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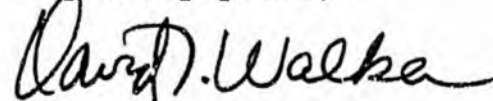
Senator Paul Fischer, Chairman
Senate Health, Education &
Social Services
Capitol Building, Room 508
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Fischer:

I am the registered Lobbyist for the Alaska Nurses' Association. I would appreciate it if you or a member of your staff would contact me if you have any question or suggestion concerning legislation treating nurses, nursing, or the regulation of the practice of nursing.

The Association is the largest nursing organization in Alaska. The Association has always appreciated the Legislature's interest in providing quality health care and appreciates the opportunity to work with the Legislature to improve health care, and contain health care costs.

Very truly yours,



David T. Walker

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cc: Constance Trollan

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Soldotna, Alaska 99669
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March 24, 1989

Mr. Randall Burns, Director
Div. of Occupational Licensing
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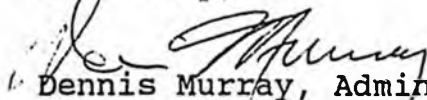
Dear Mr. Burns:

I wanted to follow up the discussion at the recent HAA meeting concerning the present language in Senate Bill 156 concerning regulation of nurse's aides by the board of nursing. One concern expressed in that discussion was Sec. 08.68.218. The proposed language would require that a nurse's aide be certified before being allowed to work as a nurse's aide. It was pointed out that the requirements of the federal law are less restrictive, i.e., they provide that the nurse's aide have 16 hours of training before being allowed to provide patient care and to have completed the training and certification within four months of employment.

You indicated that you had no problem with changing the language to correspond with the federal requirement. I would encourage you to do that as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Dennis Murray, Administrator

✓ cc. Senator Paul Fischer, Chair-Senate HESS

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 5-DAY NOTICE 3/2/89
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

2/3/89

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**FISCAL NOTE(S) MUST BE ATTACHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 3/9/89

Mr. President:

HESS

Committee considered SB 156

relating to the regulation of nurse aides by the Board of Nursing; efd.

and recommended:

- replace with CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) and new title
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

FISCAL NOTE(S) attached

zero

Previous Attached.

fiscal impact

appropriation no FN attached

Gov. FN introduced w/ bill

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

[Signature]

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Cee Adams - No Rec
Jim Kelly No Rec
J. Dana No Rec

[Signature]
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee backup attached

Alaska State Legislature

SENATOR PAUL FISCHER, Chairman
SENATOR JIM DUNCAN, Vice Chairman
SENATOR AL ADAMS
SENATOR LLOYD JONES
SENATOR TIM KELLY



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Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. SB 156 Regulation of Nurses Aides _____
- ✓ 2. SCR 2 Establishes a Family Support Task Force _____
3. SB 12 G.O. Bonds School Construction _____
4. SB 100 State Aid For School Construction _____
5. SB 29 Medicaid Payments for Psychologists (Testimony only) Ⓢ 4:30
- ✓ 6. Alaska Mental Health Board

Senator Jones called and said he will be late- will arrive around 4 p.m.

Mon

SB 100 -

Mon

Wed + Fri - Resol.

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL VERSION:cs SB 156 (Finance) (a)

1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PUBLISH DATE: 4/6/89

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

REVISION DATE: _____
TITLE: Regulation of nurse aides
by Board of Nursing
SPONSOR: Rules/Governor
REQUESTOR: _____

AGENCY: Commerce & Econ Development
BRU: Occupational Licensing
COMPONENTS: Administration

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
OPERATING						
PERS. SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND/BUILD.						
GRANTS/CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS		96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1
TOTAL		96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

GENERAL FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER I-A Rects		96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1
TOTAL		96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1	96.1

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS:

SEE ATTACHED

PREPARED BY:


SENATOR RICK UEHLING, CO-CHAIRMAN
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 5, 1989

PHONE No.: 465-4821

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156 (Finance)

"An Act relating to the regulation of nurse aides by the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date."

ANALYSIS

Under the Nursing Reform Act of 1987 (PL 103-200), the federal government requires each state to create a nurse aide training and certification program and to begin implementation of the program at the start of 1989. As a result, funding of \$96.1 is being provided to the Division of Occupational Licensing by interagency receipts from the Division of Medical Assistance in the Department of Health and Social Services. The federal government is funding a portion of the \$96.1 for FY 89 and FY 90 after which the costs to run the program will be built into the occupational licensing operation budget. Therefore, new funds are not required at this time.

