

HB

207

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

*Representative Georgianna Lincoln*

HESS Committee, Co-Chair  
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## MEMORANDUM

Alatna  
Allakaket  
Aniak  
Anvik  
Arctic Village  
Beaver  
Bettles  
Birch Creek  
Chalkyitsik  
Chuathbaluk  
Crooked Creek  
Evansville  
Fort Yukon  
Galena  
Grayling  
Holy Cross  
Hughes  
Huslia  
Kalskag  
Kaltag  
Koyukuk  
Lake Minchumina  
Lime Village  
Lower Kalskag  
Manley Hot Springs  
Marshall  
McGrath  
Minto  
Mountain Village  
Nikolai  
Nulato  
Pilot Station  
Pitkas Point  
Rampart  
Red Devil  
Ruby  
Russian Mission  
Shageluk  
Sleetmute  
St. Mary's  
Stevens Village  
Stony River  
Taktoma  
Tanana  
Telida  
Tuluksak  
Tyonek  
Venetie  
Wiseman

**TO:** House Resources Committee  
Representative Cliff Davidson, Chair

**FROM:** Representative Georgianna Lincoln *GL*  
House District 24

**RE:** House Bill 207

**DATE:** April 16, 1991

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House Bill 207 proposes to do only one thing--amend the definition of "village" under AS 46.07.080(2). Changing the definition of "village" will add first class cities with a population of not more than 600 residents to the eligibility list for funding under the Village Safe Water Program.

According to the population list based on the 1990 population and certified by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, only six additional villages would become eligible for Village Safe Water Program funding under provisions of House Bill 207. These

villages are: Tanana, St. Mary's, Pelican, Yakutat, Hydaburg and Seldovia.

There is a zero fiscal note attached to this bill; no additional funding would be required to implement its provisions. The six villages that would be added to the Village Safe Water Program eligibility list are similarly situated to those already on the list and would be competing for the same funds.

In reviewing historical information pertaining to the Village Safe Water Program, there is no indication as to why small, rural villages incorporated as first class cities were not included. However, in testimony before the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee April 4, 1991, the City Manager for St. Mary's reminded committee members that a number of villages opted to incorporate as first class cities in order to form their own school districts. This took place after the Village Safe Water Program was established by legislation.

Because water and sewer are such basic necessities for these six villages, I am asking your favorable consideration of this bill to add them to the eligibility list for the VSW Program.

STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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April 3, 1991

POSITION PAPER

RE: House Bill 207

SPONSOR: Representative Lincoln

Program Effects of the Bill

This bill extends eligibility for the village safe water program to first class cities with populations less than 600. Presently only unincorporated communities with a population less than 600 and second class cities are eligible.

Six cities would be affected by this legislation, they are: Hydaburg, Pelican, Saint Mary's, Seldovia, Tanana, and Yakutat.

Comments

The Department supports this bill because it furthers the concept of making similarly situated communities eligible for the same State benefits.

*Remond Henderson for*  
Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 207

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Community & Regional Affairs  
 Title: "An Act relating to the Village Safe Water Program." BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Representative Lincoln Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

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

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Remond Henderson, Director *Remond Henderson* Phone: 465-4708  
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 4/1/91  
 Approved by Commissioner: Edgar Blatchford *Edgar Blatchford*  
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Date: 4/1/91

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

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 207

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: relating to village sewerwater  
Sponsor: Rep. Lincoln  
Requestor: Rep. Lincoln

Department Affected: DEC  
BRU: Facilities, Construction and Operations  
Component: Village Sewerwater

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1 6 3 1 8

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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POSITIONS:

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PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Date: 4/3/91

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]  
Agency: Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Date: 4/3/91

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City of Seldovia

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March 26, 1991

Honorable Georgianna Lincoln  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box "V" (MS 3100)  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 207

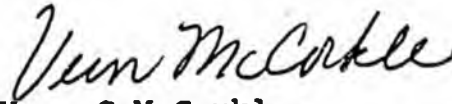
Dear Representative Lincoln:

Thank you very much for sponsoring HB 207. We support passage of it and are writing to all of the members of the referral committees in the affirmative.

Your Bill is one of key significance to the smaller, rural towns. Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

THE CITY OF SELDOVIA



Vern C McCorkle  
City Manager



CITY OF TANANA  
P.O. Box 181  
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"NUCHALAWOYYA" - Where the two rivers meet.

April 5, 1991

Rep. Georjianna Lincoln  
District 24  
Capital Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Georjianna:

Thank you for introducing the amendment to HR 207 adding first class cities under 600 population.

Small first-class cities are mandated to provide more services with essentially the same municipal assistance as second class cities and villages, yet are excluded from state-assisted programs such as VSW. Your recognition of this is to be commended.

Along these same lines, would it be possible to sponsor a similar amendment to the funding for the VPSO program? If Tanana was forced to drop the Dept. of Public Safety position due to budget considerations, I am sure that the State troopers would be unable to provide the level of law enforcement necessary.

May I hear from you on this?

Sincerely,

Peter L. Platten, Mayor

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In reviewing the statutes pertaining to the Village Safe Water Program, there is no indication as to why small, rural first class cities were not included for funding purposes. For purposes relating to such basic necessities as water and sewer for these six villages, I am asking your favorable consideration of this bill to add them to the eligibility list for the VSW Program.