

HB566

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: April 6, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/92

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 566

HOUSE BILL NO. 566

EXXON VALDEZ SPILL ENDOWMENT GRANTS

"An Act establishing an endowment in the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation to fund grants for educational, public affairs, and tourism purposes related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, for environmental monitoring, and for related marine pollution and coastal habitat education; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 566 (FIN) the same title
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact Revenue

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
Bojarski Koponen	✓	EP Maclean Maclean		X	✓
Donald J. Larson	X	Mike Savare Navarre		✓	
A. Ulmer Ulmer	X	Mark Boyer Boyer		X	
		Tay Brown Brown		✓	
		Ben A. Chap Chap		✓	
		ROD E. CREE Phillips		✓	
		Steve T. Jallo Jallo		X	
		Thomas Barnes Barnes		X	

Mike Savare NAVARRE
EP Maclean
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE
Maclean

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 566

Revision Date: April 21, 1992
Title: An endowment in the Alaska Science and
Technology Foundation
Sponsor: Hs Resources Committee
Requestor: Hs Resources Committee

Department Affected: Revenue
BRU: Science & Technology
Component: Science & Technology

Component Serial No.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 23.9	\$ 23.9	\$ 23.9	\$ 23.9	\$ 23.9	\$ 23.9
TRAVEL	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
CONTRACTUAL	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
SUPPLIES	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
EQUIPMENT	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	265.8	265.8	265.8	265.8	265.8	265.8
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	\$300.0	\$ 300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE-Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Endowment	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0
TOTAL	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0	\$300.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME	1	1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: Administration of the endowment will require a half-time Grant Administrator range 17.
An estimated 50 - 60 grant applications per year will be reviewed with 15 grants actually awarded.

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Division: Science & Technology Foundation Date: 4/20/92
Approved by Commissioner: *David* 4/22/92
Agency: Revenue

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).



ALASKA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION
 — Putting Innovation to Work for Alaska —

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rod Mourant, Legislative Liaison
FROM: John W. Silbert, Executive Director
SUBJECT: FISCAL NOTE
DATE: April 9, 1992

ASTF was asked to supply costs for the Administration of the Oil Spill Funds under Representative Cliff Davidson's HB 566. ASTF has compiled two scenarios for dealing with this new endowment should the bill pass. They are as follows:

OPTION 1

Support to a Technology Administrator requested in ASTF's FY93 Operating budget would require the following:

Travel	\$5,000
Contractual	5,000
Supplies	1,000
Equipment	<u>4,500</u>
TOTAL	\$15,500

OPTION 2

If ASTF does not receive the two Technology Administrator positions in the FY93 Operating budget the fiscal note for the Oil Spill Endowment would be as follows:

Half-time Grants Admin 17A	\$23,878
Travel	2,500
Contractual	2,500
Supplies	750
Equipment	<u>4,500</u>
TOTAL	\$34,128

CC: Davidson

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 566 (FINANCE)
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A BILL

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 4 marine pollution and coastal habitat education; and providing for an effective date."

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

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7 (b) The purpose of the foundation is to

8 (1) administer the Alaska science and technology endowment under
 9 AS 37.17.020 -37.17.030 and 37.17.090 to promote and enhance, through basic and applied
 10 research, [:] economic development and technological innovation in Alaska, [:] public health, [:]
 11 telecommunications, [:] and sustained growth and development of Alaskan scientific and
 12 engineering capabilities; and

13 (2) administer the Exxon Valdez oil spill education endowment under
 14 AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.290 in order to make grants for educational purposes related to the

1 Exxon Valdez oil spill, to promote environmental monitoring through increased public
2 awareness, and for related marine pollution and coastal habitat education.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 37.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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10 States and Exxon Shipping Company and Exxon Corporation in United States of America v.
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12 Alaska, No. A90-015 CR;

13 (2) other money appropriated to it by the legislature; and

14 (3) gifts, grants, and other aid received by the foundation under AS 37.17.210(b).

15 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.290, money appropriated
16 to the fund under (a)(1) of this section is restricted to uses consistent with restrictions placed on
17 use of the money by the federal court that approved the plea agreement described in (a)(1) of this
18 section. To the extent that a provision of AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.290 violates the restrictions of
19 the federal court, the provision is superseded by the federal court restriction.

20 (c) The endowment shall be held and invested by the Alaska Permanent Fund
21 Corporation subject to AS 37.13.120; however, net income from the endowment shall be
22 distributed under AS 37.17.200 - 37.17.290. Net income from the endowment may not be
23 included in the computation of net income available for distribution under AS 37.13.140.

