

SB 188

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: May 15, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/17/91

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SB 188 am

SENATE BILL NO. 188 am

EXTEND STEP PROGRAM ONE YEAR

"An Act relating to employment contributions and to extending the pilot project for state training and employment programs; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ the same 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) _____

2 fiscal impact DCRA

fiscal note(s) Dept labor 3/11/91

zero fiscal note

2 zero fiscal note(s) Dept of Admin 3/11/91

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 188 am

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to employment contributions (STEP)..."

Department Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
BRU: Employment/Training/Rural Development
Component: State Employment & Training

Sponsor: Senate Rules Committee

Requestor: _____

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	45.4	45.4				
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	972.0	972.0				
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	1017.4	1017.4				

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER	1017.4	1017.4				
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1.0	1.0				
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Remond Henderson, Director Phone: 465-4708
Division: Administrative Services Date: 5/13/91

Approved by Commissioner: Edgar Blanchford
Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Date: _____

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

Position Title Internal Auditor II		No. of Positions 1	Range / Step 17 A	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status Full time	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE OF EXPENDITURE		Amount	Justification This position is indispensable to the administration of the employment and training programs. Taken as a total, over 11 million dollars for training and employment are granted annually by the JTPO. An increasing burden is placed on the unit each year by the federal government for program integrity and accountability. This position is the primary position charged with compliance monitoring, audit tracking and resolution, and liaison with the U.S. Department of Labor for their compliance monitoring of the state.	
Salary	37.7			
Benefits	15.2			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services	52.9	52.9		
Travel				
Contractual				
Commodities				
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		52.9		
FUNDING SOURCE FOR TOTAL COST				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G.F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004			
I-A Receipts	1007	52.9		
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

**Request For
New Position**

AGENCY Community and Regional Affairs
 BRU Employment/Training/Rural Development
 COMPONENT State Employment and Training

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 188 am

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to employment contributions (STEP)..."

Department Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
BRU: Employment/Training/Rural Development
Component: Statewide Service Delivery

Sponsor: Senate Rules Committee

Requestor: _____

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	54.6	54.6				
TRAVEL	17.4	17.4				
CONTRACTUAL	30.0	30.0				
SUPPLIES	.5	.5				
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	697.5	697.5				
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	800.0	800.0				

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER	800.0	800.0				
TOTAL	800.0	800.0				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1.0	1.0				
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) This fiscal note also includes 100.0 in additional authority to receive and expend funds for the Business Incentive Training Program

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 Division: Administrative Services Date: 5/13/91
 Approved by Commissioner: Edgar Hatchford
 Agency: Community and Regional Affairs Date: _____

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

Position Title Grants Administrator II		No. of Positions 1	Range / Step 17 B	Barg. Unit GG
Time Status Full Time	Staff Months 12	Location Juneau		Election District
TYPE OF EXPENDITURE		Amount		
Salary		39.1		
Benefits		15.5		
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		54.6		
Travel		17.4		
Contractual		30.0		
Commodities		.5		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		102.5		
FUNDING SOURCE FOR TOTAL COST				
Federal Receipts 1002				
G.F. Match 1003				
General Fund 1004				
I-A Receipts 1007		102.5		
CIP Receipts 1061				
Other				

Justification

This position is the only dedicated professional position within this component to support the STEP and Business Incentive Training Program.

This position oversees the development of the SDA's plan of service, manages the development of grant solicitations, contract or subgrant negotiations and writing, monitoring, oversight and reporting requirements. This position also supervises Regional office sub-allocations and oversees their performance in implementing subgrants.

This position develops policies and procedures for program operations and assists in the participant enrollment system (MIS) and supports budget and accounting functions relative to this program.

**Request For
New Position**

AGENCY COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

BRIU EMPLOYMENT TRAINING/RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COMPONENT STATEWIDE SERVICE DELIVERY

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Revised Date: _____

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO

Bill Version: SB 188

(S) Publish Date: 3/11/91

Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act relating to employment contributions and to extending the .. project .."
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Department Affected: Labor
 BRU: Employment Security
 Component: State Training & Employment Program
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1184

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	22.6					
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	1,817.4					
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	1,840.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE	3,330.7					
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	1,840.0					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	1,840.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

(see attached for analysis)

Prepared by: Judy G. Knight, Director Phone: 465-2712

Division: Employment Security Division Date: 2/14/91

Approved by Commissioner: Nancy Bear Usery

Agency: Department of Labor Date: 2/14/91

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

Fiscal Note Analysis
for

"An Act relating to employment contributions...and extending the pilot project..."

