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Mary Van Nimwegen

M. HESS

3/10/89

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: University of Alaska
 Title: "Supporting the establishment of a BRU: IIAA
 program leading to a master of Social _____
 Work degree at the University of Alaska." Components: _____
 SPONSOR: The Health, Education & Social _____
 Services Committee REQUESTOR: HESCC

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of passage of this resolution is zero, but the cost of implementing its intent is attached.

Prepared by: Marsha Hubbard, Director *Hubbard* Phone: 474-7593
 Division: Statewide Budget Office Date: 3/15/89

Approved by: Brian Rogers, VP for Finance *BR* Date: 3/15/89
 Agency: University of Alaska

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Master of Social Work Budget
Proposed Year 1 Increment - Preparation
FY 90

<u>Salary/Benefits:</u>	
1 Full Professor:	\$50,000
Benefits @ 32.3%	16,150
Total Salary Increment:	\$66,150
<u>Consultants:</u>	3,000
(2-wk visit by one consultant)	
<u>Library Acquisitions:</u>	2,500
(Journal subscriptions; specialized books and research materials)	
<u>Video Equipment:</u>	2,000
<u>Contractual Services:</u>	2,000
(in-state communication costs)	
<u>In-state Travel:</u>	4,000
(Site visitation and coordination; possible sites include: Fairbanks, Juneau, Dillingham, Bethel, Kasil, Seward, Homer, Kodiak, Valdez)	
<u>Out-of-state Travel:</u>	1,000
(C.S.W.E. conference)	
Total MSW Year 1 Increment:	\$82,650

NOTE: This increment affects M.S.W. Program only. Does not include costs for continuing the B.S.W. Program (see Proposed BSW continuation budget).

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Master of Social Work Budget
Proposed Year 2 Increment - Planning and Implementing
FY 91

Salary/Benefits:

Director: (Full Professor)	\$50,000	
2 Associate Professors:	34,000	
Benefits @ 32.3%	43,232	
Secretarial Support:	24,000	
Benefits @ 25.3%	6,072	
Adjunct Instructors:	5,000	
Total Salary Increment:		\$212,354

Consultants: 3,000

Library Acquisitions: 12,000
(Journal subscriptions; specialized books and research materials)

Computer Equipment: 5,000

Office Space: 5,000
Costs and Equipment

Contractual Services: 2,000
(In-state communication costs)

Commodities: 2,000

Candidacy Dues, C.S.W.T.: 1,000

In-state Travel: 4,000
(Site visitation/coordination possibly at Fairbanks, Juneau, Dillingham, Bethel, Kenai, Seward, Homer, Kodiak, Valdez)

Out-of-state Travel: 4,000
(C.S.W.E. conference)

Total MSW Year 2 Increment: \$250,354

NOTE: This increment affects MSW Program only. Does not include costs for continuing the J.S.W. Program (see Proposed JSW continuation budget).

POSITION PAPER

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

Supporting the establishment of a program leading to a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Alaska.


The Department of Health and Social Services is in support of this resolution to develop a Masters of Social Work program at the University of Alaska.

The Division of Family and Youth Services (DFYS) is the primary division in the department employing social workers. Of approximately 160 social worker positions within the division, less than half are filled with persons holding a masters in social work degree (MSW). Staff without an MSW must leave the state in order to pursue that degree. The necessity to leave Alaska has deterred many staff from seeking that advanced degree. Of those who leave the state to further their education, a percentage do not return. In addition, we believe an in-state MSW program will assist significantly with increasing the number of Native social workers.

With budget reductions, many child welfare/child protection agencies have been forced to discontinue programs that provided staff the opportunity to return to school to pursue an advanced degree. DFYS' program was discontinued in 1979. If an MSW program were developed in Alaska, DFYS will enable and encourage interested staff to "job share", work part-time, or attend evening classes to obtain their degrees. In addition, DFYS would designate two to five positions in the DFYS office in Anchorage as "rotation" positions, to be filled by staff from other locations who wish to temporarily transfer into Anchorage in order to continue working and attend school part-time. Both of these measures will encourage staff to remain in the state, receive additional training and a degree and, most importantly, improve the services provided to children in state custody. The additional time to further increase knowledge in a chosen profession creates better qualified professionals and avoids burn out and departure from the chosen field of work.

The Director of DFYS is presently a member of the MSW advisory committee at UAA, and the Department will continue to support the University's efforts in this area.

