

HB 96

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 1, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/13/91

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 96

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

FREE TUITION: PERSIAN GULF POWS, MIA, ETC

"An Act relating to free tuition and fees for dependents of certain state residents involved in the Persian Gulf crisis or lost in action in Southeast Asia."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 96 (HES) [] 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: (C-; /Date)

[] fiscal impact _____

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[] zero fiscal note _____

m: VA 2/12/91
 zero fiscal note(s) ZIA 2/11/91

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Eileen M. ...</i>	4				
<i>Mike ...</i>					
<i>Mark ...</i>	X				
<i>R. ...</i>	1				
<i>Lanana ...</i>					
<i>Ken ...</i>					
<i>...</i>	X				
<i>...</i>	2				
<i>J. ...</i>	X				
<i>...</i>	X				
<i>...</i>	X				

Mike ...
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96 (HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/1/91

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, Ivan, Gruenberg, Barnes, Larson, M.A. Miller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to free tuition and fees for dependents of certain state residents involved
2 in the Persian Gulf crisis or in hostilities in Southeast Asia."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 14.43.080 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 14.43.080. FREE TUITION AND FEES AT STATE-SUPPORTED
6 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. (a) Δ [ANY] dependent of a bona fide Alaska resident who
7 died as a result of [, WHILE] serving during the hostilities involving the United States forces
8 in Southeast Asia or the Persian Gulf or [,] was listed by the United States Department of
9 Defense as a prisoner of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia or the Persian Gulf may
10 attend any state-supported educational institution without payment of tuition and fees.

11 (b) In this section,

12 (1) "dependent" means a dependent spouse or child;

13 (2) "resident" means a person who resided in the state for at least one year
14 before serving in Southeast Asia or the Persian Gulf and who lists the state of Alaska as the

1 home state for purposes of military records.

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: HB 96

(H) Publish Date: 2/13/91

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: University of Alaska
 Title: An Act Relating to Free Tuition and Fees for Dependents of Certain State Residents Involved in the Persian Gulf BRU: ALL Component: _____
 Sponsor: Rep. Hudson, Ivan, Gruenberg, Barnes, Larson
 Requestor: House Military Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Marsha Hubbard Phone: 474-7593
 Division: Statewide Budget Office Date: February 11, 1991
 Approved by Commissioner: Brian Rogers, Vice President for Finance
 Agency: University of Alaska Date: February 11, 1991

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FISCAL NOTE

No. 2

Bill Version: HB 96

(H) Publish Date: 2/13/91

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs

Title: Tuition and fees of dependents of BRU: _____

Alaskans in Persian Gulf crisis Component: _____

Sponsor: Hudson

Requestor: House DMVA COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0					

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

No fiscal impact on DMVA

Prepared By: Jeff Morrison, Director Phone: 465-4600

Division: Administrative & Support Services Division Date: February 12, 1991

Approved by Commissioner: MG Hugh L. Cox III *by J Morrison*

Agency: Military & Veterans Affairs Date: Feb. 12, 1991

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Alaska State Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUDSON

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February 28, 1991

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Department of Transportation
and Public Facilities

Representative Eileen MacLean
and
✓ Representative Mike Navarre
Co-Chairs - House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representatives MacLean and Navarre:

This morning HB 96, relating to free tuition and fees for dependents of certain state residents involved in the Persian Gulf crisis or in hostilities in Southeast Asia, was heard in the House HESS Committee, and a committee substitute by that committee was adopted and passed out with a unanimous "do pass."

The next committee of referral for HB 96 is to the House Finance Committee.

It would be very much appreciated if you would consider calendaring this legislation for a hearing at the earliest possible date.

HB 96 seeks to amend AS 14.43.080(a). The existing statute provides for free tuition at state supported educational institutions for dependents of Alaskans listed as missing in action or prisoners of war in the Vietnam war. Passage of HB 96 will make this educational benefit available to dependents of Alaskans who died as a result of injuries sustained in the Persian Gulf hostilities or who is listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action.

A zero fiscal note has been prepared by the University of Alaska, and the Office of Postsecondary Education has indicated there would not be an impact to their agency.

No one has contacted me or my staff to voice opposition to this legislation.

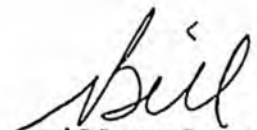


A letter in support authored by Mr. Joseph Murdy, representing the Disabled Veterans of Alaska is attached, as is a resolution in support of this bill prepared and adopted by the Southeast District of the American Legion. Also attached is a position paper prepared by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, together with that department's zero fiscal note.

I feel strongly that if we lose Alaskan soldiers in Operation Desert Storm, we must provide for the education of their dependents.

Your favorable consideration to this request for a Finance Committee hearing will be very much appreciated. If you have questions, or if you need further information, please call me or Landa Holtan at 3744.

Respectfully,


Bill Hudson

BH:lh

Attachments

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS


POSITION PAPER
HB96

Summary of Bill: This bill provides free tuition and fees at state-supported educational institutions for dependents of Alaskan residents who participate in the ongoing Persian Gulf Conflict and who are listed as prisoners of war, missing in action, or lost in action.

Background: The bill amends an existing statute which provided the same benefits to dependents of Alaskan residents who were POWs or missing in the Vietnam war.

Impact of Resolution of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: None

Departmental Position: The department supports the bill.

Approved:  Date: Feb 12, 1991
MG Hugh L. Cox

DAV

Motto: "If I cannot speak good of my comrade, I will not speak ill of him."



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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February 11, 1991

Representative Bill Hudson
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Hudson

Thank you for giving the Disabled American Veterans an opportunity to address your bill on free tuition and fees for dependents of certain state residents involved in the Persian Gulf crisis.

It is the position of the DAV that an Alaskan family who loses a loved one or one that becomes a POW is entitled to all the benefits we as Alaskans can give, and that includes most of all education for their children. The price we as Alaskans have to pay is small compared to the sacrifice men and women of our armed forces make to preserve peace.

HB 96 provides for taking care of these needs and we of the DAV go on record as supporting this legislation. We stand ready to assist you in any way necessary to pass the bill.

We the veterans of Alaska commend you for putting forth this type of legislation that is needed in the situation of the present conflict in the Persian Gulf.

If you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Murdy".

Joseph Murdy
Legislative Affairs Chairman

Resolution No. 91-05

Resolution of Support of H.B. No. 88 and No. 96

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has introduced HB-88 and 96 forgiveness of scholarship loans; and,

WHEREAS, many students are/were actively attending courses of study; and,

WHEREAS, any student who is unable to complete a course of studies because of condition beyond their control; and,

WHEREAS, any dependent of State residents involved in the S.E. Asia, Grenada, Panama or Persian Gulf crisis is either a P.O.W./M.I.A. may attend any State supported educational institution without payment of tuition and fees; and,

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Legion, Southeast District, that Alaska Legislature adopt bills, H.B. 88 and H.B. 96, and that language include the above concerns.