviewed and evaluated the following:

1. Applicable statutes and regulations.
2. Tests of files and documents.
3. Interviews with program personnel.
4. Complaints filed with the Attorney General's office and the Ombudsman's Office.
5. Discussions with Commission members.
6. Minutes of Commission meetings and correspondence files.

The policy and audit approach utilized by the Division of Legislative Finance for Performance Review can best be described as "audit by exception."

This methodology focuses audit effort on areas of an auditee's operations that have been identified by a preliminary survey as having a high degree of probability for needing improvements.

Therefore, by design, finite audit resources are used to identify where and how improvement can be made and little time is devoted to reviewing well-run operations or programs. Consequently, this report highlights those areas needing improvement and does not emphasize those operations and programs that are properly functioning.

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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

Pursuant to Alaska Statute 44.21, the Older Alaskans Commission was created in July of 1981 and was established within the Department of Administration. The Commission consists of seven members who are selected based upon their knowledge and demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans. Commission members serve overlapping four year terms.

The Commission is authorized to administer and coordinate State programs for the elderly and to administer Federal programs provided under the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001-3045i). Together, the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.21 and the Older Americans Act define the purpose, scope of work, and authority of the Commission. The Commission conducts four primary functions:

Allocation: To determine the appropriate distribution of state and federal funds to purchase needed programs and services for older Alaskans;

Advocacy: To advocate for the needs and interests of older Alaskans at both state and local levels;

Coordination: To increase the coordination of both state and local resources available to address the needs of older Alaskans; and

Resource and System Development: To develop or expand services to older Alaskans as well as to ensure a more systematic and thorough approach to meeting their needs.

The broad scope of this legislative mandate, opens nearly all the concerns of older Alaskans to the consideration of the Commission. However, AS 44.21 further stipulates that the Commission may not investigate, review, or undertake any responsibility for the longevity bonus program or the Alaska Pioneers' Homes.

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REPORT CONCLUSION

Policy Issues

This report contains policy and/or procedural issues raised as a result of our evaluation of various Commission practices. The final decisions affecting these practices are not within the scope of this report, but requires legislative consideration. In debating these issues, the oversight committees should take into consideration the findings and recommendations presented in this report so the potential impact of changes can be evaluated.

Report Conclusion

In our opinion, the Older Alaskans Commission should be reestablished. The intent of creating the Commission by the Legislature was to assure the remaining years of citizens over the age of 60 are years of good health, honor, and dignity. The Commission has implemented this mandate by:

1. Providing services in the areas of health, transportation, employment, education, home care, and housing to older Alaskans.
2. Advocating for the needs of older Alaskans in the planning and delivery of state programs.
3. Requiring the participation of senior citizens in the planning and development of programs that benefit older Alaskans.

However, the Findings and Recommendation's section, describe areas where program weaknesses were observed. We have made recommendations which, if implemented, will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission.

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

To determine the matching contribution of grantees participating in the State's Community Service grant program, the Older Alaskans Commission (OAC) should use current population figures and property values.

In accordance with the provisions of AS 47.65, an applicant receiving an grant under the Community Service program shall contribute to the total cost of the program or project. The contribution maybe cash or in-kind support, such as, personnel, space or supplies. The contribution requirement of each grantee is based upon population and property values in the community where the services will be provided.

The staff of OAC has utilized the population figures and property values from the report titled, Alaska Taxable. The report is published by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, Division of Municipal and Regional Assistance and is distributed to State agencies during January of each year.

For grants awarded in FY89, grantee contribution percentages were based upon an Alaska Taxable, dated January 1987. Instead of a more current report, which was available, dated January 1988. If the current report would have been used, the matching contribution to projects would have increased by approximately \$9,000. It should be noted that for the majority of grants, the matching contribution consists of in-kind support; and most grantees contribute an amount above the required match.

Nevertheless, to stay within the intent of AS 47.65, OAC should utilize current information to determine a grantee's contribution to a program or project.

Recommendation No. 2

OAC should review the regulations for the pilot project grants and seek the appropriate revisions where necessary.

The Older Alaskans Pilot Project Grant regulations (7 AAC 79) were promulgated July of 1981. The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Adult and Aging Services administered the program responsibilities under the federal Older Americans Act. However, Section 14 of Chapter 79, SLA 1981 provided for the transfer of program responsibilities and personnel from the Division of Adult and Aging Services to the newly established Older Alaskans Commission. At that time, the Division of Adult and Aging Services was dissolved.

The regulations, have never been changed to reflect the transfer of responsibility. The regulations refer to the Division of Adult and Aging Services. Additionally, there are temporary procedures within the chapter that apply toward grants initially awarded in FY81 and FY82.

Alaska Statutes 47.65 provide general provisions for OAC to administer and promulgate regulations concerning pilot projects. The Commission should review the regulations for obsolescence and propose appropriate changes where necessary.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

Limited Analysis

The following analyses of Commission's activities relate to the public need factors defined in the "sunset" law. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but address those areas we were able to cover within the scope of our review.