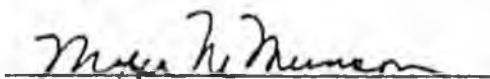
RECOMMENDED:


Yvonne M. Chase, Director
Division of Family
and Youth Services

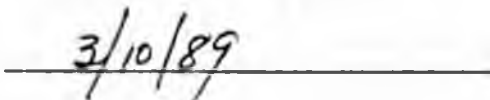
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APPROVED:


Myra M. Munson, Commissioner
Department of Health
and Social Services

DATE:



FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: DHSS
 Title: "Supporting the establishment of a program leading to a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Alaska." BRU: _____
 Sponsor: House HESS Components: _____
 Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Yvonne Chase, Director ymc Phone: 465-3170
 Division: Family and Youth Services Date: 2/7/89
 Approved by Commissioner: Myra M. Munson, Commissioner Date: 3/9/89
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred: February 15, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS: FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 4/6/89

The HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HCR 16

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

[MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM: U OF A]

Supporting the establishment of a program leading to a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Alaska.

RECOMMENDS:

- replacing with CSHCR 16 (HESS) the same title
- the attached amendment(s) 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):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

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

SIGNING DO PASS:

J. Ellis
Peter Joe
W. W. W. W.
J. M. M. M.
B. B. B. B.
C. C. C. C.
M. M. M. M.

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

J. Ellis
 Chairman's signature



Alaska Foster Parents Association

P. O. BOX 140651 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99508




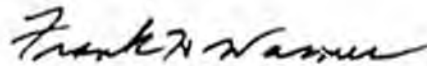
POSITION PAPER HCR 16 ESTABLISHMENT OF MSW PROGRAM

The Alaska Foster Parent Association strongly supports the passage of HCR 16 as a positive step in increasing the level of knowledge and expertise among social workers in Alaska.

If we are to have community based programs in mental health, substance abuse and child protection, it is necessary to provide educational and employment opportunities to our young people. We are in particular need of greater involvement of Native Alaskans and any impediment to education and advanced degrees that we can remove, can only enhance the opportunities available. By keeping Alaskans in Alaska for education, we will promote their return to their home communities to build knowledgeable community-based services and combine the best of both worlds--local, ethnic priorities with educated, knowledgeable service personnel.

Another possible benefit could be the research resulting from advanced studies. We are quite sure that there will be a great deal of academic curiosity directed toward issues of local interest as well as how social issues in Alaska may be similar or different from related issues in other states.


Miriam Sumner
President


Frank H. Wasmer
Vice President



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HES
committee name
 committee on HR 16, dated 3-10-89
bill/subject

I Am BILL AUBE, I HAVE A BSW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE. I AM CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD. I HAVE A HOUSE AND A FAMILY IN ALASKA, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ~~STATE~~ ^{KEEP} THIS MY PERMANENT RESIDENCE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION, IT WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN MSW BEING OFFERED IN ALASKA. THANK YOU

Signed: William R. Aube
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HCR NO. 116 HESS
 committee name
HCR NO. 116
 committee on Masters of Social Work, dated 3/10/89
 bill/subject

- I am a graduate of social work (BSW) here in Fairbanks. I find that the unique situations and problems of Alaska were covered more closely in classes → I think the Masters program would offer more unique ~~sub~~ experiences and ~~other~~ ~~more~~ more programs that are unique to Alaska, because of Alaska and the situations + programs that are sometimes quite different from anywhere I think + program would be very beneficial to the state of Alaska. People needing further education from Alaska but because they have to leave to get Masters will delay forever (really true) and lessen the chance to higher ~~edu~~ education. There are people who leave Alaska and do not return after going ~~the~~ out for higher education. I have had several people ask if Alaska had Masters program → These people were from the states - because of the uniqueness of Alaska.

Signed: Lorita P. Clough
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H.E.S.S.
committee name
 committee on HCR # 16, dated 3-10-89,
bill/subject

As an '86 graduate of UAF-Social Work Bachelor's program, I am very interested in seeing an MSW program developed in Alaska.

I have felt ready to pursue a Masters Degree for the past year but cannot afford to move south nor am I willing to break up my relationship to do so.

In Alaska, service delivery is very different than in other states, particularly in rural areas for Alaska Natives.

Alaska needs a strong MSW program with a cross-cultural, generalist approach. I strongly support HCR #16 and urge it's immediate passage.

Signed: Claine Gordon
Testifier

Taona Chiefs Conference, & Self
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS
committee name

committee on HR #16, dated 3-10-89
bill/subject

I am responding as the former director and present counselor at Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption as well as personally as a graduate of UAF ^{Bachelor's level} Social Work program. Professionally I am aware that our community has recently lost a significant number of service providers at the MSW level or above. Recruitment from out of state is expensive, lengthy, and unsettling when considering that a newcomer to the state has to acclimate to our environment as well as to their new position yet without educational opportunities within the state, we lose Alaskan committed individuals when they must obtain that education outside our state.

