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Date Referred: March 9, 1992

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3-18-92

The JUDICIARY Committee considered:

HB 531

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

COURT APPEARANCE: NONPROFIT HOUSING CORP

"An Act relating to appearances in civil actions and making an exception from the requirement of representation by an attorney for appearances on behalf of nonprofit housing corporations in certain civil actions."

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_  zero fiscal note(s) (burts 3-9-92)

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Daniel Donley</i>	X				
<i>J. Ellis</i>	X				
<i>Kevin P. ...</i>	✓				
<i>Mark ...</i>	X				
<i>...</i>	—				
<del><i>Daniel Donley</i></del>	X				

*Daniel Donley*  
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill No. HB 531

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Alaska Court System  
 Title: An Act relating to appearances in BRU: Trial Courts  
civil actions... Components: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: House Judiciary  
 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						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	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)

No fiscal impact.

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 Division: Alaska Court System Date: 03/05/92

Approved by: Arthur H. Snowden, II, Administrative Director *[Signature]*  
 Agency: Alaska Court System Date: 03/05/92

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

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**DATE:** March 4, 1992  
**TO:** House Labor and Commerce Committee  
**RE:** House Bill 531

**BILL PURPOSE**

**Concerning Nonprofit Representation In Court In Certain Civil Procedures**

The purpose of this bill would be to allow nonprofit housing providers the ability to represent themselves in court for Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) action. Presently, under Alaska Statute, private property owners and property managers may represent themselves in civil action taken for the purposes of forcible entry and detainer under the Alaska Landlord Tenant Law. Corporations are specifically required by statute to be represented by an attorney at all times, regardless of the size of the civil action.

A number of housing providers in the state are nonprofit agencies whose purposes are to provide affordable housing for renters and consequently provide attendant property management services.

Although the task of requiring civil action for eviction purposes is oftentimes unpleasant, it is a necessary fact of property management. Oftentimes, the individual with the most background and knowledge concerning this process is the on-site resident manager. Under Alaska Landlord Tenant Law, an FED action is primarily a proforma matter and the requirement for attorney representation in this action is costly and redundant. This measure will provide a more effective means for civil proceedings in this type of action and provide cost savings to consumers.