

HB

95

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: February 1, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3-20-91

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 95

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

AK-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL COMM'N

"An Act establishing the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 95 the same title a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: House State Affairs letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact Commission of Special Offices fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note DNR zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

	.Check appropriate column:	Do Not	No Rec	Amend
		Pass		
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Tom Sawyer
Chairman's Signature



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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House State Affairs Committee

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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

LETTER OF INTENT

For

CSHB 95 (State Affairs)

It is the intent of the Legislature by enactment of HB 95 that the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force shall encourage and aggressively solicit monetary contributions from private sector individuals and companies to reduce the state contribution to the the task force budget.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Meyer".

House State Affairs Committee

March 20, 1991

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 95

Revision Date: 19-Mar-91 Department Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush BRU: Land & Water
Centennial Commission Components: Land & Water
 Sponsor: Rep. Mackie
 Requestor: House State Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 431

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	0.0	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 FUND						
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:

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Gary Gustafson Phone: 762-2672
 Division: Land & Water Date: 19-Mar-91

Approved by Commissioner: Harold Heinze Date: 19-Mar-91
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 95

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Office of the Governor
 Title: "An Act establishing the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Commission,..." BRU: Commissions and Special Offices
 Component: Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Commission
 Sponsor: Representative Mackie
 Requestor: House State Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

N	A		
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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	56.5	58.4	60.2	62.1	64.0	66.2
TRAVEL	10.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
CONTRACTUAL	68.7	68.0	68.0	68.0	68.0	68.0
SUPPLIES	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
EQUIPMENT	11.2	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	148.9	135.4	137.2	139.1	141.0	143.2

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	148.9	135.4	137.2	139.1	141.0	143.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	148.9	135.4	137.2	139.1	141.0	143.2

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1	1	1	1	1	1
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
See attached analysis

Prepared By: Michael A. Nizich, Director *Man* Phone: 465-3616
 Division: Division of Administrative Services Date: 3-4-91
 Approved by Commissioner: D. Max Hodel, Chief of Staff *[Signature]*
 Agency: Office of the Governor Date: 3/5/91

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

PERSONAL SERVICES 56.5

Bill sponsor does not envision the Executive Secretary in the context of the proposed legislation as a secretarial position. A survey of boards in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development with Executive Secretaries indicates appropriate range to be 18. Request for New Position form is attached. Salary shown is step A for FY 91 and includes a one-step merit increase for subsequent years.

Fiscal note assumes administrative support needs of the Commission will be provided by the Office of the Governor.

TRAVEL 10.8

Travel assumes one face-to-face meeting annually and three teleconference meetings. The FY 92 travel estimate includes an additional face-to-face meeting for the Commission's first organization meeting.

Two face-to-face meetings (first year only)

Airfare for seven public members x 2 meetings
includes airfare for Executive Secretary for
one meeting 5,496

Per Diem includes average per diem rates for
seven members for two meetings and an additional
per diem calculation for Executive Secretary
travel for one meeting 3,090

Teleconference meetings

Per diem for seven members attending three
teleconferences 2,205

Total Travel: 10,791

CONTRACTUAL 68.7

Communication:

Telephone (toll costs, base/local fixed costs, centrex network costs) 500/mo x 12 months	6,000	
Telecopier charges -- 100/mo x 12 months	1,200	
Teleconference charges -- 3 @ 2400 (3 teleconferences at 10 sites for 3 hrs.)	7,200	
Postage -- 300/mo x 12	3,600	18,000

Contractual - continued

Transportation:

Freight and express charges -- 75/mo x 12 900

Advertising, Printing & Binding:

Subscriptions	75	
Advertising -- 5 meetings x 750	3,750	
Printing -- 4 newsletters x 800 each	3,200	
Annual report	7,500	
Forms, misc.	750	15,275

Minor Repair, Maintenance 1,200

Rental for Space:

150 sq. ft. x \$1.85/sf 3,330

Other Expenditures and Services:

Includes funding for secretarial services
to take and transcribe minutes of meetings;
newsletters and annual report preparation 30,000

Total Contractual: 68,705

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS 1.7

Office and library supplies, 100/mo x 12 =	1,200	
Data processing supplies =	500	1,700

EQUIPMENT 11.2

Communication Equipment:

Phone	500	
FAX Machine	2,500	3,000

Data Processing Equipment:

1 PC/printer/software 6,600

Furniture/Office Equipment:

Desk, chair, etc.	=	975	
2 file cabinets	=	400	
Bookcase	=	200	1,575

Total Equipment: 11,175

REPRESENTATIVE
JERRY MACKIE

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT REP. JERRY MACKIE HB 95

This legislation establishes the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission for the purpose of managing and publicizing the 100th anniversary of the gold rush of 1898.