This bill extends the state training and employment program for an additional year. The program is funded by a contribution of one-tenth of one percent of covered worker wages collected by the Department of Labor. This is done at no cost to the worker by giving a credit of this amount from the employee contribution currently provided for in AS 23.20.290. The revenue is deposited in the general fund in the employment assistance and training program account.

Revenue calculations for FY 92 (the additional year) are as follows:

	<u>FY 92 Revenues</u>
Estimated taxable wages	\$3,506,000.0
Multiply by one-tenth of 1% to arrive at estimated revenues	\$3,506.0
Adjust for 95% collection rate	<u>(175.3)</u>
<u>Estimated total revenues available</u>	<u>\$3,330.7</u>

Of the total money collected \$22.6 will be retained by the Department of Labor to separately account for the funds. Of the remaining, \$300.0 will be spent on an anticipated appropriation for the Business Incentive Program operated by the Department of Community & Regional Affairs, and \$1,817.4 will be transferred to the Department of Community & Regional Affairs for employment assistance and training grants and to fund priority project analysis and program evaluation from the Department of Labor.

Assumptions:

1. Program would continue for one additional year (FY 92).

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Bill Version: SB 188

(S) Publish Date: 3/11/91

Revision Date: _____ Department Affecting: ADMINISTRATION

Title: State Training & Employment Program FPU: _____

Component: _____

Sponsor: Walter J. Hickel

Requestor: _____ 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Division of Personnel.

Prepared By: David K. F. Otto *DKFO* Phone: 465-4430

Division: Personnel Date: 2/15/91

Approved by Commissioner: Millett Keller

Agency: Administration *Millett Keller* Date: 2/26/91

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STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____

Title: State Training and Employment Program.

Sponsor: _____

Requestor: Governor

Department Affected: Administration

BRU: Labor Relations

Component: Labor Relations

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	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This draft proposes to extend for one year a pilot grant program for employment assistance and training providers. The program is housed in and administered solely by the Department of Labor. It has no direct fiscal or policy impacts on the Department of Administration.

Prepared by: Bruce Cummings
Division: Labor Relations

Phone: 465-4404
Date: 2/19/91

Approved by Commissioner: Millett Keller
Agency: Administration

Date: 2/20/91

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 188 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Amended: 5/6/91
 Introduced: 3/11/91
 Referred: CRA and Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to employment contributions and to extending the pilot project for state
 2 training and employment programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. Section 2, ch. 95, SLA 1989, is amended to read:

5 Sec. 2. STATE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. There is created a
 6 [TWO-YEAR] pilot project program to finance and award grants to employment assistance and
 7 training entities. Employment assistance and training entities shall give appropriate state agencies
 8 full access to accounting records concerning grants received to assure compliance with program
 9 standards.

10 * Sec. 2. Section 4(a), ch. 95, SLA 1989, is amended to read:

11 (a) In the manner provided in AS 23.20, the department shall collect from each employee
 12 an amount equal to one-tenth of one percent of the wages, as set out in AS 23.20.175, on which
 13 the employee is required to make contributions under AS 23.20.290(d). This subsection applies
 14 to amounts due and collected from July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1993 [1991], on wages for

1 employment performed from July 1, 1989, through June 30, 1993 [1991]. The department shall
2 remit to the Department of Revenue, in accordance with AS 37.10.050, money collected under
3 this subsection.

4 * Sec. 3. Section 15, ch. 95, SLA 1989, is amended to read:

5 Sec. 15. Section 13 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1993 [1991].

6 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

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May 9, 1991

The Honorable David Finkelstein
Alaska State House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811
Attn: Clifford Groh

Dear Representative Finkelstein:

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs respectfully requests that you schedule a committee hearing for SB 188 amended, the State Training and Employment Program (STEP) Reauthorization Bill. This was established as a two-year pilot program and is intended to reduce the number of future claims against unemployment, to attract new businesses through the availability of a skilled labor force, and to ease the impact's of Alaska's boom/bust fluctuations through the training and retraining of workers for new or emerging industries. STEP is not funded from the general fund but through one tenth of one percent of employee contributions to the Unemployment Trust Fund.

