

HB 150

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES ELLIS, Brown

Introduced: 2/20/91

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Funding Information: General Fund \$1,280,000

Other Funds -0-
\$1,280,000

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services
2 for a grant to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center; and providing for an effective
3 date."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
6 provides primary medical, dental, and related health services necessary to meet community needs; the
7 center is the only source of primary health care for low income persons in Anchorage; the center can
8 only treat 25 percent of the over 48,000 low income persons in Anchorage due to a shortage of space;
9 expansion of the center is necessary in order to meet community needs for health care services.

10 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$1,280,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Health
11 and Social Services for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.316 to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health
12 Center for expansion of facilities.

13 * Sec. 3. The appropriation made by this Act is for a capital project and lapses under AS 37.25.020.

14 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY ELLIS MEMORANDUM

TO: Reps. Mike Navarre and Eileen MacLean, Co-Chairs
House Finance

FROM: Rep. Johnny Ellis *JE*

DATE: April 24, 1991

RE: House Bill 150

Thank you for scheduling House Bill 150.

HEALTH CENTER EXPANSION

House Bill 150 appropriates \$1.28 million* (see bottom of page) for the expansion of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center. The Health Center needs to expand in order to serve uninsured and low income people. In 1990, over 58 percent of the Health Center's patients were uninsured. An additional 24 percent were Medicaid and/or Medicare patients.

CANNOT SERVE 75% OF ANCHORAGE AREA PATIENTS

At this time, ANHC is only able to treat 25 percent of Anchorage's low income residents. They cannot meet the needs of the other 75 percent without additional space and health care providers.

ANHC SERVES MORE THAN ANCHORAGE

Additionally, the numbers of patients served who live outside the Anchorage area is increasing. In 1989, nine percent of ANHC's patients were from outside the Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla and Girdwood area. In 1990, the number had grown to nearly 15 percent.

CUTS TO ANHC

The ANHC was hit hard by Governor Cowper's Social Services Block Grant and line item vetoes in 1990. The losses to ANHC totalled \$687,000, which amounts to 22 percent of the ANHC FY91 budget. But the losses to low income, uninsured and homeless people of Anchorage is much worse. The cuts eliminated dental services at ANHC and resulted in losses in maternal and child health programs, cancer screening programs and health care for the homeless. Additionally, it eliminated a grant for prenatal care and delivery services for low income high risk patients.

* The ANHC has worked to reduce the original appropriation through extra cost-saving measures. The chart on the back of this page indicates the elimination of some requests in order to reduce the original appropriation needed from \$1.28 million to \$1.13 million.

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ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER
SOURCES AND APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS

SOURCES:

Request for funds from the State Legislature and/or Governor's Office	\$1,280,000
Community Development Block Grant (pending approval)	32,000
Community Development Block Grant	25,000
TOTAL SOURCES	<u>\$1,337,000</u>

APPLICATIONS:

Bid Ready Architectural Package	\$ 57,000
New Construction	518,000
Site Work	150,000
Cut and Patch existing building at addition interface	100,000
Construction Contingency (10% of new construction)	76,800
Existing Building Renovation	51,800
Upgrading Existing Mechanical Systems	125,000 75,000
Project Administration	71,775 68,000
Purchase of Adjacent Lot for Parking	50,000
Demolition of Building on Adjacent Lot	15,000
Paving and Lighting for Additional Parking	31,625
Equipment and Furniture	90,000
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS	<u>\$1,337,000</u>

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