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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: March 23, 1990
Title: Exempt Service: Certain military employees of DMVA
Sponsor: House Jud.
Requestor: House State Affairs

Agency Affected: DMVA
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						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on DMVA

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MEMORANDUM

March 20, 1990

TO: Representative H.A. "Red" Boucher *Red*
FROM: Representative Max F. Gruenberg, Jr. *MFG*
RE: Hearing Request for HB 586.

On behalf of Representative Ron Larson and myself, I would like to request a hearing for HB 586, "An act placing certain military employees of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs in the exempt service; and providing for an effective date."

This bill creates exempt positions in the DMVA for fire-fighters and security personnel who are required to be Alaska National Guardsmen. Through these positions, the DMVA will receive federal funding for 8 new crash-rescue fire-fighters at Kulis Air National Guard Base. The positions and all of their required support are fully funded by the federal government.

Since Kulis ANG base is located adjacent to Anchorage International Airport, these fire-fighters will provide a valuable addition to the existing airport crash-rescue capabilities.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would schedule a hearing for this bill at your earliest possible convenience.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
POSITION PAPER
HB 586

Summary of Bill: The bill would create new classes of exempt employees in the statutes. These new classes would be for security personnel and crash-rescue firefighters in DMVA who are required to be members of the Alaska National Guard.

Background: Exempt employees are not covered by the state merit system, personnel rules, or collective bargaining laws. Positions in DMVA which are required to be filled by members of the Alaska National Guard are subject to National Guard regulations and procedures concerning employment standards and performance, discipline, and other aspects covered by the state personnel system.

Impact of Bill on Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: The department has recently received federal funding for eight new full time state positions in the crash-rescue firefighting unit at Kulis Air National Guard Base. Because this new mission is a military mission, the DMVA will require that the individuals filling the positions be members of the Alaska National Guard.

Additional justification for requiring these positions to be filled by members of the National Guard is as follows: 1) the training required for these positions to obtain and maintain eligibility to perform the duties is available only on a military base and is available only to military personnel; 2) the work of the positions will be done under strict military guidelines and requirements, and will entail the high degree of risk associated with military personnel assigned to this mission; 3) the positions will be trained as backup security guards for Kulis ANG Base, requiring their familiarity with military weaponry; 4) the positions will be working with and for other military personnel on Kulis ANG Base, and will be expected to adhere to military standards, discipline, chain of command, and courtesy; 5) the positions will be required to obtain a military security clearance to perform some of their duties; 6) passage of annual physical fitness tests and random drug tests required under military regulations will be a condition for retention of the job.

Because the new positions to be created will be military, the department needs the freedom of appointment, discipline, and dismissal for the positions that can only be provided by creating the positions in the exempt service.

The inclusion of security guards in the language of the bill is in anticipation of the high probability that the National Guard Bureau will require the department to provide military security guards at Kulis ANG Base in the near future, to replace the contracted security guards now providing limited security service. The justification for these positions to be military is the same as for the firefighters.

A side benefit of passage of this legislation is that the flexibility it provides to the department would make it more able to compete successfully within the National Guard to attract more federally funded state positions.

Departmental Position on Bill: DMVA strongly supports this bill.

Approved: J. Morrison Date: 3/22/90
for MG John W. Schaeffer

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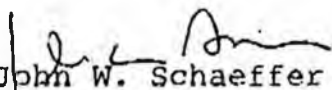
The Honorable Ronald Larson
Alaska State Representative
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Dear Representative Larson:

We feel that House bill 586 must be enacted this year if we are to take advantage of the opportunity to hire eight full time crash-rescue firefighters this year.

I have enclosed a position paper which details our positions. Please call should you need additional information.

Sincerely,


John W. Schaeffer
Major General
Alaska National Guard
The Adjutant General

Enclosure