

HB

350

of Committee Action: 3/23/92

COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 350

ISE BILL NO. 350

MANDATORY MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICES

Act requiring certain general law and home rule cities and unified municipalities to provide areawide police action and law enforcement services; and providing for an effective date."

COMMENDATIONS:

replaced with _____ [] the same title

_____ [] a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

OPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact _____

[] fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note _____

zero fiscal note(s) Public Safety 5/20/91

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
		<i>J. G. Gougeon</i>		✓	
		<i>Cheri Davis</i>		✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
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CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 350

Revision Date: 01/16/92 Department Affected: Public Safety

Title: Mandatory police protection BRU: Alaska State Troopers
by cities. Component: Detachments

Sponsor: Rules Committee

Requestor: House CRA COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

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-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
FUND SOURCE:						
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: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

State Troopers presently assigned to areas that would be affected by this bill would be reassigned to other (mostly rural) areas where resources are not sufficient to meet the current demand for services.

Prepared By: Gayle A. Horetski Phone: 465-4322

Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 01/20/92

Approved by Commissioner: Richard L. Burton

Agency: Department of Public Safety Date: 01/20/92

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Fin., Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB/DBR, Gov. Legis. Ofc., & Impacted Agency(ies).

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 7, 1992

The Honorable Dave Donley
Chairman, House Judiciary
Capitol, Room 122
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Donley:

I would like to formally request that a hearing be scheduled on HB 350, requiring certain general law and home rule cities and unified municipalities to provide areawide police protection and law enforcement services, at your earliest convenience.

Any additional information you need regarding this bill should be requested from the Department of Public Safety through Gayle Horetski, Deputy Commissioner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Fuhs".

Paul Fuhs
Senior Legislative Liaison

cc: Gayle Horetski
Deputy Commissioner

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

May 20, 1991

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Speaker Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III. sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the exercise of police powers by certain general law and home rule cities and unified municipalities. If enacted, this bill will require cities with 2,000 or more residents to provide police protection and law enforcement services and will require all unified municipalities to provide these services on an areawide basis. The goal is to require municipal governments with sufficient population to assume the responsibility and expense of providing police protection to their citizens.

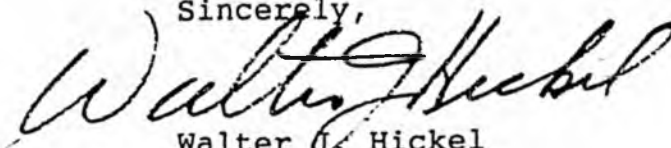
Several cities in the state currently provide the services required under this bill, while only one city of 2,000 or more residents does not (e.g. the City of Barrow, which receives police services from the North Slope Borough). In my opinion, cities with a population of at least 2,000 are of such a size that they are best suited to provide these services. It is not fair to allow some cities to escape the responsibilities so willingly shouldered by others. I am concerned that if this inequality continues, other cities will cease providing local police protection. An unanticipated decision to cease providing police protection would dramatically increase the cost to the state of providing police protection by the state troopers. This bill will maintain the status quo for the majority of cities while also forcing the few cities not currently providing police protection to assume and exercise police powers.

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With respect to unified municipalities, the bill requires police powers to be exercised on an "areawide" basis, regardless of local decisions regarding the provision of police protection and law enforcement services.

I urge you to favorably consider this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter C. Hickel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Walter C. Hickel
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

March 16, 1992

The Honorable Jerry Mackie
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: HB 350, relating to Municipal Police Protection

Dear Representative Mackie:

HB 350, an act requiring certain cities and municipalities to provide local police protection, has been referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee. I am writing to respectfully request that the bill be scheduled for a hearing.

HB 350 requires unified municipalities and those cities with a population of 2,000 or more to exercise areawide police protection and law enforcement services. The effect of this bill would be to require the Municipality of Anchorage to assume police powers on an areawide basis, as well as to require the City of Wasilla to assume these powers. According to our information, every other city of 2,000 residents or larger (with the exception of Barrow, which receives police services from the North Slope Borough), currently exercises police powers.

The Municipality of Anchorage provides police services on a "nonareawide" basis and only to those service areas that have voted to be taxed by the municipality to have police services provided in the service area. The charter of the Municipality of Anchorage states that residents of service areas will not be provided with or taxed for certain services unless voted in by the residents. This includes police protection services. Therefore, service areas not covered by the municipality's police force are covered by the Alaska State Troopers, with the expense being borne completely by the state. Most notable is the Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage, a densely populated service area whose residents have repeatedly declined to pay for local police services. By requiring, in statute, that areawide police powers are to be exercised by unified

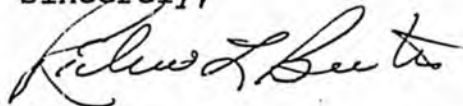
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municipalities, the Municipality of Anchorage will be forced to exercise this power areawide, regardless of service areas that have not voted to pay for the service and notwithstanding its charter.

In this period of rapidly declining state revenues, it seems especially appropriate to consider measures which would require cities that are stable and large enough to provide their own police protection to do so, thus freeing up extremely scarce State Trooper personnel to be reassigned to other (mainly rural) areas of the state.

Please call me if you have any questions about HB 350. We look forward to being able to discuss HB 350 with the Community and Regional Affairs Committee in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Richard L. Burton
Commissioner

Home Rule/General Law Cities
and Unified Municipalities With A
Population of 2000 or more

Anchorage
Juneau
Sitka
Cordova
Fairbanks
Kenai
Ketchikan
Kodiak
Palmer
Petersburg
Seward
Valdez
Wrangell
Barrow
Dillingham
Homer
Nome
Soldotna
Unalaska
Wasilla
Bethel
Kotzebue

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WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

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March 31, 1992

FYI

The Honorable Dave Donley
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 122
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Donley:

Re: HB 350, relating to Municipal Police Protection

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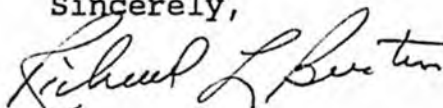
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Sincerely,

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Richard L. Burton
Commissioner



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Tom Fink, Mayor

Service since 1921

April 3, 1992

Representative Dave Donley
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Donley:

I urge your support of HB350, which is currently before your committee. This Bill enjoys the support of the Governor, the Department of Public Safety and the Municipality of Anchorage.

As you are aware this bill attempts to resolve a basic government service issue that has troubled the citizens of the Municipality of Anchorage for many years. I believe the solution proposed by HB350 is the best and most equitable solution to this issue.

Recently the Alaska State Troopers have closed posts as a result of not having enough State Troopers available to staff them. HB350 would free up 23+ State Troopers and Investigators currently assigned to "B" Detachment in Anchorage.

Dave, I know this is a hot political issue but it needs to be resolved.

Thanks,

Sincerely,

Kevin M. O'Leary
Chief of Police

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