This legislation was brought to my attention by different constituents seeking to develop a celebration to commemorate the beginning of the greatest and most sustained gold rush of the 19th century.

The rush to the Yukon to seek the huge gold nuggets spawned the development of the territory of Alaska and consumed the imagination of all the world. It generated poets such as Robert Service and added to the fame of authors such as Jack London. The Gold Rush of 1898 still sparks the imagination of people throughout the world. The work of the commission can only add to the legacy of gold fever and the original flight to Alaska and the Yukon.

I urge your positive consideration of this legislation.

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PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

HB 95

STATEMENT OF

REP. JERRY MACKIE

I am submitting for the Committee's review, a proposed committee substitute for HB 95. This committee substitute addresses several concerns that were presented to me as work has continued on this piece of legislation.

The first issue of concern was that the legislative findings in Sec. 1 of the original bill does not accurately reflect the historical facts of the Gold Rush of 1898. The proposed committee substitute makes the necessary corrections.

A second issue is the size of the fiscal note attached to creating a commission and placing it in the Office of the Governor. To address the expense of a new commission, I am proposing to eliminate the position of executive secretary to the commission. This will reduce the fiscal impact and not create a new position that is hard to justify in the early days of the commission.

Third, a change is being made in the location and title of the commission. This change is being made in response to a suggestion from the Office of the Governor to create a task force rather than a commission. It was further suggested that a more appropriate location for this new constituted task force would be with the Alaska Historical Commission in the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. These changes are also reflected in the proposed committee substitute.

I recommend that the changes represented be accepted by the Committee. Your positive consideration is greatly appreciated.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 95 ()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MACKIE

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force; and providing
2 for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

5 (1) even though the gold rush of 1898 was centered in the Klondike region of the Yukon,
6 Alaska was also involved in the gold rush, and it significantly affected the development of Alaska as
7 a whole;

8 (2) because of the general significance of this gold rush to Alaska and the Yukon, it is
9 appropriate to hold a statewide celebration for its centennial.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 44.37 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 2. ALASKA-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE.

12 Sec. 44.37.200. CREATION, COMPOSITION, AND ORGANIZATION OF TASK
13 FORCE. (a) The Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force is established in the office
14 of history and archaeology in the division of parks and outdoor recreation in the Department of

1 Natural Resources.

2 (b) The task force consists of the director of the division of tourism in the Department
3 of Commerce and Economic Development, the director of the division of parks and outdoor
4 recreation in the Department of Natural Resources, and seven members appointed by the
5 governor. The task force members appointed by the governor shall include

6 (1) five individuals, with a sincere interest in the history of the Klondike gold
7 rush and in the role played by the state in the gold rush;

8 (2) two individuals who are recognized for their expertise in the history of the
9 gold rush and are not employees of a governmental agency.

10 (c) The task force shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among its members.

11 Sec. 44.37.205. COMPENSATION; STAFF, AND OPERATING EXPENSES. (a)
12 Members of the task force serve without compensation, but are entitled to per diem and travel
13 expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

14 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide administrative support for the task
15 force.

16 Sec. 44.37.210. TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES; MEETINGS. (a) The term
17 of office of a member of the task force is for the duration of the task force.

18 (b) A member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the governor.

19 (c) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the governor.

20 (d) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for conducting business and
21 exercising the powers of the task force. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair, at the
22 request of the majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as determined by a
23 majority of the members. The task force shall hold at least one meeting each year that is not by
24 teleconference.

25 Sec. 44.37.215. DUTIES. (a) The task force shall plan, coordinate, and oversee the
26 events to be conducted or sponsored by the state to celebrate the centennial of the Klondike gold
27 rush of 1898. The task force shall coordinate these events with the Klondike gold rush
28 celebrations planned by Canada.