Personally, my stake in this is similar. I have a strong desire to pursue my MSW. However, I also have a family firmly rooted in the Fairbanks community. Our alternatives are limited. I can temporarily (1 1/2 - 2 years) leave my family and go Outside to school which would be less than satisfactory with ramifications from long absences as well as the expense of 2 households. OR we can all relocate, disrupting a life we enjoy here with the potential we might not return if the family acclimates well to another community. OR I can suppress my desire to continue my education or obtain an alternative degree which will limit the possibility for the employment which would be realizable with an MSW. An in-State MSW program even if located other than Fairbank makes the above personal concerns less severe with a high potential for success.

Signed: Laurie A. Haldebrand
Testifier

Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS Comm.
committee name

committee on HR 16 HSW, dated _____
bill/subject

I fully support the establishment of a HSW program at the Univ. of Alaska. I received a BSW from UAA in 1984. I am an Athabascan Indian. A HSW degree would have enabled me to take a more active role in working with Alaska Native clients

Signed: Helen Haynes
Testifier

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*Please distribute to
House HESS Ctm. Members*

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
c/o David C. Wagner, Ed.D.
215 Fidalgo Street, Suite 102
Kenai, AK 99611

March 10, 1989

House Health, Education and
Social Service Committee
House of Representative
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

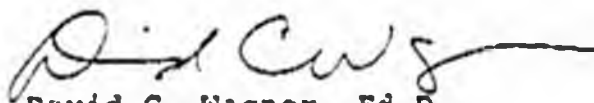
Gentlemen/Ladies:

The Alaska Mental Health Program Directors Association supports the development of a Master of Social Work Degree Program at the University of Alaska for the following reasons:

1. Alaska's unique cultural diversity requires specially trained professionals to meet the emotional, psychological and psychosocial needs of many indigenous ethnic groups within the state. Social workers trained to understand the traditional values, customs and subsistence-based lifestyles of Native groups is essential.
2. Geographic characteristics and climate are important factors that deserve special attention. Mental Health professionals in Alaska must understand the impact climate and isolation make on emotional/psychological wellbeing.
3. Alaska has a shortage of mental health professionals. The problem is especially acute in rural areas. This is due, in part, to lower 48 perceptions of Alaska as a state with a dwindling economy, an undesirable climate, and limited opportunities for professional growth. Over the last several years, mental health centers in Alaska have spent considerable time and money to "sell" Alaska and recruit social workers to the state. This has been done with little success. An in-state MSW Program would provide training which is cost effective and culturally unique.

On behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Program Directors Association, I urge you to support the establishment of an MSW Program at the University of Alaska. Such a program is essential in providing quality care to Alaskans in need of social work services.

For the Alaska Mental Health Program Directors Association, I am



David C. Wagner, Ed.D.
Vice Chairman

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3/16/89

Original sponsor: Health, Education and
Social Services Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Supporting the establishment of a pro-
6 gram leading to a Master of Social Work
7 degree at the University of Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS there is a substantial need for a program leading to a Master
10 of Social Work degree (MSW) in the state, as evidenced by the most recent
11 assessment conducted by Dr. Diane Bernard, who was formerly with the Coun-
12 cil of Social Work Education and is eminently qualified to conduct this
13 type of assessment; and

14 WHEREAS, of the 18 agencies in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau that
15 were contacted as part of the assessment, 16 indicated that there was an
16 immediate need for state-trained master social workers to provide basic
17 social work services, including rural, cross-cultural, mental health, and
18 substance abuse services; and

19 WHEREAS social workers are specifically trained to address rural,
20 cross-cultural, mental health, and substance abuse issues and are trained
21 to bring resources in line with human needs; and

22 WHEREAS state agencies, particularly the division of mental health and
23 developmental disabilities and the division of family and youth services in
24 the Department of Health and Social Services, have expressed a desperate
25 need for additional qualified social workers; and

26 WHEREAS, in a follow-up study of Bachelor of Social Work graduates
27 from the University of Alaska, 60 percent wanted to pursue a MSW and would
28 prefer to obtain that degree in the state; and

29 WHEREAS an advisory committee composed of representatives of the

1 University of Alaska, the Department of Health and Social Services, Native
2 organizations, students, private practitioners, and state legislators was
3 created to address the feasibility of a program leading to the MSW degree
4 in the state, and that committee recommended the implementation of the
5 program;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the addition
7 of a program leading to the Master in Social Work degree to the University
8 of Alaska and encourages the University of Alaska to initiate the develop-
9 ment and implementation of that program as expeditiously as possible.
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