

HCR

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Alaska State Legislature



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Gene Kubina
Subject: House Concurrent Resolution - SIDS Awareness Week
Date: 25 March 1991

HCR 20 would designate May 6 - May 12 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week. This recognition would serve as a focal point to help make Alaskans aware of a tragic cause of death in infants.

Rationale: The loss of a newborn child is one of the most traumatic experiences any parent can have. The death of a baby before it has time to experience life, and during the early stages of bonding, can create a sense of loss that can linger for years.

Since SIDS, commonly known as crib death, often occurs without any attributable causes, parents frequently suffer profound guilt, feeling that their actions, or lack of actions, may have contributed to the death of their child. Further, since the majority of SIDS babies appear entirely healthy, the shock is even more pronounced for the parents.

It is hoped that by having a SIDS awareness week, Alaskans will become more familiar with this tragic occurrence. Further, advance awareness of SIDS can help the grieving process and soften the sense of guilt. The anguished parents are able to gain some comfort in knowing that this unfortunate experience is not unique to them, but one they share with many other families.

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FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. HCR 20

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Legislature
 Title: Designating May 6-12, 1991, as BRU: _____
"Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week" Component: _____

Sponsor: Kubina
 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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-					

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

GENERAL FUND	-0-					
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-					
OTHER	-0-					
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: _____ Phone: 465-3732
 Division: House Health, Education & Social Services Comm Date: April 4, 1991

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: April 4, 1991
 Agency: _____

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: March 25, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4-4-91

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HCR 20

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS

Designating May 6 - 12, 1991, as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Week."

- RECOMMENDATIONS: the same title
 be replaced with _____ 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 HESS zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Cheri Davis</i>	✓	<i>Davis</i>			
<i>Mary Miller</i>	✓	<i>Miller</i>			
<i>Mark Hanley</i>	✓	<i>Hanley</i>			
<i>Bettye Davis</i>	✓	<i>Davis</i>			
<i>J. Gonzalez</i>	✓	<i>GONZALES</i>			
<i>Pat Carey</i>	X	<i>Carey</i>			
<i>Lincoln</i>	✓	<i>Lincoln</i>			


 CO-CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

Basic Facts About Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

- SIDS is the number one cause of death in infants after the first week of life.
- SIDS most commonly occurs to infants between the ages of three weeks and seven months, but occasionally an older or younger baby may die of SIDS.
- SIDS is not a rare disease. Approximately 6,000 - 7,000 babies die as a result of SIDS every year in the U.S. — about 2 to 3 for every 1,000 live births.
- There is no suffering; death occurs within seconds, usually during sleep.
- SIDS is at least as old as the Old Testament and seems to have been at least as common in the 18th and 19th centuries as it is now. Often referred to as "crib death," the term Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) came into general medical use after 1969.
- The cause is not suffocation, aspiration or regurgitation, although sometimes death certificates bear such terms in error. SIDS became an acceptable term for general use on death certificates after 1973, and periodically other terms may still be employed.
- A minor illness such as a common cold may precede the death, but many victims display no observable symptoms. The majority have appeared to be entirely healthy.
- SIDS is not contagious.
- SIDS is not considered hereditary.
- SIDS occurs among families of all social and economic strata.
- Researchers believe that SIDS probably has more than one cause although the final process of death may be similar in most instances.
- Because of the nature of SIDS, no single test has been discovered to identify which infants will succumb to it; therefore, there is no general means of prevention.