We feel that reauthorization is essential at this time. Although the program has been proceeding for fourteen months now, much of this time was involved in getting the program up and running. Additional time is needed to make an accurate assessment of the program's effectiveness although indications are that the placement rate for program trained workers is very high. The STEP is also more responsive and flexible than the federally funded JTPA programs, and we feel will be of particular advantage to this department's role in the Rural Development Initiative in bringing employment opportunities to rural Alaskans.

Please contact either myself or members of my staff with any questions that you may have. Again, I request your prompt scheduling of this bill for committee hearing. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed. Blatchford

Edgar Blatchford
Commissioner

Position Title		Grants Administrator II		No. of Positions	1	Range / Step	17 B	Barg. Unit	GC
Time Status	Staff Months			Location	Juneau		Election District		
Full Time	12								
TYPE OF EXPENDITURE			Amount	Justification This position is the only dedicated professional position within this component to support the STEP and Business Incentive Training Program. This position oversees the development of the SDA's plan of service, manages the development of grant solicitations, contract or subgrant negotiations and writing, monitoring, oversight and reporting requirements. This position also supervises Regional office sub-allocations and oversees their performance in implementing subgrants. This position develops policies and procedures for program operations and assists in the participant enrollment system (MIS) and supports budget and accounting functions relative to this program.					
Salary			39.1						
Benefits			15.5						
Premium Pay									
Other									
Total Personal Services			54.6						
Travel			17.4						
Contractual			30.0						
Commodities			.5						
Equipment									
Other									
Total Cost			102.5						
FUNDING SOURCE FOR TOTAL COST									
Federal Receipts	1002								
G.F. Match	1003								
General Fund	1004								
I-A Receipts	1007		102.5						
CIP Receipts	1061								
Other									

**Request For
New Position**

AGENCY COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
BRU EMPLOYMENT TRAINING/RURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMPONENT STATEWIDE SERVICE DELIVERY

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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May 8, 1991

The Honorable David Finkelstein, Chair
Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Finkelstein:

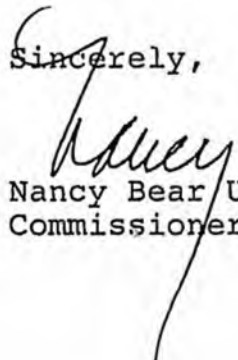
This is to urge the Labor and Commerce Committee's early consideration of Senate Bill 188.

As you may recall, a State Training and Employment Program was established in 1989 as a two-year pilot in order that the effectiveness of the program could be evaluated before a permanent, ongoing program was established. However, due to delays in the start up of the program, additional time is needed to evaluate it. Accordingly, Senate Bill 188 provides an extension of the pilot.

Inasmuch as the program will expire on July 1, 1991, passage of the bill is needed this session if the pilot is to continue.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


Nancy Bear Usera
Commissioner

NBU/EP/jt
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SB 188 -
Back-up

Date: April 27, 1991

To: Senate Finance Committee

Senator Jay Kerttula, Co-Chairman
Senator Pat Pourchot, Co-Chairman

Re: SB 188, State Training and Employment Program

Alaska's State Training and Employment Program (STEP) was created in 1989 by the Sixteenth Alaska Legislature. STEP was established as a two-year pilot program and funded by one tenth of one percent of employee contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust fund. These funds are deposited in a special Employment Assistance and Training Program Account within the General Fund.

Through its job training projects, the STEP program has as its goals the following.

1. Prevention of future claims against unemployment benefits.

2. Attraction of new businesses through the availability of a skilled labor force and reduced employer UI costs.

3. Easing the impacts of Alaska's chronic economic fluctuations through training or retraining of workers for new or emerging industries and technologies.

The program has operated for fourteen months due to a late start last year. During this period the program has served the training needs of hundreds of Alaskans from every legislative district in the state. Funds are provided to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs by the Department of Labor so that the job training Service Delivery Areas established under the federal Job Training Partnership Act can be granted funds to deliver the program locally.

The three Service Delivery Areas were granted funds in the following amounts. Included within the category "Other Grants" is are four training grants for services in Anchorage, Bethel and Ketchikan and an RSA with Alaska Department of Labor for program evaluation (\$46.7k).