29 (b) During the regular session of the legislature each year the task force shall report to
30 the governor and to the legislature on the performance of the duties of the task force under (a)
31 of this section. The report must include a statement of the short-term and long-term goals of the

1 task force for the celebration.

2 Sec. 44.37.220. DEFINITION. In AS 44.37.200 - 44.37.220, "task force" means the
3 Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Task Force.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 44.37.200, 44.37.205, 44.37.210, 44.37.215, and 44.37.220 are repealed.

5 * Sec. 4. FIRST MEETING. The governor shall call the first meeting of the Alaska-Klondike Gold
6 Rush Task Force, established under AS 44.37.200, as added by sec. 2 of this Act, within 60 days after
7 all of the members of the task force have been appointed.

8 * Sec. 5. Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1999.

9 * Sec. 6. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 19, 1990

The Honorable Gene Kubina, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
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Dear Representative Kubina:

Subject: HB 95, which establishes the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission.

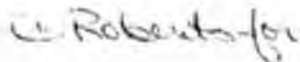
Position: DNR supports the intent of this bill. Alaska's gold rush history can be a significant economic asset with regards to the visitor industry as well as a vehicle for explaining the role of mining in the settlement and growth of the state.

Background: Last fall, the Alaska Historical Commission proposed to Governor Hickel that a task force be created to assist the state in planning and celebrating the significant anniversaries in the decade of the 1990's.

Recommendation: The Department recommends that the scope of the Commission be expanded to include celebrations across the state during the era 1896-1906. Celebrations should coordinate with gold rush events planned in Canada when appropriate.

The Department further recommends that the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Commission be a special project under the auspices of the Alaska Historical Commission to benefit from the procedures already in place through DNR.

Sincerely,



Harold C. Heinze
Commissioner

cc: Committee Members
Representative Mackie
Bruce Kendall, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Governor

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Legislative Research Agency

March 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Jerry Mackie

FROM: Deborah L. Davidson *DL*
Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Appropriations to Commissions Established to Commemorate
Events or People
Research Request 91.207

You asked for information about legislative appropriations to commissions established to commemorate events or people (e.g., the Silver Anniversary Commission or the Alcan Highway 50th Anniversary). We reviewed laws identified from the following sources in an attempt to identify all such commissions established since 1981:

- STAIRS search of session laws and resolves for the terms "commission" with "appropriation" or "appropriated";
- STAIRS search of session laws and resolves for the terms "anniversary," and derivatives of the terms "celebrate" and "commemorate";
- session laws and resolves indexed under Boards/Commissions in the *Session Laws* of each year;
- session laws indexed under Appropriations in the *Session Laws* of each year; and
- bills and resolutions listed under new legislation in each year's budget.

The attached table lists commissions identified by this agency that were established to commemorate events or people since 1981.¹ We caution that it may not be all inclusive. We are also unsure that the total amount allocated to individual commissions is represented. Funds may have been provided through individual agency budget (particularly in the grants and contracts category). In addition, some of the appropriation amounts were stated in legislative intent rather than as line item appropriations.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Attachment

¹We asked staff at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to check their database for any appropriations this agency may have inadvertently missed. The OMB database is not set up to allow key word searches; however some appropriations have been categorized in a type of subject summary. No additional appropriations were found.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO COMMEMORATE EVENTS OR PEOPLE

Appropriations

Silver Anniversary Commission

Chapter 74, SLA 81, established the commission within DCED to solicit proposals and develop a statewide plan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of statehood. 0

No appropriations were made directly to the commission. A \$200,000 contract was given to Alaska 1984 by the Division of Tourism and the commission awarded Alaska 1984 a \$3.5 million sole-source contract. For more information see the attached Legislative Audit report.

Silver Anniversary Commission TOTAL 0

House of Wickersham Task Force

Legislative Resolve 30, SLA 81, requested the governor to establish this task force to develop a plan for the operation and preservation of the House of Wickersham. \$17,400

House of Wickersham TOTAL \$17,400

Senate Special Committee on William Egan

Senate Resolve 6, SLA 84, formed a special Senate committee to make recommendations on ways to commemorate William Egan. \$100,000

William Egan TOTAL \$100,000

Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Section 85 of Chapter 105, SLA 85, directed the Office of the Governor to establish and operate a Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission in support of the Federal Holiday Commission. \$16,800