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Proclamation declaring October as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month in the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) more commonly known as "crib death", is the number one killer of infants after the first week of life; and

WHEREAS, parents whose babies are killed by SIDS suffer great anguish as they try to understand a disease for which the first symptom is death; and

WHEREAS, this year SIDS will take the lives of approximately 8,000 healthy babies in the United States, will strike one out of 350 babies in Washington State and, at this time, is neither predicable nor preventable; and

WHEREAS, the availability of information and support is of utmost importance to SIDS families in helping them to cope with their child's death; and

WHEREAS, a public that is informed and educated about SIDS can better respond to the needs of a SIDS family; and

WHEREAS, professionals who come in contact with SIDS families, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers and public health nurses, can better serve families if they have special training and knowledge about SIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Chapter, National SIDS Foundation, a state wide nonprofit charitable organization works closely with the SIDS Northwest Regional Center, a state funded state wide program of professional education and counseling to assist parents, promote SIDS research and educate the community about SIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Chapter, National SIDS Foundation will be conducting a state wide educational campaign throughout the month of October to alert people to and them about SIDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1990, as

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to help in the efforts taken to ensure that every child should live.

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Definition of SIDS: "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is defined as the sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after the performance of a complete postmortem investigation, including an autopsy, an examination of the scene of death and review of case history."

Of every 100 infants who die suddenly and unexpectedly, 15 can be explained, by previous medical history, on site death investigation or postmortem examination, 85 will be classified SIDS.

A collection of disorders whose common feature is the sudden death of an infant who appears to be in good health and developing normally.

NOT: contagious, hereditary, due to abuse or neglect, allergic response, aspiration, suffocation or regurgitation.

2. Size of the problem: Major cause of death in first year of life after the first week. 2 to 3 per 1,000 live births. 7,000 in USA annually. 180-200 death in Washington state annually. *Every hour in North America a baby dies of SIDS.*

Alaska State Legislature

Legislative Research Agency



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March 27, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Gene Kubina

FROM: Maureen Weeks ^{MMG}
Legislative Analyst

RE: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Statistics

You asked for the number and rate of deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in Alaska. Your question is answered in a series of tables. Table 1 shows the number and rate per year from 1985 to 1989. Table 2 shows the same years in a three-year moving average to stabilize the small numbers and control for chance variation from year to year. Table 3 shows the number and rate by race.

The average rate of deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Alaska over the five years from 1985 - 1989 was 260.0 deaths per 100,000 births. The average number for those years was 31 SIDS deaths per year.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please call this office if you have questions.

TABLE 1
Number and Rate of Deaths from
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Alaska and the U.S.
By Year, 1985-89

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>Alaska</u>					
Number	47	29	25	28	26
Rate (1)	364.4	238.5	214.0	250.8	222.8
<u>U.S.</u>					
Rate (1)	129.6	140.5	137.3	----	----

(1) Per 100,000 births.

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Supplement to *Annual Report 1986-87*, Tables 2.29 and 2.30; 1988 and 1989 preliminary data by personal communication.

TABLE 2
 Rate of Deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 Three-Year Moving Averages
 Alaska, 1985-89

	<u>1985-87</u>	<u>1986-88</u>	<u>1987-89</u>
Number of Deaths	101	82	79
Rate (1)	274.5	234.0	228.9

(1) Per 100,000 births.

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Supplement to *Annual Report 1986-87*, Table 2.30; 1988 and 1989 preliminary data by personal communication.

TABLE 3
 Rate of Deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 by Race (Native and Non-Native)
 Alaska, 1985-87

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Three-Year Average</u>
<u>Non-Native</u>				
Number	30	21	14	65
Rate (1)	294.5	219.3	157.0	226.6
<u>Native</u>				
Number	17	8	3	36
Rate (1)	612.2	292.9	384.7	430.3

(1) Rate per 100,000 births.

Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Supplement to *Annual Report 1986-87*, Table 2.30; 1988 and 1989 preliminary data by personal communication.