Service Delivery Area and Other Grants	Amount Granted	Percentage
Alaska Statewide SDA	\$ 703,982.	32.5%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	\$ 627,920.	29.0%
Municipality of Anchorage	\$ 570,837.	26.4%
Other Grants	\$ 263,024.	12.1%
Grand Total	\$2,165,763.	100.0%

Administrative costs of the program are limited to 15% of the total funds available. Of that 15%, 12.5% is passed along to the Service Delivery Areas for local administration of the program. The remaining 2.5% is retained by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for central administrative costs.

With just over two more months remaining in the program we have already achieved the projected 1200 program participants expected this year. While training is continuing through June, most participants have been enrolled at this time. Not more than 200 additional participants are expected in the next few weeks.

Service Delivery Area and Other Grants	Number Participants	Percentage
Alaska Statewide SDA	276	23.3%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	484	40.8%
Municipality of Anchorage	293	24.7%
Other Grants	133	11.2%
Grand Total	1,186	100.0%

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Re: SB 188, STEP

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Statistics on those concluding their association with the STEP programs is not complete at this time. Data on the 206 persons who have finished the program does, however, provide a good indication as to the characteristics of the participants.

* Job Placement	61%
* Male	74%
* School Dropout	53%
* Alaska Native	7%
* Other Minority	9%
* U.I. Claimant	22%
* Unemployed more than 15 of last 26 weeks	31%

It should be noted that the Alaska Statewide Service Delivery Area with 276 participants had only nine program completers as of April 24. When the others complete the program the number of Alaska Native completers will greatly increase. Similarly, the numbers of other minority groups are expected to increase when the Municipality of Anchorage tallies its program completers. The Fairbanks North Star Borough was fairly well represented in the known completer group of 206 and is not expected to significantly change the percentages of minority participation.

The pilot State Training and Employment Program has made a significant positive contribution to the employability and skill levels of Alaskans. Over 1300 Alaskans will voluntarily take advantage of the program this year at an average cost of approximately \$1,500. per person.

Because of the late start-up of the program in fiscal year 1990 the program has just recently developed the data base that will permit thorough programmatic evaluation. At the conclusion of this year with over 1300 program completers a more definitive evaluation of program impact will be conducted. In fact, at

