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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 500

HB 500 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund for the design, construction, and installation of a statue commemorating the internment of Alaskan Aleuts during World War II.

1992 is the 50th anniversary of the government's decision to move the Aleuts of the Pribilof Islands to several sites in Southeast Alaska. This was done against the wishes of the Aleut people, and while it was supposedly done for protection, whites on the islands were not moved. In fact, during the seal hunting season of 1943, the Aleut men were allowed to return to the islands to hunt, only to be removed again once they had sold their furs to government traders.

The location of the statue was influenced by three issues. First, during the improvements made to Spenard Road, there were three areas designed and constructed for the placement of statuary. This location is one of those places. Secondly, Spenard Road is the major road link between Anchorage International Airport and the downtown business and hotel area. The statue would be seen by those travelling to and from the airport, and would be on the travelling route of most city tours. Finally, Northwood Drive is used by children going to and from school and would spark their curiosities about this event in Alaskan history.

I believe that this statue will serve to remind Alaskans and visitors alike of this tragic event in our state's history, so that we never again repeat such treatment.

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ALEUT MEMORIAL STATUE

DESCRIPTION OF COSTS

The initial cost will go to the search for an artist and design of a statue appropriate for the subject and the location. The search will be done with the intention of selecting an Alaskan artist who will be sensitive to this subject. This phase will cost approximately \$5,000.00.

The second phase of the project will be the actual construction of the statue. Because the statue will be done in bronze, making it more capable of withstanding the weather, this construction will cost approximately \$60,000.00.

The final phase of the project is the actual installation of the statue. Because the selected location is already designed for statuary, the costs will be only for placement and securing of the work. However, because earthquakes, high winds, and heavy snow must be taken into consideration, as well as vandalization, the cost of this phase will be approximately \$10,000.00.

The total cost breakout as follows:

Selection of Artist and Statue Design	\$ 5,000.00
Construction of Bronze Statue	\$60,000.00
Installation and Securing of Statue	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total:	\$75,000.00

