

HB

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: February 9, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 3/29/90

The HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HB 501

HOUSE BILL NO. 501                      AK HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

"An Act relating to Alaska high school achievement scholarships; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- [ ] be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] the same title
- [ ] have attached amendment(s) [ ] a new title
- [ X ] do pass
- [ ] do not pass
- [ ] no recommendation
- [ ] individual recommendations
- [ ] additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):                      APPROVES PREVIOUS:                      (Date/Dept)

(Dept)

- [ X ] fiscal impact DE/Post Secondary [ ] fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] zero with analysis \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] zero fn/analysis \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman's Signature

# Alaska State Legislature Representative Niilo Koponen

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House District 21

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## POSITION PAPER

### HB 501 "An Act relating to Alaska high school achievement scholarships"

House Bill 501 creates the Alaska High School Achievement Scholarship program to award postsecondary scholarships to Alaskan students who make significant academic, athletic or creative achievements in high school. The purpose of this bill is to encourage Alaska high school students to excel, and to offer our most promising students a significant incentive to attend an Alaskan college or university.

This bill offers pupils from every geographic area of Alaska an opportunity to participate in this program. If enacted this legislation would award a \$4000 scholarship to each of six high school seniors in each House District. The awards are made in three categories of achievement: academic achievement, athletic honors in Olympic and Arctic Winter Game Sports and creative honors.

This scholarship program is not meant to replace the existing student loan program, but to complement it. The Alaska student loans require repayment, are available to all Alaskans, and can be used to attend any approved institution anywhere. The Alaska High School Achievement scholarships are a more specialized form of financial aid based on merit. They consist of outright grants to be used exclusively within Alaska. A student receiving a grant could apply for an Alaska student loan as well to cover additional expenses. The loan amount would be reduced by the \$4000 scholarship.

The current cost of attending the University of Alaska and living on campus is approximately \$4000. The balance would have to come from family funds, work, or other grants or loans. This scholarship program is in line with recent national efforts to emphasize quality in education and scholarship achievement. Studies have shown that tuition grants are more effective in encouraging new students to attend higher education institutions than other forms of financial aid.

The Achievement Scholarship program will benefit the state in many ways. Our most promising young people will have a clear opportunity and incentive to attend college in Alaska. The Olympic sports award, which includes basketball as well as winter sports, will help create a continuing Alaskan participation in this international arena. College graduates tend to find their first job and remain in the areas where they attend school. Alaska postsecondary institutions will benefit from the attendance of talented Alaskans. Finally, Alaska dollars will stay in Alaska turning over many times in our economy.



## FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 1250 Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1250 (907) 452-2000

April 22, 1988

Honorable Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Senate  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

I am writing to support CS HB 51 (Fin) "Alaska High School Achievement Scholarship" legislation.

At a time when many Alaskan families' resources are declining, which reduces the opportunities for high school graduates to further their education, the proposed achievement scholarship program deserves the support of our legislators. I strongly believe that to encourage our high school scholars and athletes to stay in Alaska to further their education is a very worthwhile endeavor and a worthwhile expenditure of state funds.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard S. Cross".

Richard S. Cross  
Superintendent of Schools

RSC:/plh

*See: Note - same letter sent to all members of Interior Delegation.*

# 1988 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

March 13-18, 1988

P.O. Box 1919, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707



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April 28, 1988

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Hon. Niilo Koponen  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Legislature  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Koponen:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 1988 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES Host Society Board of Directors with regard to your proposed House Bill 51. This morning, at our monthly meeting, we discussed the bill with much positive feedback. A motion was passed to officially support and endorse the concept of HB 51.

This bill will not only provide needed scholarship opportunities for many worthy Alaskans, but as a positive side effect will also bolster and enhance athletic programs supporting the Arctic Winter Games.

Thank you for the foresight in introducing this bill. We wish you and HB 51 success.

Sincerely,

Karl W. Kassel  
General Manager

## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Alaska high school achievement  
Scholarships  
Sponsor: Koponen  
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Education  
BRU: Education Program Support  
Components: Education Special  
Projects

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

| OPERATING              | FY 91       | FY 92       | FY 93       | FY 94       | FY 95       | FY 96       |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| PERSONAL SERVICES      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| TRAVEL                 | 6.4         | 6.4         | 6.4         | 6.4         | 6.4         | 6.4         |
| CONTRACTUAL            | 25.0        | 20.3        | 36.6        | 36.6        | 36.6        | 36.6        |
| SUPPLIES               |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| EQUIPMENT              |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| LAND & STRUCTURES      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| MISCELLANEOUS          |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>31.4</b> | <b>26.7</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> |

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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GENERAL FUND  | 31.4        | 26.7        | 43.0        | 43.0        | 43.0        | 43.0        |
| FEDERAL FUNDS |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| OTHER         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>31.4</b> | <b>26.7</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> | <b>43.0</b> |

**POSITIONS:**

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| FULL-TIME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached Analysis

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Agency: Education

Date: 4/4/90

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HB 501: Alaska high school achievement scholarships

Travel: \$6.4

\* One State Board Subcommittee meeting for application review (3 members @ \$470) \$1.4

\* One State Board of Education meeting for award of scholarships (9 members plus 1 staff assistant @ \$500) \$5.0

Contractual: \$25.0

\* RSA with Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission for administration of scholarship program:

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| FY91 | \$24.0 |
| FY92 | \$19.3 |
| FY93 | \$35.6 |
| FY94 | \$35.6 |
| FY95 | \$35.6 |
| FY96 | \$35.6 |

\* Photocopying, telephone and postage for distribution of packets and coordination with State Board members: \$1.0

This fiscal analysis assumes that the administration of the scholarship program will be handled by the Postsecondary Commission and funded through a Reimbursable Services Agreement (RSA) with the Department of Education (see contractual costs, above). Attached is the corollary fiscal note from the Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission itemizing these administrative costs.

## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Alaska High School Achievement  
           Scholarships  
 Sponsor: Representative Koponen  
 Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Alaska Postsecondary Commission  
 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_

Components: \_\_\_\_\_

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

| OPERATING              | FY 91       | FY 92       | FY 93       | FY 94       | FY 95       | FY 96       |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| PERSONAL SERVICES      | 16.2        | 16.2        | 32.5        | 32.5        | 32.5        | 32.5        |
| TRAVEL                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| CONTRACTUAL            | 2.7         | 2.7         | 2.7         | 2.7         | 2.7         | 2.7         |
| SUPPLIES               | .4          | .4          | .4          | .4          | .4          | .4          |
| EQUIPMENT              | 4.7         |             |             |             |             |             |
| LAND & STRUCTURES      |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| MISCELLANEOUS          |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>24.0</b> | <b>19.3</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> |

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

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|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GENERAL FUND     |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| FEDERAL FUNDS    |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| OTHER I A Repts. | 24.0        | 19.3        | 35.6        | 35.6        | 35.6        | 35.6        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>24.0</b> | <b>19.3</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> | <b>35.6</b> |

**POSITIONS:**

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| FULL-TIME |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PART-TIME | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| TEMPORARY |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**ANALYSIS** (Attach a separate page if necessary) This program will potentially have 162 awards annually, each renewable for up to four years. Staffing for FY 91 and FY 92 will be one half-time Clerk position (Range 10) and increase to one full-time Clerk in FY 93 to cover administrative and accounting functions. Equipment costs are a one-time expenditure for staff supplies. Contractual and Supplies include production of forms and documents as well as disbursement costs.

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