Section 118 of Chapter 130, SLA 85, appropriated to DCRA operating funds for the commission. \$15,000

Martin Luther King TOTAL \$31,800

Commission to Commemorate the Bicentenary of the U.S. Constitution

Legislative Resolve 41, SLA 86, requested the Governor to establish this commission. A zero fiscal note was submitted. \$0

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO COMMEMORATE EVENTS OR PEOPLE

	<u>Appropriations</u>
Bunnell Commemoration	
Line 21, page 114 of Chapter 95, SLA 87, legislative intent language stated that this amount of the UAF appropriation was to be used for the Bunnell Commemoration.	\$25,000
Bunnell TOTAL	\$25,000
Alcan Highway 50th Anniversary--Project '92	
Line 18, page 50 of Chapter 154, SLA 88, legislative intent stated that the Division of Tourism was to use this appropriation to plan and develop the Alcan Highway 50th Anniversary Celebration.	\$50,000
Line 18, page 48 of Chapter 116, SLA 89, legislative intent stated that the Division of Tourism was to use this appropriation to plan and develop the Alcan Highway 50th Anniversary Celebration. INTENT LANGUAGE WAS VETOED.	(\$95,000)
Line 12, page 72 of Chapter 117, SLA 89, named this grant to the Great Alaska Highway Society for Project 92	\$30,000
Page 58, Chapter 208 SLA 90-- Delta Chamber of Commerce Project '92 Participation--VETOED Glennallen Chamber of Commerce Project '92 Participation--VETOED Tok Chamber of Commerce Project '92 Participation--VETOED Tok Umbrella Corporation 92 Visitor Facility Construction and Renovation--VETOED	(\$10,000) (\$10,000) (\$10,000) (\$10,000)
Alcan Highway TOTAL APPROPRIATED	\$215,000
Alcan Highway TOTAL APPROVED	\$80,000

250th Anniversary of Russian Discover of Alaska

Legislative Resolve 14, SLA 89, encouraged the governor to develop a celebration of this event. A zero fiscal note was submitted.

NOTE

This list may not be all inclusive. Allocations contained in legislative intent may or may not have been used. There may also have been money contained in individual agency budgets which was not detailed in the session laws.

Prepared by the Legislative Research Agency, March 1991 (91.207)

ALASKA-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Benefits to be derived from the establishment of the commission:

Passage of HR-95, Establish the Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission will benefit the State of Alaska in the following ways:

1. Oversee the organization of a significant celebration commemorating the role played by Alaska in the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-98. The celebration will be held in 1997-98 and sufficient lead time is required for staging some of the events that are expected to take place.
2. Initiate and guide the involvement of state agencies (Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Department of Community and Regional Affairs) in order to make maximum use of existing state governmental departments with responsibilities in the areas of tourism and promotion of tourism related activities.
3. Coordinate the statewide celebration with individual communities in Alaska and with similar commissions or boards in Yukon, Territory and in British Columbia in Canada.
4. The celebration has the potential of increasing the numbers of travelers who come to Alaska and by properly publicizing and promoting the Centennial the state will derive maximum economic benefit through increased spending by tourists while in Alaska.
5. To serve as a clearing house for events leading up to and in support of the Centennial celebration in order to prevent duplication and to make the celebration more effective.
6. To serve as an official sanctioning body for Gold Rush Centennial events. To select an appropriate logo to identify Centennial activities, possibly by sponsoring a statewide design competition. Once a logo is developed the Commission will manage the use of the logo at properly sanctioned events and by officially recognized sponsors.
7. The Commission shall have no regulatory authority over any Centennial events.

CENTENNIAL OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH
1997---CELEBRATION---1998

OBJECTIVE:

Plan and execute a proper celebration of the anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush in the United States and in Canada on the occasion of the centennial of the Gold Rush in 1997-98.

