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3/8/90

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

3/8
Pass

(7)

Date Referred: February 22, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/8/90

The HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HR 13

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13 SMOKING BAN IN HOUSE CHAMBERS/HEARING RMS

Relating to a ban on smoking in the chambers and committee rooms of the House of Representatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with _____ the same title
- have 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):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact _____ fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note HESS Comm. zero fiscal note(s) _____
- zero with analysis _____ zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING:
(Check approp. column)

Do Not Pass No Rec Amend

John Ellis

Cheri Davis

Gene Jarboe

Peter Jones

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend

John Ellis
Chairman's Signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Smoking ban in House
Chambers
 Sponsor: House HESS Committee
 Requestor: House HESS Committee

Agency Affected: _____
 BRU: _____
 Components: _____

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						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Jim Nordlund, Staff *Jim Nordlund* Phone: 465-3759
 Division: House HESS Committee Date: 3/6/90

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
 Agency: _____

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AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION of ALASKA

Dedicated to the prevention and control of lung disease

March 7, 1990

Representative Johnny Ellis
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: HR 13

Dear Representative Ellis:

I am writing in support of your resolution that would ban smoking in the Alaska State House Chamber.

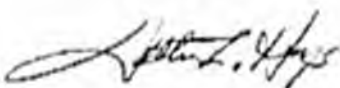
There are many positive signals that at long last our society is recognizing the consequences of smoking and health.

The recent federal ban on smoking on 99% of the U.S. domestic airline flights and the strong statements by Secretary Sullivan regarding the targeting marketing of tobacco products to certain population are positive indicators of this trend. We are becoming increasingly aware of the health risk of smoking for the individual and the associated risk of second hand smoke for non-smokers. Recent studies have indicated that at least 5,000 die annually from second hand smoke. Our society does have the potential to meet the challenge of former Surgeon General C. Everett Coop and become "Smoke Free" by the year 2000.

The health and economic facts are overwhelming. Use of tobacco products is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States. In 1988, 390,000 people died in tobacco related deaths--10% of all premature deaths. During that same year in Alaska, 19% of all deaths were tobacco related. Nationally, 29% of all males smoke and 22% of all females smoke. In Alaska, 45% of all Alaskan males smoke and 33% of all Alaska females smoke. Alaska has the highest incidents of lung cancer death in the United States among both male and female. The economic costs of tobacco use (both direct and indirect) for Alaska is roughly \$100,000,000 annual, and average of \$257 per adult Alaskan.

Since Alaska has not yet passed legislation for a stringent Indoor Clean Air Act, I think it would send a very positive signal of the House would go on record by example in favoring a smoke free environment.

Sincerely,



Walter L. Hays
Executive Director