

HB

65

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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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April 12, 1989

The Honorable Paul Fischer
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
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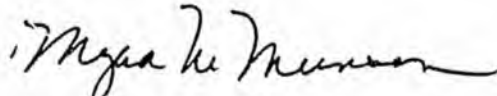
Dear Senator Fischer:

First, I would like to thank you for scheduling SB 189 and SB 239 so promptly in the HESS committee. I realize that it is rapidly becoming a very busy time of the session and as a result, committee time is increasingly valuable.

The Department of Health and Social Services has another bill, HB 65, which has reached the committee. House Bill 65 allows an individual who is temporarily institutionalized in a public institution (pioneer home or Alaska Psychiatric Institute) and is maintaining and providing for the expenses of a living arrangement to continue to receive Adult Public Assistance (APA) benefits during the institutionalization. To qualify for this benefit, a physician must certify in advance that the institutional stay will be for less than 90 days. The APA benefit will allow individuals to maintain their living arrangement to which they can return. This should help to prevent premature institutionalization.

We would appreciate Senate HESS's consideration of this legislation at the earliest date possible. Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Myra M. Munson
Commissioner

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

FIN

4/8/89

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 5/5/89

Mr. President:

HESS 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

further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) zero fiscal impact appropriation no FN

new updated previous

same as previous fiscal note(s) published _____

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Ray Jones

Al Adams

Tim Kelly

Paul Frick (Do Pass)
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached

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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	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94

REVENUE	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

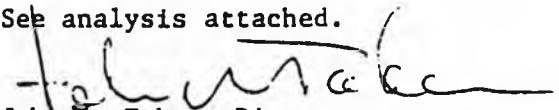
GENERAL FUND	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4

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

Date: 11-14-88

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)

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).