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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

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3/9/89

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3/21/89

Mr. President:

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Committee considered

SB 156

regulation of nurse aides by the Board of Nursing; efd

and recommended

[] replace with _____ CS _____

[] or adopt _____ CS _____

[] attached amendment(s) and

[] _____ letter of intent adopted

[] same title
[] new title
[] technical title change (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 2/3/89

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Chairman signature and recommendation

[] Committee Backup attached

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.
 Title: An Act relating to the regulation of BRU: Occupational Licensing
nurse aides by the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date.
 Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: Administration
 Requestor: 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
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 by interagency receipts from the Division of

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 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: January 19, 1989

Approved by Commissioner: Larry Merculieff, Commissioner Date: 1/2/89
 Agency: Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development

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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-
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REVENUE						
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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.

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Date: _____

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

Date: February 1, 1989

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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 3, 1989

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 that will authorize the Board of Nursing in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) to adopt regulations that establish a program for certifying nurse aides.

A recent federal law requires states to certify the education and competency testing, and to register, nurse aides. Without this certification program, the state's long-term-care facilities will no longer qualify for medicare and medicaid money.

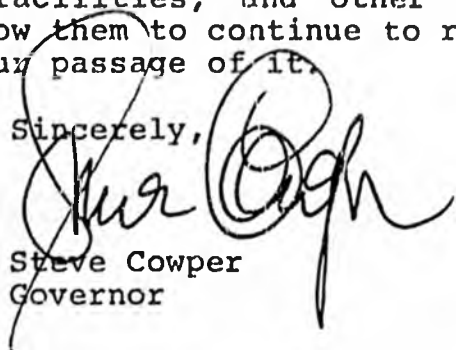
The division of medical assistance, in the Department of Health and Social Services, and the division of occupational licensing in DCED are jointly developing the education and competency testing components of this program. These agencies have agreed that the licensing and certification aspects should be in the division of occupational licensing, and the Board of Nursing has agreed to assume responsibility for the regulation of nurse aides.

The effective date of the requirement that a person be certified and registered before practicing as a nurse aide is delayed until January 1, 1990, to allow persons currently practicing as nurse aides to continue doing so until they have a reasonable opportunity to meet the standards and requirements that will be developed under sec. 2 of this bill.

The divisions understand that the federal government will provide approximately 90 percent of the costs of running this program in FY 89 and FY 90. After that, the state will have to assume the cost of the program.

Because this bill will advance the quality of care that provided by long-term-care facilities, and other health care facilities, and will allow them to continue to receive federal assistance, I urge your passage of it.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper
Governor

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 operating budget. Therefore, new funds are not required at this time.

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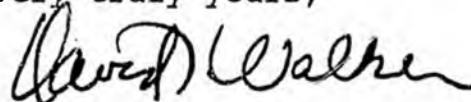
Senator Dick Eliason, Chairman
Senate Labor & Commerce
Capitol Building, Room 417
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Eliason:

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