SHORT TERM GOALS:

1. To instill in the citizens of the states of Alaska and Washington, the province of British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory an awareness of and appreciation for the significance of the events of the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898.
2. To solicit the support of local, state, provincial, and territorial government officials and to make them aware of the opportunities that are offered to promote all aspects of the "Land of the Midnight Sun" using the Gold Rush centennial theme.
3. To alert media, travel brokers, tourism directors, and other key officials to the marketability of the Gold Rush and the events surrounding the centennial celebration.
4. To identify interim themes leading up to 1997-98 which will build on the Gold Rush theme, (ie., 1890, John J. Healy opened a branch trading post at Chilkat; 1893, gold discovered in Circle City; 1896, discovery of gold on Rabbit Creek in the Yukon).
5. To coordinate the events of the centennial celebration with government agencies, communities, and individuals in order to optimize the use of available resources and prevent duplication of effort to provide a quality event.
6. To make the centennial of the Gold Rush significant, nationally and internationally, as was the 1898 rush to the Klondike.
7. To identify key people who will play a role in the planning and execution of centennial events and to organize this group into a steering committee to guide the preliminary steps on the "Trail of 1998" toward the "Centennial Rush to the Klondike".

SUGGESTED ANNUAL THEMES:

1991 -- Religion and Civic Organizations	1994 -- Dyea
1992 -- Roads and military	1995 -- Gardens and business
1993 -- Gold	1996 -- Discovery of Gold
	1997-98 -- CENTENNIAL OF THE GOLD RUSH

ALASKA-KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Total and Average Visitor In-State Expenditures by Region
All Visitors
Summer 1989

Region	Total Expenditures (\$ Millions)	5% Increase	Average Expenditures (Per Person/Per Trip)
Southeast	\$ 66.0	\$ 3.3	\$ 228
Southcentral	133.8		399
Interior/Northern	52.9	2.6	278
Southwest	14.5		605
Denali/McKinley	16.2		106
Ferry At-Sea	12.8	.6	304
Undistributed	7.8		152
Total	\$ 304.1	6.5	\$ 567

Top 10 Communities in Visitor Expenditures
All Visitors
Summer 1989

Community	Total Expenditures	5% Increase	% of State Total
1. Anchorage	\$ 87.8	\$ 4.39	19%
2. Fairbanks	37.4	1.87	12
3. Juneau	24.1	1.21	8
4. Skagway	16.2	.81	5
5. Ketchikan	14.7	.74	5
6. Kenai/Soldotna	8.7		3
7. Homer	5.7		2
8. Valdez	4.8		2
9. Sitka	4.6	.23	2
10. Seward	4.2		1
Total		\$9.24	

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Roger W. Griffin, Chairman

January 22, 1991

Mr. V. Joe Poor, Executive Director
Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce
124 West 5th Street
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Dear Mr. Poor:

Enclosed is legislation that has been drafted by Mr. Clay Alderson, Superintendent of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway. The legislation proposes to establish an Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission. It proposes that "the commission shall plan, coordinate, and oversee events of the celebration of the centennial of the Klondike Gold Rush in Alaska and will integrate these events with similar events planned in Canada honoring the gold rush of 1898 and other significant anniversaries culminating with the celebration of the centennial of the gold rush in 1997 and 1998."

The gold rush of 1898 was the world's last great gold rush and was an event of singular importance to Alaska's history. We believe that it should be celebrated in a manner commensurate with its importance. As this letter is written, I understand that several museums in major cities in the "lower 48" are preparing displays and events to commemorate the gold rush. I also understand that in the Yukon Territory, the organizations celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Alcan Highway plan to roll their effort into a celebration of the goldrush.

The legislation, as drafted, proposes that commissioners shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to \$150 per day while on commission business, plus per diem and travel expenses. This is probably the greatest expense the State of Alaska would incur as a consequence of this legislation. In view of Governor Hickel's efforts to reduce the cost of government, I suggest that expenses be limited to travel and per diem. It may also be appropriate to include a "sunset" provision in the legislation; that is, the commission will have a specified life span, perhaps 10 years, after which it will automatically cease to exist.

Draft Legislation, January 22, 1991, Page 2

I would like to submit the draft legislation to the Governor's Office and ask the Governor to submit it to the legislature with a recommendation for passage in this session. Before I do so, however, I would like to have a statement of your support. Please consider this legislation; I believe the significance of the gold rush deserves celebration and deserves the imprimatur of a State Commission.

I will be calling you in a few days concerning this proposal.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Griffin
Chairman

RWG/mmj

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Clay Alderson



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Representing The Local Business Community

February 21, 1991

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Dear Representative Mackie:

We, the Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce, support your efforts to introduce a bill creating an Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission. As you know, without the gold rush in the Klondike in 1898, Alaska may have been entirely different than it is today. We support the efforts to invite the people of the United States and Canada to join together in celebration and remembrance of this momentous event in Alaska's history. We believe that with proper focus and media attention that this can once again create an opportunity for our State by increasing the number of visitors to our communities and thereby benefiting our local merchants.