- I. The extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.
 - A. The Commission has served the public through planning, coordinating, and providing services to persons who are 60 years of age and over in areas of employment, nutrition, transportation, information and referral, housing, health care, in-home services, legal services, long-term care, advocacy, and outreach.
 - B. The Commission has held six meetings a year for the past two fiscal years.
- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
 - A. The Commission appointed members to a housing task force committee to make recommendations regarding the coordination and efficient delivery of housing-related services. The committee's final report containing recommendations was issued May 1985.
 - B. A newsletter titled "Healthlinks" is issued periodically to seniors. The newsletter comments on health matters and topics of general interest to seniors.
- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.

The Commission supported Senate Bill 442 which related to the protection of elderly persons and established the office of long term care ombudsman. The bill was signed by the Governor and amended the statutes, effective September 1988.
- IV. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service which it has provided.

The Commission has solicited public input on matters affecting senior citizens. This has been demonstrated by the Commission requesting public opinion on the October 1986 State Plan.

- V. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

OAC has advertised in newspapers and distributed notices to interested associations encouraging the public to participate in senior citizen issues.

- VI. The efficiency with which public inquires or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the Office of the Ombudsman have been processed and resolved.

Since July 1984, there have been 16 complaints filed with the Ombudsmans Office. Only one of these complaints was found to be fully justified. The complaint alleged the Commission was unfair to limit FY88 grant disbursements to only FY87 grantees. In response to the Ombudsman's findings, the Commission amended grant disbursement policies.

- VII. The extent to which a board or commission which regulated entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

OAC does not regulate any occupations or professions.

- VIII. The extent to which state personnel practice, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office has received no complaints related to the Commission's personnel practices.

- IX. The extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

Please refer to the previous section, Findings and Recommendations.

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX A

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION
Schedule of Operating Appropriations and Funded Positions
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 1987, 1988, and 1989

(Unaudited)

	(In Thousands)		
	<u>Appropriations</u>		
	<u>FY 87</u>	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>			
Personal Services	753.6	612.1	784.0
Travel	64.0	58.0	68.5
Contractual	249.6	231.5	238.8
Commodities	9.0	9.0	10.8
Grants	<u>8,476.6</u>	<u>8,072.4</u>	<u>8,418.5</u>
<u>Total Budget Allocations</u>	<u>9,552.8</u>	<u>8,983.0</u>	<u>9,520.6</u>
 <u>Appropriation Fund Sources</u>			
General Fund	4,220.5	3,695.1	3,774.1
Federal Fund	5,332.3	5,287.9	5,693.7
Interagency Receipts			52.8
<u>Total Appropriation Fund Sources</u>	<u>9,552.8</u>	<u>8,983.0</u>	<u>9,520.6</u>
 <u>Positions Funded</u>			
Full Time	14	13	15
Part Time	2	2	2

Note 1: Source of information was the Conference Committee Report for the fiscal years reported.

Note 2: FY89 includes \$106.3 to establish the Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman. Two full time positions were approved for the program.

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

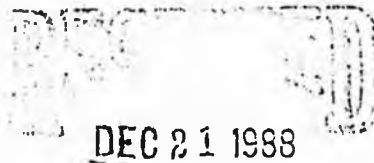
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December 21, 1988

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Dear Mr. Welker:

I appreciate the effort of your staff in the performance of this audit. The following is offered in response to the findings and recommendations in your preliminary report No. 20-1347-88-R for the period July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1988.

The findings and recommendations are addressed sequentially:

Recommendation No. 1

To determine the matching contribution of grantees participating in the State's Community Service grant program, the Older Alaskans Commission (OAC), should use current population figures and property values.

The OAC does use the most current information available at the time that our Request for Proposals (RFPs) are issued. Generally, the Alaska Taxable report is available in mid-to-late January and we are able to use it as our source for current data. The State Assessor's office had difficulty compiling information for the 1988 Alaska Taxable and the document did not go to the printer until January 28, 1988. The printed copies of the report were not available until early March. Since the report is sent to the printer as soon as the information is compiled, it would have been extremely difficult for us to have acquired the 1988 information prior to issuing the RFP.

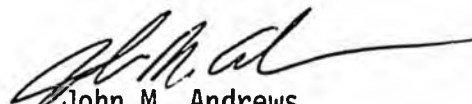
The OAC recognizes the advisability of using the most current data possible even though the actual impact of year old data is generally not significant. We have revised our RFP procedures to allow for the possibility of the late issuance of the Alaska Taxable. If the Alaska Taxable information is not available at the time we issue our RFPs, we will indicate that match information will be sent in the form of an addendum. We believe that this procedural change will assure that current information is always used in determining the match contribution requirements for grantees.

Recommendation No. 2

OAC should review the regulations for the pilot project grants and seek the appropriate revisions where necessary.

The OAC is in the process of drafting grant regulations and has incorporated the pilot project grants regulations in this new set of regulations. We intend to repeal the current pilot project grants regulations. Our timetable for the new grant regulations calls for review by the Department of Law in January.

Sincerely,


John M. Andrews
Commissioner

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