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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

5/5/89

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 5/7/89

Mr. President:

FINANCE Committee considered CSHB 65 (HESS)

continuation of adult public assistance during mental health or other temporary institutionalization;efd.

and recommended

- replace with _____ CS _____) same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____) new title
- attached amendment(s) and technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

~~do pass~~

do not pass

no recommendation


individual recommendations

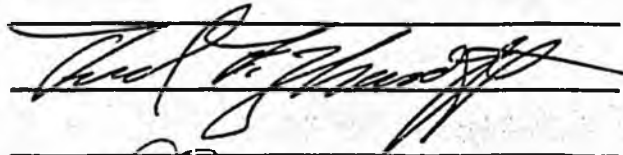
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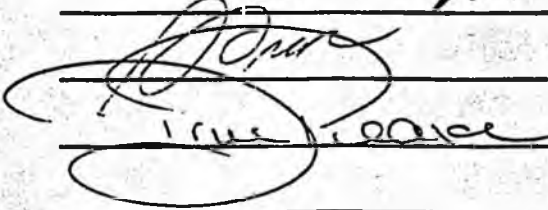
FISCAL NOTE(S) zero fiscal impact appropriation no FN
 new updated previous DH 43512-4
 same as previous fiscal note(s) published _____

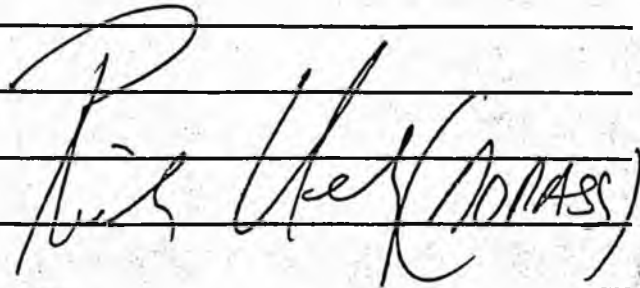
MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



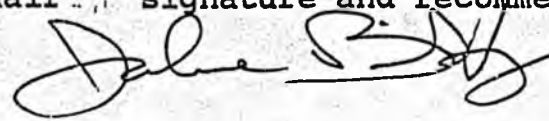






Chair: signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached

 DO-PASS
 CO-CHAIR

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Continuation of APA during
temporary institutionalization
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 BRU: Assistance Payments
 Components: Adult Public Assistance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See analysis attached.

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Division: Public Assistance

Approved by Commissioner: Myra B. Munson
 Agency: Health and Social Services

Phone: 465-3347

Date: 11/1/88

Date: 11-14-88

Distribution (by preparer):

Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

Adopted

ANALYSIS:

It has been determined that approximately 13 cases might be affected by this change. The average APA supplemental grant for FY 89, based on 4% cost of living adjustment due 1/1/89, is \$317. This average payment was multiplied by the number of persons who may benefit from this change times three (maximum months paid) to determine the annual cost to the State of Alaska to provide continued benefits to this group during short term institutionalization. It was determined that 13 persons admitted to API may benefit for a total fiscal impact of \$12,400 in 1989. It is probable that no one admitted to Pioneers Homes will qualify for continued APA benefits due to the nature of placements there. Most are for long-term care, thus, no fiscal impact is anticipated for this group. Future years will be impacted based on the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Original sponsor: Rules/Governor

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to continuation of adult public
7 assistance during mental health or other temporary
8 institutionalization; and providing for an effective
9 date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 47.25.430(c) is amended to read:

12 (c) Payment under AS 47.25.430 - 47.25.615 may not be made to a
13 person who is a resident of a public institution (except as a patient
14 in a public medical institution) or a person who is a patient in a
15 public or private institution for treatment of a mental disease. For
16 purposes of this subsection, "resident" and "patient" do not include a
17 person who is institutionalized for medical services for a period of
18 less than three months if the person needs to continue to maintain and
19 provide for the expenses of a home or living arrangement to which that
20 person may return upon discharge from the institution.

21 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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cc
HB 65

January 9, 1989

The Honorable Sam Cotten
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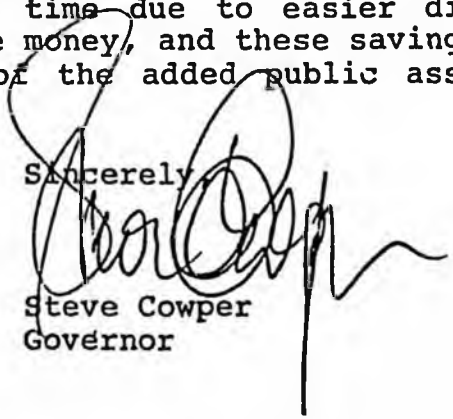
Dear Representative Cotten:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill which would allow an adult public assistance recipient to continue to receive State public assistance benefits for up to three months while a patient in a public institution such as Alaska Psychiatric Institute or a Pioneers' Home, or while a patient in a private institution for treatment of a mental disease.

This change will parallel the new federal law that provides for a continuation of certain Social Security (SSI) benefits to individuals who will be institutionalized for less than three months. The continuation of these benefits will mean that persons who are temporarily institutionalized for medical services will be able to maintain their homes. Discharge planning is much more difficult if an individual has to give up his or her home due to the loss of such benefits. This results in increased institutionalization time while other accommodations are arranged.

The additional expense to the State as a result of this bill is estimated to be relatively small. At the same time, shorter institutionalization time due to easier discharge planning would save the State money, and these savings could more than offset the cost of the added public assistance benefits.

Sincerely,


Steve Cowper
Governor