04/05/89

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act relating to the reg-
 ulation of nurse aides
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 BRU: Medical Assistance
Administration
 Components: Certification &
Licensing

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-				
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-				
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	128.2				
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-				
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-				
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	128.2	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	64.1	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	64.1				
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	128.2	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary) An increment has been included within the Governor's FY90 budget request to pay for expenditures associated with the nurse aid registry in FY90. Of this request, one-half or 64.1 are general funds and an equal amount are federal funds.

Prepared by: Kim Busch, Director
 Division: Medical Assistance

Phone: 465-3355
 Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: *Blanche Beum, Acting*
Nyra H. Munson, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Date: July 1, 1989

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SFC: 4/6/89

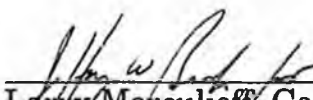
SB 156: An Act relating to the regulation of nurse aides by the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date.

SB 156 places responsibility for creation of Alaska's nurse aide training and certification program under the Alaska Board of Nursing. Under the Nursing Reform Act of 1987 (PL 103-200), the federal government has mandated each state to establish a program to certify nurse aides who work in long-term care facilities in order to continue eligibility for medicare and medicaid funding for those facilities.

The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services, and the Division of Occupational Licensing, Department of Commerce and Economic Development have agreed that responsibility for the training and certification of nurse aides required by PL 103-200 fits most appropriately under the auspices of the Alaska Board of Nursing; therefore, this bill is drafted to state the board's authority in this area.

Federal funding is available to the state to defray a portion of the start-up costs of this program which, by law, had to be in place at the start of 1989. As of January 1, 1989, the state must begin to implement a registry for nurse aides, with the certification program to be in place and fully operational by January 1, 1990.

In summary, this bill is necessary to place the nurse aide training and registration responsibilities under the Board of Nursing; satisfy the federal mandate for a certification program for nurse aides in long-term health care facilities; and ensure continued eligibility for medicare and medicaid funding. The department supports passage of SB 156.



Larry Mercurieff, Commissioner
Department of Commerce and
Economic Development

Date: 2/15/89

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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February 13, 1989

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Honorable Paul Fischer, Chairman
Senate Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

Re: SB 156

Under the Nursing Reform Act of 1987, the federal government requires each state to create a nurse aide training and certification program and to begin implementation of the program at the beginning of 1989. Accordingly, the Governor has introduced legislation which gives the Board of Nursing statutory authority to adopt regulations regarding the training and registration of nurse aides. Without a nurse aide certification program, long-term-care facilities in the state will not meet new federal qualification standards and therefore will not be eligible for Medicare and Medicaid funding.

Attached is the department's position paper on this necessary piece of legislation. The fiscal note accompanied the bill at introduction.

I would appreciate very much your scheduling this bill for a hearing as soon as possible. You will find widespread support for the legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Harry Mercurieff
Commissioner

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Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
Title: An Act relating to the regulation of BRU: Occupational Licensing
nurse aides by the Board of Nursing.
Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: _____
Requester: Governor

EXPENDITURES / REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

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

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Under the Nursing Reform Act of 1987 (PL 103-200), the federal government requires each state to create a nurse aide training and certification program and to begin implementation of the program at the start of 1989. As a result, funding of \$96.1 is being provided to the Division of Occupational Licensing from the Division of Medical Assistance through a transfer of interagency receipts.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Officer Phone: 465-2144
Division: Occupational Licensing Date: March 6, 1989

Approved by Commissioner: Larry Mencilteff, Commissioner Phone: 465-2500
Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development Date: 3/7/89

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CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

SB 156

The Medical Assistance BRU will thereafter continue to fund this program through an RSA to the Occupational Licensing BRU.

The federal government will match state expenditures for this program of at least a 50% rate.

For FY 89, the interagency transfer expenditure breakdown is as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 41.0
Travel	10.0
Contractual	38.1
Supplies	1.0
Equipment	<u>6.0</u>
TOTAL	\$ 96.1

For FY 90 and thereafter, the breakdown is as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 58.4
Travel	12.8
Contractual	55.5
Supplies	<u>1.5</u>
TOTAL	\$128.2