Sincerely,



V. Joe Poor
Executive Director



Office of the Minister
Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Representative Mackie
Alaska State Legislature
Box V
Juneau, Alaska
99811

Dear Mr. Mackie:

It was with considerable interest that I read the proposed Bill concerning the establishment of an Alaska-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission. I would like to draw your attention to a number of related items.

As you may be aware, the Yukon has created an independent Yukon Anniversaries Commission responsible for managing a decade of anniversaries in the Yukon. The Commission is currently active with its first priority, namely, the 50th Anniversary of the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1992. Our neighbours in Alaska and British Columbia have also established corresponding organizations to manage their activities relating to the anniversary. In addition, an umbrella association, the International Joint Committee consisting of the three jurisdictions, has been established to co-ordinate the international aspects of the anniversaries and the efforts of the three partners.

The Yukon Anniversaries Commission will also be very active in the Gold Rush Anniversaries - the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold in 1996 and the 100th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush in 1998. These two events will offer significant potential for tourism promotion internationally and for further co-operative action between ourselves and other jurisdictions through a similar and possibly expanded International Joint Committee.

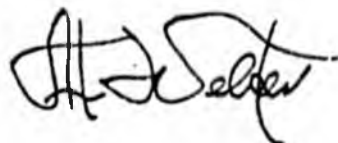
The Yukon is quite interested in the possibility of developing an International Gold Rush Trail encompassing the Chilkoot, the 30 mile Canadian Heritage River System (a section of the Yukon River) and our Dawson City National Historic sites prior to the '98 anniversary. Your support for such a venture would be appreciated.

I would like an opportunity to discuss these issues with you in more detail. I will have my secretary call your office to arrange such a meeting for a mutually convenient time.



Incidentally, while the broad Klondike region encompasses a portion of the great State of Alaska, we like to think that Dawson City in Canada's Yukon Territory is the "heart of the Klondike".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Webster'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Art' and last name 'Webster' clearly distinguishable.

Art Webster
Minister of Tourism

LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK



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SUBJECT: _____

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House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

DATE: Mar. 20, 1991

PLACE: Capitol, Room 102

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 SB 32 - Relating to PERS Benefits for Youth Center Employees
 *HB 95 - Relating to AK-Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Commission
 *HJR 1 - Relating to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?		WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
EAN GUANEZI	DEPT. LAW	BOX 100 JUNEAU	99801		465-3425	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HJR 1
Rupe Andrews	NRA	9416 Long Run Drive TULUKEITU, AK.	99701		789-7422	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HJR-1
STEPHEN BENNETT	SHIRAZI REFLECTORIAL	Box 2068 JUNEAU 99801	99801		465-2147	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	HJR-1
Fred GRASSER	POZ	Box 34097 JUNEAU	99801		463-3536	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
SCOTT FOSTER	DEPT ED					<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	HJR-1
GAYLE HORETSKI	D.P.S.	BOX N, JUNEAU			4322	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HJR-1
Donna L. ...	JUNEAU REFLECTORIAL	2355 S'D Pt. Pt.	99801		784-0453	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HJR-1
BARBARA MIKLOS	Council on Domestic Sexual Assault	P.O. Box N JUNEAU	99801		465-4388	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	HJR 27 unless HJR 1 questions
BSD Wanner	NEA	105 Municipal Way #502 JUNEAU	99801		586-3090	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	HJR 1
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House State Affairs Committee

Representative Gene Kubina, Chair

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

*HJR 27 - Relating to Support Fed Act on Violence Against Women

DATE: Mar. 20, 1991

PLACE: Capitol, Room 102

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
JOE POOR	HB 95	s/o Greater JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	99801		586-6420	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	HB 95
SHERRIE GOU	AK. WOMEN'S LOBBY	P.O. Box 22154 JUNEAU, AK. 99802	99802		463-6744	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	HJR 27 SUPPORT
Bruce Kendall Sr	CS HB 95	Governors office				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
JUAN BELL	HB 90	Princess Tower ^{PGB 457} Alaska	99840		483-5589	<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	
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