24 Sec. 37.17.210. ENDOWMENT INCOME AND EXPENSES. (a) The distribution of
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26 realized capital gains of the endowment may be equally divided between the income and the
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28 authorized representative, after authorization under AS 37.07, the Alaska Permanent Fund
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3 them in a later year.

4 (c) The administrative expenses of the foundation are subject to AS 37.07 and shall be
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6 (d) The board shall distribute the income of the endowment through competitive grants
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8 special or general purposes.

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3 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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4/11/92

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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

P.O. Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-3715

TO: ✓ Representative Eileen MacLean, Co-chair
Representative Mike Navarre, Co-chair
House Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Cliff Davidson, Chair *CD*
House Resources Committee

DATE: 14 April, 1992

SUBJECT: House Bill 566

I would like to request the scheduling of HB 566 at your earliest convenience. HB 566 establishes an Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Education Endowment to accept restitutionary funds received from the Exxon Valdez settlement.

In working on HB 411, the appropriation of \$50 million dollars from the Exxon Valdez settlement, it became apparent that there exists a great need for education related to the oil spill as well as associated coastal habitat education. Individuals, organizations and communities interested in these programs agreed that the creation of a small educational endowment would be the most efficient way to meet recurring needs with one time money. It was agreed that an existing agency, such as the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, would be the most cost-effective method of administering grants for educational projects and programs.

The \$3 million appropriation in section 23 of CSHB 411(RES) is contingent upon the passage of HB 566. However, should HB 566 pass but not HB 411, an unfunded educational endowment program would exist in the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation and would be capable of accepting monies from the Exxon Valdez Trustees. In either case, the passage of HB 566 would be desirable.

I would like to propose the attached committee substitute for the Finance Committee's consideration. This CS differs from the Resources bill in three ways. First, it emphasizes the educational thrust of this legislation by adding the word "education" in key sentences. Second, it deletes distracting references to "public affairs" and "tourism" as uses to which the funds could be put. A longer list of possible educational uses for these funds remains on page 3, lines 16 and 17.

Third, it places a limit of \$1 million on the amount of gifts, grants or other aid that the endowment may receive without legislative approval. I suggest this provision in order that we retain adequate legislative oversight over this program.

Thank you for your consideration.

PWS Nature Center

December, 1991

Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) and Valdez Fisheries Development association (VFDA) have granted permission for use of the crooked creek hatchery building. Our contact for the college is Linda Bowman of the business office. Paul McCollum is our VFDA contact.

What is needed:

Find out from VFDA how long we can use facility, in 1990 Jason wells said at least two years.

What are the codes and regs and does the building meet these, what improvements needed? Can we get a certificate of occupancy from city?

The center needs a core group to take this project on and give direction to the center manager and to solicit support of the idea locally and to have fundraisers.

Some suggestions:

Get letters of support locally from: museum representative, visitor center, school principles, elderhostel coordinator, college president

Avoid overlap with existing exhibits. What are the museums plans for the future? Do they have any materials to loan from their archives?

If we can't get funding for center, can we plan an exhibit at the museum?

Odds and Ends:

We may need a Fish and Wildlife permit to display animal mounts, there is an application in the Nature Center files.

need a logo designed for brochures, etc..

Outline Staff duties, create a schedule in order to figure out people hours needed per week, create an application for staff and volunteers.

EXHIBIT IDEAS

The hatchery building is divided into two rooms. The larger, back room is .5' X 17', the front room, where the entrance is located is, 7 1/2 ' X 15' . The back room will be the main display area with 3 walls to hang displays on as well as a large center space for a double sided panel display or a terraria or 3-D type of display. The wall adjoining the front and back room is a windowed area which can have a low lying exhibit for children

below it in the back room. The front room will serve as sales area as well as a space for an aquarium. Free literature pertaining to outdoor activities will be available in this room.

Exhibits will cover topics such as local flora and fauna.

Ideas: Wetland ecology, geology, recycling, household wastes, alternative energy sources, pollution, use a variety of media including wall and counter displays, terraria, live tanks and videotape.

*Wetlands residents

*Local birds mounted for display (on loan by Elem school?)

*mural from oil exhibit with facts about pictured flora and fauna

*Marine pollution - trash, oil pollution, Exxon Valdez spill - tracking map with samples and photos of oil and non-oil trash.

*wild flower display - photos and/or pressed flowers with some interesting facts. Vases with current flowers in bloom.