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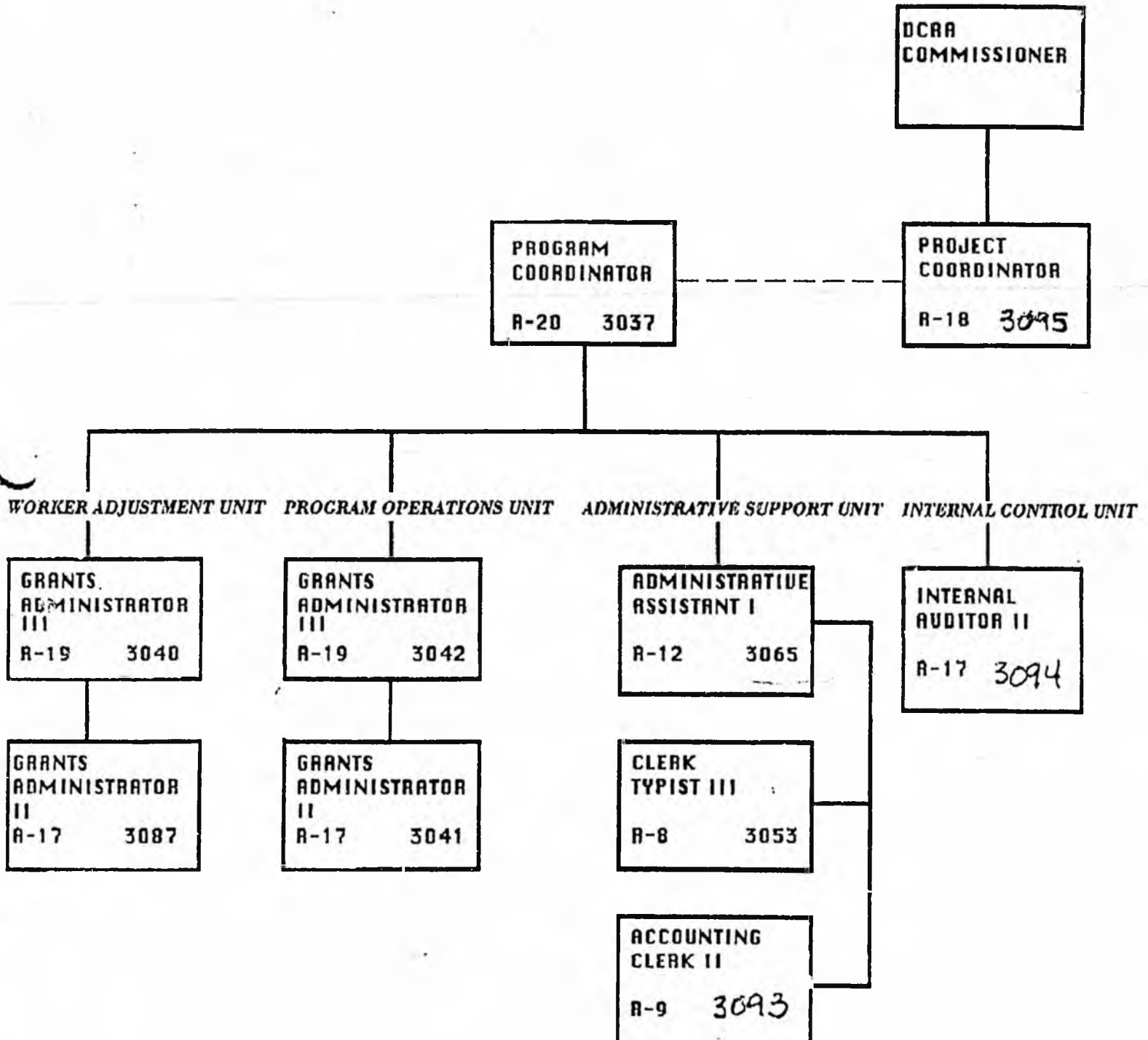
this time a survey is being conducted of administrators and service provider agencies to assess their experience with the program this year. The survey information will compliment an analysis of program impact to be conducted using the administrative data bases of the Alaska Department of Labor and the participant data base of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

Dispite the lack of program evaluation that could provide conclusive evidence that the program is preventing future claims against the UI Trust, the program has demonstrated that it is filling a statewide need: providing needed training and skill development to Alaskans who need assistance to get jobs or keep their jobs. The evidence of 1,186 Alaskans voluntarily availing themselves of training represents a very strong statement of program need.

Granted another year of operation the State Training and Employment Program will continue to provide an opportunity to working Alaskans to access needed training. The numbers of Alaskans who will be served is a direct function of the availability of funds. Program administrators and the Private Industry Council members who oversee the programs are confident that the program evaluation will reflect their belief that the program is effective as well as needed.

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP OFFICE

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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April 3, 1991

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SENT VIA TELECOPIER

Senator Steve Frank
State of Alaska
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RE: *SENATE BILL 188*

Dear Senator:

Please accept these comments on behalf of SB188 during your hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 1991 at 3:30 p.m.

I urge the passage of SB188 as an economic measure that will enhance the opportunities of local hiring throughout our state. The spending of money for pre-employment training, on behalf of citizens of our own areas within the state, will ensure that the work force of Alaska is qualified to participate in the job market. With qualified Alaskans available, we will ensure local hire for our own people.

I would suggest you consider a two-year authorization of this bill rather than a one-year authorization and urge the passage of the funding for this year. As a mayor of a community that has seen the benefits of the State Job Training Council and the STEP Program, I can say unequivocally that the money is well spent.

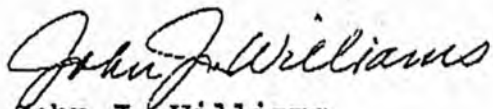
As a member of the Board of the State Job Training Council for the past six years, I can again attest to the worthiness of a job being performed under the Job Partnership Training Act. I am

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pleased to advise you that our STEP Program has become an integral and worthwhile project within the organization. Once again, I urge your consideration of the passage of this bill and request full implementation and funding for its success.

Sincerely,

CITY OF KENAI



John J. Williams
Mayor and Senior Member
State Job Training Council

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Senator Drue Pearce
Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Senator Fred Zharoff