TABLE 2.30
 INFANT MORTALITY RATES FROM SELECTED CAUSES BY YEAR AND RACE, ALASKA, 1985-1987

CAUSE OF DEATH	YEAR															
	1985				1986				1987				ALL YEARS			
	RACE		RACE		RACE		RACE		RACE		RACE		RACE			
	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE	NON-NATIVE	NATIVE		
DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	DTHS	RATE	
CERTAIN GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES	.	.	.	.	2	20.9	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	7.0	.	.
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA	1	9.8	2	72.0	1	10.4	.	.	1	11.2	2	70.0	3	10.5	4	47.8
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	21	206.1	4	144.0	20	208.8	7	256.3	15	168.2	3	104.9	56	195.2	14	167.3
DISORDERS RELATING TO SHORT GESTATION	4	39.3	2	72.0	5	52.2	1	36.6	4	44.8	1	35.0	13	45.3	4	47.8
BIRTH TRAUMA	.	.	1	36.0	2	20.9	.	.	2	22.4	1	35.0	4	13.9	2	23.9
INTRAUTERINE HYPOXIA AND BIRTH ASPHYXIA	4	39.3	.	.	4	41.8	1	36.6	2	22.4	2	70.0	10	34.9	3	35.9
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME	4	39.3	1	36.0	13	135.7	4	146.5	4	44.8	3	104.9	21	73.2	8	95.6
OTHER CONDITIONS OF PERINATAL ORIGIN	16	157.1	3	108.0	14	146.2	5	183.1	15	168.2	6	209.9	45	156.9	14	167.3
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME	30	294.5	17	612.2	21	219.3	8	292.9	14	157.0	11	384.7	65	226.6	36	430.3
UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES	4	39.3	4	144.0	1	10.4	4	146.5	3	33.6	2	70.0	8	27.9	10	119.5
ALL OTHER CAUSES	18	176.7	6	216.1	15	156.6	5	183.1	13	145.8	13	454.7	46	160.4	24	286.8
TOTAL	102	1001.3	40	1440.4	98	1023.3	35	1281.6	73	818.5	44	1539.0	273	951.8	119	1422.3

DTHS: DEATHS, NUMBER OF INFANTS WHO DIED.
 RATE = (# OF INFANT DEATHS BY RACE / # LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE) * 100,000

From: B.I.V.S. Annual Report 1986-1987 Supplement

NEONATAL AND POSTNEONATAL DEATHS FROM SELECTED CAUSES BY RACE, ALASKA, 1988

YEAR 88

CAUSE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH											TOTAL	
	NEONATAL					SUB TOTAL	POSTNEONATAL						SUB TOTAL
	RACE OF CHILD						RACE OF CHILD						
	WHT	NAT	BLK	OTH	UNK		WHT	NAT	BLK	OTH	UNK		
CAUSE													
PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	.	.	.	6	6
CONGENITAL ANOMALIES	5	5	.	.	.	10	.	1	2	.	.	3	13
DISORDERS RELATING TO SHORT GESTATION	4	3	2	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
BIRTH TRAUMA	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1
INTRAUTERINE HYPOXIA AND BIRTH ASPHYXIA	1	1	1	1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME	3	4	.	1	.	8	4	.	2	.	.	6	14
OTHER CONDITIONS OF PERINATAL ORIGIN	9	5	2	.	.	16	2	2	.	.	.	4	20
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	10	2	1	.	28	28
UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	4	4
ALL OTHER CAUSES	3	.	1	.	.	4	6	3	1	1	.	11	15
TOTAL	25	18	6	2	.	51	30	24	7	2	.	63	114

Preliminary For 1988.

Preliminary Data for 1989 = 26 SIDS Deaths total

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Representative Gene Kubina

Strongly support legislative Statewide
Awareness Efforts to alert people to
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

SIDS is a neglected Mental Health issue.

Ignorance of Sids facts causes painful
and unnecessary self-condemnation
on the part of uninformed parents and
a mix of negative, unworthy social
judgements on the part of an uninformed
public.

Those who lose a loved child via Sids
deserve intelligent understanding
and emotional support in their
overwhelming grief.

The mystery of Sids will be solved some
day. The understanding of Sids
can be solved today.

Don Crowley PhD
Landon Clinic, Andover



Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: 4/4/91

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
HCR 20 SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME
AWARENESS

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?		WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
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