*Glacier display - 3-D model or large photo describing features such as crevasses, moraine, fish tank with glacier ice and hands on samples such as rocks, glacial flour,

*Recycling and household hazardous waste photos or materials which are thrown away and can be recycled or reused. Items made from recycled products such as paper, homemade paper from junk mail, rag rug, containers from common household wastes and a list of alternative items or a wooden wheel fashioned after the ADEC waste wheel.

*Hatchery display - by Valdez Fisheries

*Salmon display- mounted salmon, poster depicting life cycle aquarium with live salmon?? (PWSCC can loan an aquarium. talk to Bob Benda, VFDA mounted salmon?)

*Touch me display - rocks (not too heavy), bones, skulls, horns, urchins, sea stars, for children

*Child size exhibit recreate a seashore setting, graphics, painting, forest, hands on display,

*Alternative energy - hydro and/or solar power set up with explanation

Valdez Fisheries display about the hatchery. Willing to work with us about salmon displays. Cover salmon life cycle, possibly mounted salmon, can give technical advice about aquariums.

The following groups have expressed interest in loaning items for display: PWSCC aquarium, Valdez Fisheries hatchery exhibit, mounted salmon, USFWS travelling display, North Pacific Rim Corporation, Hermon Hutchins Elementary School mounted animals (Brendon Larson). See correspondence file for further information.

FUNDING:

Funds will be generated by grants, visitor donations and merchandise sales. Items such as T shirts, books, buttons, and posters will be sold.

Grants- check files for guidelines. Send for guidelines from foundations listed in the educational section of the grant directory. May want to hire someone to write grants?

Donation sources: Pat Londo for taxidermied animals. Stores for materials that are made from recycled materials or household cleaners like baking soda and vinegar. Sears or other retail store (have contacted local retailers, Rexall was willing to buy and markup 10%) for TV and VCR donation, offer to put a plaque on with their name as donor.

VOLUNTEERS:

PWSCC, High school art students, naturalists, research a plant or animal and write text for a photo or painting.

Senior center- host, maintain flower pots

People to help with painting and maintenance (VFDA has offered supplies and help), make displays and write grants
display ideas

BUDGET

Contact musuem may be able to give us idea of costs for exhibits.
see attached



KCHU
Terminal Radio, Inc.

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Representative Cliff Davidson
Capitol Building, Room 108
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 2, 1992

Dear Representative Davidson,

I would like to offer the thanks of the KCHU, Valdez Board of Directors and membership for your sponsorship of HB 411. KCHU is also very pleased to have the opportunity to provide input to the bill. Most important and pertinent here was the provision for the funding of educational projects. Section 6 of the bill includes funding for "grants for environmental education projects related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill and coastal studies". Public information is the sine qua non of any plan for public involvement in the activities of the Trustees Council for the Exxon Valdez Settlement. An informed public makes good decisions and public radio is an integral part of Alaska's information network.

Since March 1989, the numerous social, environmental and political effects of the spill have consumed a sizeable portion of the time and energy of the Valdez/Cordova, Homer and Kodiak public stations. The story continues to be of primary interest to the residents of affected areas. Through the services of the Alaska Public Radio Network, a steady stream of oil spill news and information has been made available to virtually all interested Alaskans. Some, however, still do not have such access. Last week, I received a request from Gail Evanoff of Chenega Bay Corporation for access to KCHU and public radio.

Unfortunately, due to substantial cuts in State of Alaska funding for public broadcasting, the ability of local stations and of the network to respond to requests for service from isolated communities and to provide essential information has been considerably reduced. The residents of Chenega Bay are the most spill impacted population and get no public radio signal. They have little access to news of the trustees or the activities of the Legislature or the Governor that closely affect their lives. Yet the need for public information and public education remains very high.

Community licenced radio stations in spill-impacted areas have been the primary provider of oil spill information and education, to the very limit of their resources, for almost three years. This coverage has been very costly and early on nearly bankrupted KCHU. The cost to the other stations is a burden that becomes daily more difficult to carry. KCHU, Valdez, KMXT, Kodiak, KBBI, Homer and APRN continue to be the logical vehicle for the collection and dissemination of this information. They are also a legitimate recipient of funding through this legislation.

Representative Davidson, the stations of the Alaska Public Radio Network stepped in to provide superlative coverage of the March 24th, 1989 oil spill. In the months and years since, these same stations have continued to keep the citizens of Alaska informed of the many, many complex issues arising from the spill. But, our ability to effectively cover this ongoing and important story has been greatly diminished. 95% of Alaskans have access to public radio. There is simply no better way to reach all those who need to know. Please help us to continue doing the kind of job that listeners and voters all over the state have come to expect.

