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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 (HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/6/91
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELLIS, Boyer, Navarre, Koponen, Ulmer

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a Health Resources and Access Task Force.

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3 Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense, and the Alaska Native Health Service in
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31 hire staff and contract for services to perform its duties; and be it

32 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to

1 the Governor and the legislature by February 1, 1992, and February 1, 1993; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force is terminated at 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 1993.

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: CSHCR 5 (HES)

(H) Publish Date: 3/6/91

Revision Date: _____
Title: Establishing a Health Resources and Access Task Force.
Sponsor: Representative Ellis
Requestor: Representative Ellis

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council

Component: Council & Subcommittees
Session: Expenses, Legis. Oper Budget

COMPONENT SERIAL NO: 783

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	165.4	60.0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	48.1	30.0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	92.0	61.0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	305.5	151.0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	305.5	151.0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	305.5	151.0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	3	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	3	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HCR 5 establishes a Health Resources and Access Task Force within the Legislative Branch. The following is requested to adequately support the task force:

Prepared By: Pamela A. Stoops, Director

Phone: 465-3850

Division: Administrative Services

Date: 3/4/91

Approved By: Warren W. Endicott, Executive Director

Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Date: 3/4/91

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PERSONAL SERVICES

Staff is requested as follows to assist the Health Resources & Access Task Force.

Legislative Assistant - Range 21A

\$4,155 x 12 months = \$49,860

\$49,860 x 37% benefits = \$68,427

Administrative Assistant - Range 19A

\$3,638 x 12 months = 43,656

\$43,655 x 37% Benefits = 59,809

Secretary - Range 12A

\$2,259 x 12 months = 27,108

\$27,108 x 37% Benefits = \$37,138

165.4

Funding for FY 93 is for seven months. The task force is terminated February 1, 1993.

TRAVEL

It is anticipated there will be 8 meetings of the 14 member Health Resources & Access Task Force.

TASK FORCE MEMBER TRAVEL

8 meetings x (7 members requiring airfare each meeting) = 56 airfares

56 airfares x \$436 = \$24,416

2 days per diem x 56 = 112

112 x \$95 = 10,640

8 meetings x (7 members not requiring airfare) = 56

2 days long term per diem x 56 = 112

112 x \$65 = 7,280

42.4

STAFF TRAVEL

8 meetings x (1 staff member requiring airfare each meeting) = 8 airfares

8 airfares x 436 = \$3,488

3 days per diem x 8 = 24

24 x \$95 = 2,280

5.7

48.1

It is anticipated there will be 5 meetings in FY 93.

CONTRACTUAL

Professional services funding to contract with State Health Care policy expert--\$80,000.

Advertising - advertising of public notice of meetings--\$6,600.

Phones - 2,400

Printing - 3,000

92.0

SUPPLIES

Supplies for the task force will be absorbed within the Session Expenses and Legislative Operating Budgets.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment for the task force will be absorbed within the Session Expenses and Legislative Operating Budgets.

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Title: Resolution establishing a Health Resource and Access Task Force.
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Requestor: _____

Department Affected: Administration
BRU: Labor Relations
Component: Labor Relations

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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With the exception of possible participation in task force proceedings, there is no direct cost to agencies. Task force funding will be sought via sponsor fiscal note (attached).

Prepared by: Bruce Cummings *Bruce Cummings*
Division: Labor Relations

Phone: 465-4404

Date: 3/5/91

Approved by Commissioner: Millett Keller *Millett Keller*

Agency: Administration

Date: 2/5/91

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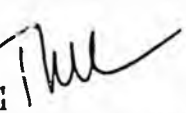
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MEMORANDUM

March 15, 1991

SUBJECT: HCR 5 and SCR 10

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

FROM: Terri Lauterbach 
Legislative Counsel

You currently have in your committee house and senate versions of a resolution that would establish a Health Resources and Access Task Force. Upon further review of these measures, it has come to my attention that a key technical provision is missing. That provision relates to the task force's authority to contract for services.

Enclosed are marked up versions of each bill showing my suggested change on page 3 of each version. The change is intended to clarify that the task force must follow the legislative council's procurement regulations when contracting for services. Also, since the regulations are silent on who would approve contracts for task forces like this one, the suggested language clarifies that the contracts are subject to the approval of the council. Without these changes, the contracting authority of the task force would be unclear.

Please let me know if I should prepare an official amendment or FIN CS to accomplish this change.

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Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Mike Navarre, Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Rep. Eileen MacLean, Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

FROM: Rep. Johnny Ellis *JE*

RE: Scheduling of HCR 5

DATE: March 5, 1991

I would appreciate if you could schedule HCR 5 at your earliest possible convenience.

HCR 5 establishes the Health Resources and Access Task Force. This new task force combines the work of two other task forces into one. The Health Care Cost Containment Task Force has been working for the past two years on ways to contain the rapidly expanding costs of the state employee health plan. The Universal Health Care Task Force was established last year to recommend a plan to insure that all Alaskans have access to a basic level of health care.

We have obtained agreement from the leadership of both the Senate and the House, the Governor's office, Commissioner Mala as well as from Senator Duncan, chair of the Cost Containment Task Force and me, author of the Universal Task Force, that a combined task force with a joint mission is the most efficient and cost effective way to proceed.

Since the work of both task forces is currently underway, it would be most expedient for this resolution to pass the legislature as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

