

HB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER

2/14/89

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 3/8/89

Mr. President:

L&C Committee considered CSHB 71 (L&C)

elevator safety standards; efd

and recommended

- replace with Senate CS SHB 71 (L+C)) same tit
- or adopt _____ CS _____) new tit
- attached amendment(s) and technical
- _____ letter of intent adopted title chang
- _____ letter of intent adopted (HB only)

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

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached

STATE OF ALASKA
1989 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION : SCS CSHB 71 (L&C)
PUBLISH DATE : _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Labor
Title: " An Act relating to elevator
safety standards; ... " BRU: Labor Standards & Safety
Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: _____
Requestor: Senate Labor & Commerce Mechanical Inspection

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	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



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CC
HB 71

January 9, 1989

The Honorable Sam Cotten
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Cotten:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to elevator safety standards.

The bill contains two components. First, the bill updates the minimum elevator safety standards in the state, by substituting the 1987 for the 1984 edition of the code published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and by adding standards for opening of certain doors on passenger elevators (by deleting the present statutory exemption in AS 18.60.800(a)). Second, by substituting the 1988 inspection manual for the 1982 edition, the bill updates the inspection procedures to conform to present national standards that the Department of Labor must use to inspect elevators and escalators in the state.

Enactment of the bill will allow for increased safety to the public by recognizing advances made in the elevator industry since the prior code and inspection standards were adopted in statute. The bill includes an immediate effective date to help assure public safety. I understand that the elevator industry is already meeting the higher standards, and the immediate effective date should pose no problem. I urge your favorable consideration of, and prompt action on, this matter.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cowper".

Steve Cowper
Governor

Section by Section
CSHB 71 (L & C)

Section 1:

This section does two things: First, it updates the State's minimum elevator safety standards by adopting the 1987 Elevator Code published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Every three years, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers revises the safety code for elevators, and the 1987 code is the latest effort in this regard. The 1984 code currently in effect is, therefore, outdated and will not be reprinted or otherwise available from the publishers.

In addition, Section 1 of the bill provides for adoption of a section of the Elevator Code which has not previously been adopted by Alaska. This section of the code permits the opening of elevator doors from inside the elevator only if the elevator is within 18 inches of the floor landing. However, the doors must be openable from outside the elevator, regardless of the elevator's distance from the landing. This restriction on the opening of the doors is designed to assure the safe exiting of passengers from elevators, and still provide for their evacuation in an emergency. Most newer elevators in the State presently have devices on them to restrict the opening of doors in this manner. However, many older elevators in use do not, and may not be of a design conducive to reasonable or practical retrofitting. Section 4 of the bill, therefore, provides for the door opening restriction to be applicable only to elevators installed after the effective date of the bill.

Section 2:

This section provides for adoption of the 1988 Elevator/Escalator Inspection Manual which is used by the Department of Labor's elevator inspectors. The 1988 manual is the latest edition and replaces the 1982 edition presently in effect.

Section 3:

This section provides for the adoption of future editions of the Elevator Code and Inspection Manual to be accomplished by the Department through the adoption of regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Section 4:

Provides for the new section on opening of elevator doors to apply only to elevators installed after the effective date of the bill.

Sections 5 and 6:

Provide effective dates only. The 1987 Elevator Code and 1988 Inspection Manual would be adopted immediately, and the Department's authority to adopt future elevator and inspection standards by regulation would take effect July 1, 1989.

Prepared by the Department of Labor

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March 8, 1989

The Honorable Dick Eliason
Chairman
Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Eliason:

As requested by your staff, following are the statistics the Department provided the House Labor and Commerce Committee on the incidence of people being stranded in elevators in the State.

There are five major elevator companies in the State which collectively have approximately 1300 elevators. Although the companies do not keep a formal record of such incidents, they estimate that last year they received 150 reports of persons being stranded in elevators.

We appreciate you interest.

Sincerely,



Eileen Plate
Special Assistant

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