Sincerely,



James Winchester
General Manager



BIRD TREATMENT AND LEARNING CENTER

P.O. BOX 230496

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99523

The Bird Treatment and Learning Center would like to be considered for a portion of the funds allocated in HB411, specifically those funds which provide for environmental education projects related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We are requesting \$200,000. to match existing funds to secure complete ownership of the property overlooking Potter's Marsh in Anchorage, for the future home of our permanent facility. This site will give us an opportunity to add a broad variety of environmental education topics into our existing educational program that are not currently available through any single source in Alaska. Through joint efforts with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, our facility can be the location for the State Hunter Education and Wildlife Education Programs, which currently have no specific location due to budget cutbacks in their departments. Another exciting development as a result of our close association with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be the extension of the existing boardwalks through Potters Marsh to our facility. This will allow us to provide educational walking tours on the diverse range of animal, plant and bird life represented in this Alaskan habitat to many thousands of residents and visitors. For more extensive programs, our facility will house an auditorium capable of seating approximately 100 people. Exhibit space will include permanent educational exhibits, as well as short term exhibits from other environmental education organizations on current topics of public interest. The facility will also house the medical and rehabilitation wing of the organization. These areas will not be open to public tour however special groups will observe surgeries and special procedures. In addition it will be used to train volunteers on specific procedures and interns will be invited to spend time at Bird TLC as part of their exposure to avian medicine. Additional fundraising efforts are underway from a variety of sources to secure funds to build the facility.

A brief summary of each of our program areas is included for your information. Please contact me at the Bird TLC office (562-1852) or at home (349-3552) if you have any questions relating to this proposal. This is in no way inclusive of all the services we provide to the community or Alaska's resident and migratory bird populations, but rather a small glimpse at the goals of the Bird Treatment and Learning Center. Birds are a valuable barometer of the state of our environment. The legislature by supporting the Bird Treatment and Learning Center will be supporting a better tomorrow for us all.

Thank you,

Linda D. Simmons

Executive Director, Bird TLC

PURPOSE OF BIRD TLC-

The Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC), a member-supported, Alaskan non profit organization, was organized by James R. Scott, D.V.M. to provide primary medical care for wild birds and educational opportunities for people. Dr. Scott had been treating Alaska's wild birds for thirty years as an extension of his veterinary practice in Anchorage. It became clear in 1988 that the time was right to formally organize these efforts. Since that time, the organization has grown and expanded its scope. During the Valdez Oil Spill, we treated twenty seven Bald Eagles critically affected by the spill. In June of 1990 we returned nine of these rehabilitated eagles to Cordova's skies. The exposure generated by this involvement accelerated the normal growth of Bird TLC. Today we are treating more birds than ever, educating many more students and other groups with environmental education programs, and are expanding our efforts statewide to communities such as Valdez, Cordova, Nome and Kotzebue.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS-

Alaska is teeming with bird life, including 405 different species of resident and migratory birds. This abundance of bird life also provides us with a wide variety of species to treat. In 1991 we treated 837 birds of 90 different species. Some birds, due to the severity of their injuries, can never be returned to the wild, and are classified as non-releasable. Bird TLC, by federal permit, carefully chooses a variety of educational candidates from among these birds. After a specific training program for both volunteer handler and bird, educational presentations are begun, and the bird becomes a valuable teacher in ways we alone could never accomplish.

All ages, from pre-school to adults have benefitted from our programs. The impact of seeing a wild birds up close, of feeling the air from their wingbeats, for many is powerful inspiration. We are proud beyond measure of the lights we have lit in the eyes and the imaginations of the many children who have shared this experience. By expanding our reach to communities throughout the state we will be able to bring the varied cultures and traditions together in a common understanding of the importance of our environment in our lives today and for the future.

MEDICAL CARE AND REHABILITATION-

Bird TLC is unique in that, unlike many centers which treat only limited or specific species, we treat all wild birds. This broad approach to avian care makes the information gathered at Bird TLC very valuable. Bird TLC's release rate is over 65%. Affording us the best success of all, to share the moment of freedom to soar in Alaska's skies once again. Through a strong communication network, we share this data with centers all over the world. Since the 1989 oil spill we have shared knowledge learned at Bird TLC with Australia, California, New York, Washington and countries in the Middle East. Currently research is being done at Bird TLC to develop new treatment procedures for Avian Pox in bald eagles, a disease rarely seen in the lower 48 but common in Alaska about which very little is known. This information is being shared with educational institutions in the lower forty-eight, in an effort to reduce the eagle deaths due to this painful and debilitating disease. The world of avian medicine is growing at an incredible rate, and we are proud to be at the cutting edge of that growth. Interns working with us in the future, learning new and innovative medical and surgical techniques will help facilitate that growth. We know from history that medical procedures developed for animal medicine offer new insights into human medicine.

