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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/2/90

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3/20/90

The Finance Committee considered

SB 372

"An Act continuing the existence of the Board of Nursing Home Administrators; and providing for an effective date."

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____
- or adopt _____ CS _____
- attached amendment(s)
- _____ letter of intent adopted
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to _____

- same title
- new title
- technical title change (HB only)

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

- fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note(s) _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) _____ Dept/Date:
- zero fiscal note(s) _____
DATED 1/4/90

appropriation-no fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

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1. [Signature] Do Pass

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. [Signature] (NO PASS)

Co-Chairs Signatures and Recommendations

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
 Title: An Act continuing the existence of BRU: Occupational Licensing
the Board of Nursing Home Administrators;...
 Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: Admin. Boards, Inv.
 Requestor: Governor

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	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

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)

Funding for continuation of the Board of Nursing Home Administrators is included in the department's FY 91 operating budget request. For information purposes only, attached shows the division's FY 91 budget allocation for the Board of Nursing Home Administrators.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Officer Phone: 465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: January 3, 1990
 Approved by Commissioner: Larry Mercurieff Date: 4 Jan 90
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

Distribution (by preparer):

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

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. _____

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

FY 91 Budget Allocation for the Board of Nursing Home Administrators

PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 6.7
TRAVEL	1.1
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1.6
SUPPLIES	<u>.1</u>
Total Allocation	\$ 9.5

Introduced: 1/8/90
Referred: Health, Education and Social
Services and Finance

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BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 372

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act continuing the existence of the Board of
7 Nursing Home Administrators; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 08.03.010(c)(9) is amended to read:

11 (9) Board of Nursing Home Administrators (AS 08.70.010) -
12 June 30, 1994 [1990].

13 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

The Honorable Tim Kelly
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to continue the existence of the Board of Nursing Home Administrators (AS 08.70) for four years. Under current law, the board is scheduled to "sunset" June 30, 1990 (AS 08.03.010(c)(9)). There is a "wind-down" period of one year under AS 08.03.020.

If the board is allowed to "sunset," Alaska could not comply with federal law. 42 U.S.C. 1395i-3(e)(4) requires the state to implement and enforce skilled nursing facility administrator standards developed by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Under AS 08.70.050(a) and (b), the Board of Nursing Home Administrators is responsible for adopting regulations setting standards for the licensing of nursing home administrators and adopting regulations "necessary . . . to meet the requirements" of Title 19 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.).

Furthermore, the board's responsibilities have been somewhat increased by amendments to 42 U.S.C. 1396 contained in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ("OBRA") of 1987 (P.L. 100-203), which established stricter criteria for the federal certification and licensing of nursing homes. Compliance with OBRA is necessary in order for nursing homes to continue to receive federal reimbursement for services provided for their medicaid-eligible residents.

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators is responsible for maintaining a high standard of skill for those who administer our state's nursing homes. Many of our senior citizens rely on nursing homes for their care, and nursing home administrators serve a critical function in assuring that this care is of the highest caliber.

Our senior citizens deserve the very best care possible, and I believe that the board's activities in administering, implementing, and enforcing our nursing home administrator laws are essential. I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cowper", written over the typed name.

Steve Cowper
Governor