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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred: February 22, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

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Finance

Date of Committee Action: 1/22/92

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered

HB 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

HB 157 APPROP: BARRIER FREE FACILITY FUND

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CSAB157 (STA) 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 _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note _____

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SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Eugene G. Kubina</i>		<i>Tommy...</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<i>David...</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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		<i>Mike Hill</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Eugene G. Kubina
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

Date Referred: January 24, 1992

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 2/12/92

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

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<i>Chen Davis</i>	X	<i>Mark P. ...</i>		X	
<i>Betty Davis</i>	X	<i>J. C. ...</i>		X	
<i>[Signature]</i>	X	<i>[Signature]</i>		X	
		<i>Mary Miller</i>		X	

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CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

A Resolution of the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors

Board Resolution No. 92-2

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION THAT
WOULD ESTABLISH A BARRIER-FREE REMODELING FUND
TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES TO COMPLY WITH THE
FEDERALLY-MANDATED "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT"**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League urges reimbursement to municipalities for the costs of transferred responsibility or regulations; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 "Americans With Disabilities Act" ("ADA") extended civil rights protection to people with disabilities beginning January 26, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the federally-mandated protections affect state and local governments ensuring that all programs, activities, and services provided or made available by them do not discriminate against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments may not discriminate against a person with a disability regarding terms or conditions of employment and must provide reasonable accommodation unless doing so represents undue hardship for the employer; and

WHEREAS, state and local government facilities and services, including public transportation and communications, must be accessible by providing, for example, wheelchair ramps and special arrangements for people who have hearing impairments or who are sightless; and

WHEREAS, both the State of Alaska and some municipalities already have architectural barrier removal statutes but have not appropriated or do not have sufficient funds to enforce their own ordinances or the new federal regulations; and


WHEREAS, state financial assistance for federally-mandated capital expenditures would allow for progress in providing for accessibility for Alaskans;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urges the Alaska Legislature and the Governor to pass legislation that would establish and capitalize a Barrier-Free Remodeling Fund to provide financing for the remodeling of state and municipal facilities to comply with the 1990 "Americans With Disabilities Act."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to work with the League to address the problem of unfunded federal mandates on state and local governments.

Adopted this 30th day of January 1992 in Juneau, Alaska.

Attest:


Scott A. Burgess, Executive Director


Willie Goodwin, Jr., President