IMPACT ON TOURISM-

Visitors to our state have also been able to take advantage of the chance to experience nature in this unique way. Throughout the summer, weekly programs given at the Alaska Public Lands Information Center in Anchorage have become a very popular attraction for visitors. These educational programs not only treat the audiences to a close look at Alaska's avian wonders, but also provides us with a forum to sell the uniqueness of Alaska.. Many visitors who have experienced our programs have become members of our organization and are supportive of our efforts.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT-

Bird TLC has over six hundred members. This program inspires people to give their very best, from the artist, to the architect, from the fisherman to the filmmaker, from the magazine editor to the educator; many have shared their special talents. Monthly membership meetings provide a variety of educational programs to further expand our base of knowledge. The volunteers who support this organization are truly dedicated and remarkable. This organization truly is supported on their backs, and from their pockets. Dr. Scott has said, "We all benefit from helping something from the wild", and we see this benefit every day in the eyes of those who are touched by realizing the quality of our environment tomorrow is in our hands today.

STATEWIDE OUTREACH-

Our impact is not limited to the Anchorage area alone. Birds are now brought to us from many sources throughout the state: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, schools and individuals, among others. One example of this positive trend is a bird brought to us from Russian Mission, Alaska. This Peregrine Falcon, an endangered species, was found by school children that had been studying about birds. Efforts are now being made to take the rehabilitated bird and an environmental education program for the entire school back to Russian Mission. The event will culminate with the release of the Peregrine and a community celebration. These children will feel great pride in saving the life of this endangered bird. The message is clear: watching any bird released to fly free again touches a strong psychological chord in each of us. These are lessons that go beyond schoolbooks and dollars; these are lessons that have lasting, positive effects for us all.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
committee name

committee on HB# 566, dated 3/30/92
bill/subject

per item (c) Administrative expenses of the
Foundation shall be paid from the income of the
endowment. IF this is the established "Foundation"
THAT is ALREADY giving out grants. Would or will you
Establish that only administrative expenses for each grant
given under this law

Also could grants be given for agriculture research
projects such as: oyster remote site settings
oyster harvi project such as
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Signed: [Signature]
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April 23, 1992

Representative Cliff Davidson
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Davidson,

I am writing to comment on H.B. 566 which establishes an endowment fund for education programs in Prince William Sound and modifies the mission of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. I manage an outdoor education program which enrolls hundreds of young people each summer who join us to learn about the natural resources of Alaska. I am enthusiastic about this piece of legislation and urge its passage. There is a great need in this resource rich state for the public, children, and visitors to learn about the spectacular resources present in areas affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. This bill promotes this effort handily.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please distribute copies of this letter to other members of the Finance Committee.

Best regards,

Kelly O. Smith



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April 23, 1992

RE: Support for House Bill 566

Representative Cliff Davidson,

The Alaska Natural Resource and Outdoor Education Association (ANROE) would like to express support for House Bill 566. ANROE, a statewide educational organization, would like to see a portion of oil spill settlement monies dedicated to education.

Our hope is that a large portion of the funds distributed by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation be used to issue grants for educational purposes. The grants should target areas directly affected by the oil spill (i.e. Prince William Sound, Kodiak and Kachemak Bay areas) or be used to educate other areas of Alaska using existing oil spill curricula.

Your help in expressing our concerns with members of the finance committees would be greatly appreciated. Please distribute this letter to those members.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Smith

Kathryn Kurtz Smith
Board Member

Cathy Rezabeck

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON

NAME: DIANE MCBRIDE
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PHONE: 235-6175
BILL NO: HB 566
SUBJECT: EXXON VALDEZ SPILL ENDOWMENT GRANTS
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT AND PASS HB566 TO ALLOW THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
ENDOWMENT TO PROCEED. THIS MUST OCCUR TO HELP HB411. THANK YOU.

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SUBJECT: EXXON VALDEZ SPILL ENDOWMENT GRANTS
MESSAGE: PROVIDING AN ENDOWMENT TO FUND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OF ALASKA
MARINE RESOURCES IS A WISE AND NECESSARY USE OF EXXON SETTLEMENT
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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BILL NO: HB 566
SUBJECT: EXXON VALDEZ SPILL ENDOWMENT GRANTS
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB566 SETTING UP A FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION. WE NEED
THIS FOR OUR CHILDRENS FUTURE.

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