

HB 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROWN, Ellis, Hudson

Introduced: 2/22/91

Referred: State Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$5,000,000
	Other Funds	<u>-0-</u>
		\$5,000,000

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making a special appropriation to the barrier free facility fund; and providing
2 for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the barrier free facility
5 fund (AS 35.50.010).

6 * Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act is not a one-year appropriation and does not lapse under
7 AS 37.25.010.

8 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect on the effective date of an Act enacted by the Seventeenth Alaska
9 State Legislature that creates the barrier free facility fund (AS 35.50.010).



Department of Transportation
and Public Facilities

POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: HB 157

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

TITLE: An Act making a special appropriation
to the barrier free facility fund

DATE: 1/21/92

The department supports the bill. However, the funding level as provided will only begin to pay for the work that is actually needed. The department's conservative estimate is that the total, statewide cost for removing barriers in facilities owned by the state and private entities may be well in excess of \$200 million.



Community Connections PO Box 9586 • Rm. No. 320 NBA Bldg. • Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 • (907) 225-7825

February 24, 1992

Eileen Panigeo MacLean, Representative
Mike Navarre, Representative
House Finance Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senators MacLean and Navarre:

HB157 which capitalizes the proposed Barrier Free Remodeling Fund with \$5 million is up for consideration to become law, Community Connections asks you to support this measure since it assists specialized needs for persons with disabilities.

Community Connections is a non-profit corporation based in Southern Southeast Alaska. This agency provides many disabled persons and their families support to achieve their own personal goals for managing their daily lives and for having valued roles of participation in the physical and social life of their communities.

Community Connections philosophy is to design services around the needs of people, not buildings or places. Our efforts are aimed at helping individual people and their families be empowered to meet their goals for learning, earning, coming and going, having valued roles and experiencing their full civil rights as contributing members of their communities.

Thank you for your time and we appreciate your help in making this bill become law.

Sincerely,

Kevin Miller
President, Community Connections

Joanna DeSanto
Executive Director, Community Connections

cc: Mark Boyer, Representative
Kay Brown, Representative
George G. Jacko, Jr., Representative
Niilo Koponen, Representative
Ron Larson, Representative
Fran Ulmer, Representative
Ramona Barnes, Representative
Randy Phillips, Representative
Bert Sharp, Representative