

HCR

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c/o Legislative Information Office  
3111 C Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503  
25 March 1991

Dear Member of the Senate Finance Committee:

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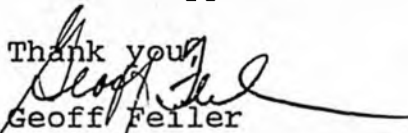
With painful, energy draining chemotherapy and interferon treatments he still manages to hold on. He is still able to fulfill his role as pastor of his church but, he can no longer enjoy the skiing and softball that he loves. He is also unable to spend more than short periods playing with his three year old son. The doctors say that his only hope for long term survival is a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor (none of the immediate family is a match). The best source for a unrelated donors is the national bone marrow donor registry.

There seems to be no shortage of willing bone marrow donors, especially in Alaska. However, each donor's blood must be tested and typed for six separate characteristics - an expensive process. There are currently thousands of donor samples waiting for testing, waiting for listing on the registry, waiting because there are insufficient funds for timely testing. The wait is a long one and lives are lost in the duration.

If we miss an opportunity to build a bridge or a road this year, we can always build it later. If we miss the opportunity to save a life, we may never get a chance to save that life again.

Please support Senate Bill 177.

Thank you,

  
Geoff Feller

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H HESS  
committee name

committee on HB 211 & HCL 14, dated 26 Mar 1991  
bill/subject

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Signed: Garry Juel  
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REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BRUCKMAN

## Sponsor Statement

### HCR 16

#### 'Designating April 14 - 20, 1992, as Bone Marrow Donor Week'

I have introduced HCR 16 to increase awareness and to educate the general public regarding bone marrow transplants as well increase enrollment in the National Marrow Donor Program.

HCR 16 designates the week of April 14 - 20, 1992 as Bone Marrow Donor Week. The resolution asks that efforts be made, in conjunction with the work being done by the Blood Bank of Alaska, to educate and inform Alaskans about the bone marrow donor program.

The Bone Marrow Donor Program of Alaska, thanks to the efforts of this Legislature, has been able to successfully match six Alaskan donors with patients suffering from cancer or other fatal blood disorders. The statistics for marrow compatibility range from one in one hundred to one in one million for Caucasians and matches for Alaskan Natives and other minority populations are unfortunately much, much rarer, due in part to the lack of registered donors, a crisis that is being remedied in part by the Alaska Blood Banks' donor drives in rural Alaska. As a direct result of the special appropriation passed last year, an additional 2200 potential donors have been typed and enrolled in the National Marrow Donor Program. There is still much that needs to be done to ensure that compatible donors are found for the estimated 1400 active searches being conducted nationally on any given day.

SPONSOR STATEMENT



STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 16

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: LEGISLATURE  
Title: DESIGNATING APRIL 12-18 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
BONE MARROW DONOR WEEK Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor: BRUCKMAN  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ 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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-					

CAPITAL	-0-					
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REVENUE	-0-					
FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-					
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-					
OTHER	-0-					
FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	-0-					

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: [Signature] Phone: 465-3732  
Division: HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERV. COMMITTEE Date: 1/21/92  
Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/21/92  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: March 13, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

State Affairs

Date of Committee Action: \_\_\_\_\_

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BONE MARROW DONOR WEEK

Designating April 14 - 20, 1991, as "Bone Marrow Donor Week."

RECOMMENDATIONS: COMMITTEE [ ] the same title  
 be replaced with SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR [ ] a new title

HCR 16 (HES)

[ ] 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 HOUSE HES

[ ] zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	<u>OTHER</u> RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
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Bethy K. Lewis	✓				
John C. Soyars					
Cheri Davis	✓				
Mark Harley	X				
Mary Miller	✓				

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 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE