

HB

198



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Health, Education & Social Services
 committee on HCR 18 committee name
 committee on H.B. 33, 198, 203, 231, 251 dated 3-31-89
 bill/subject

It amazes me that our legislature can come to us requesting our input on how we would cut necessary services to our people and then turn around and giving one of our biggest industries an unnecessary Tax Credit. What types of services will be cut from the budget when the fishing industry takes advantage of this tax credit? I hope it will only come out of the Fish & Game budgets. It is my feeling that if budget cuts are going to be necessary, H.B. 33 should be scraped. At least until we come on better Times.

See attached sheets.

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TESTIMONY RE: HB's 198, 203, 281, 251, 252

In regards to HB 198, I feel it is a good bill, but needs under Section 1 an additional sub paragraph that states: -

"(5) For not having a sufficient number of their students passing a test admitting them to the next higher grade."

Section 2 should read "The amendment to AS 14.20.175 made by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to all Teachers and administrators hired by a school district prior to and after the effective date of this act.

Subparagraph (5) is suggested because we feel that too many of our students are "socially" rather than "academically" promoted into higher grades. The Nome school district has many high school level students who still are only capable of reading at 3-7 grade levels.

The only problem I see with H.B. 203, is that it does not address non-degreed bilingual Teachers. It is my feeling that they are gross unrecognized and often under paid.

HCR 19, is, in my opinion, a work of Art with the exception of the last "be it further resolved." This should be an ongoing action.

H.B. 231 is long over due. It is our feeling that Section 14.03.015, subparagraph (3) (4) should include in each grade level, "Entrance and Exit" exams that show our students have actually achieved the academic skills necessary to advance to the next grade level.

HB 252

It is the feeling of Nome Eskimo Community that should it become necessary to institute an income tax, that the Longevity Bonus, Property Tax exemptions and the State Dividend check be exempt from taxation. In other words, that income taxes only be levied on earned income and/or wages. We feel that many dollars could be shaved from the budget if the Legislature would study the state hierarchy's and delete all or most of the "pork barrel" positions and administrative costs that were created in times of plenty. Nome Eskimo Community requests that all other sources of revenue and budget cuts be reviewed before an Income Tax is initiated.

We here at Nome Eskimo Community feel that H.B. 251 is supportable and would like to see it + Educational Programs reduce (6

the uneducational "soap" programs.