

SB 96

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE _____

2/15/92

The Finance Committee considered

SB 96

Authorizing compensation for members of the state Local Boundary Commission;efd.

Died in SFC.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____ same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____ new title
- attached amendment(s) technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): Dept/Date:

- fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note(s) _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS: Dept/Date:

- fiscal note(s) _____
- zero fiscal note(s) _____

appropriation-no fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. _____ 2. _____

Co-Chairs: Signatures and Recommendations

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: 2/1/91

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/7/91
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 2/14/91

C&RA Committee considered SB 96

Authorizing compensation for members of the state Local Boundary Commission; efd.

+ repl it bk on floor

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____ same title
- attached amendment(s) new title

_____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

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ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

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fiscal note(s) _____
C&RA / 2/13/91

zero fiscal note(s) _____

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Carlin Stangorli

2 Lyman Hyde & Rec

1 St Mark Do Pass
Chair: Signature and Recommendation

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: SB 96

(S) Publish Date: 2-19-91

STATE OF ALASKA
 1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 Title: "An Act..compensation for members of the State Local Boundary Comm.." BRU: Local Government Assistance
 Component: Local Boundary Commission

Sponsor: Senate C&RA
 Requestor: Senate C&RA

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	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: No fiscal impact in FY 91

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
 This fiscal note assumes 25 days of meetings per year with compensation at \$150 per day per member (5 members).

Prepared By: Remond Henderson Phone: 465-4708
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 2/13/91
 Approved by Commissioner: Ed. W. M. M.
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Date: _____

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

SENATE BILL NO. 96

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/1/91
Referred: CRA and Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing compensation for members of the state Local Boundary Commission;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 44.47.579 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 44.47.579. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. A member of the Local Boundary
6 Commission is entitled to compensation at a rate of \$150 for each day the member is attending
7 a meeting of the commission. A member is also entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses
8 authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE BILL NO. 96

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

1991

19

Read first time and referred to:

CRA and Finance

CR RPT() CS 2 DP 1 NR ___ DNP ___ AM
New Title ___ Same Title ___ Previous FN ___
 FN ___ OFN ___ To Am

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___ FN ___ OFN ___ To ___

___ Rules Calendar() CS ___ AM ___ Other ___
New Title ___ Same Title ___ Previous FN ___
___ FN ___ OFN ___

Read second time

___ CS Adopted () ___ New Title ___
___ Amended ___ Advanced ___

Read third time

___ Letter of Intent adopted
___ Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reconsideration

Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED EFD Same ___ or
Yeas Yeas
Nays Nays
Excused Excused
Absent Absent

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by President, to House

Secretary of the Senate

Read first time and referred to:

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Reconsideration not taken up

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Nays Nays
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Absent Absent

___ Intent adopted

Reported correctly engrossed and signed by the Speaker
and returned to the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

SENATE-HOUSE HISTORY Continued

19	<p>Received from the House Version: _____</p> <p>Concur in House amendment Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___ _____ Efd same or Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>Failed to concur in House amendment, ask House recede Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>House failed to / receded from amendment Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>CC appointed by Senate _____ Chair _____</p> <p>CC appointed by House _____ Chair _____</p> <p>(S) Granted Limited Powers of Free Conference</p> <p>(H) Granted Limited Powers of Free Conference</p>
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19	<p>(S) Adopted CC Rpt _____ Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___ _____ Efd same or Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>(H) Adopted CC Rpt _____ Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___ _____ Efd same or Y ___ N ___ E ___ A ___</p> <p>To enrolling Received from enrolling Sent to Governor</p> <p>_____ By Governor</p> <p>Chapter Number _____</p> <p>Filed with Lieutenant Governor</p>
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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 96 (FINANCE)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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7 a meeting of the commission. A member who is an employee of the state or a local government
8 is entitled to the \$150 per day compensation only for a day on which the member takes annual
9 leave or leave without pay from the state or local government position. A member is also
10 entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses authorized for members of boards and
11 commissions under AS 39.20.180.**

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Alaska State Legislature

Al Adams
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March 4, 1991

The Honorable Walter Hickel
Governor
State of Alaska
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Dear Governor Hickel:

This is to let you know that I share your concern with economic problems that surround the various state boards and commissions and to offer a fix.

I see several issues at hand. One has to do with the sheer number of boards and commissions. Another has to do with their costs. A facet of their costs is the vast disparity in compensation for expenses, time and expertise. This latter notion has become particularly pointed with legislation again before the Seventeenth Legislature to provide salaries or elevated salaries to certain boards. Salary and honorarium has become a matter of some boards convincing legislators that its activities warrant a salary. Amounts range from \$50 to \$400 per meeting. I have enclosed for your review summaries of the various boards and compensation allowances. Clearly, there is no constructive correlation between salary, time involved or expertise required.

Several policy calls need to be made to address these problems. Some boards should be eliminated and some should be joined together. A policy for travel, per diem, salary and honorarium needs to be established. A policy is required on whether state employees or those who work for political subdivisions of the state should take leave without pay for meeting attendance.

I believe a short term task force would be well suited to investigate the possibilities of board elimination and fusion, how to divert "double dipping" of state employees serving on boards and recommend appropriate compensation. Since the establishment of such standards would involve multiple statutory changes it would seem appropriate that the task force could have answers to place before the Second Session of the Seventeenth Legislature.

I hope you find these ideas useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Adams".

Senator Al Adams

! BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITH COMPENSATION OTHER THAN STANDARD TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

-10/1/82

Board/Commission Name	# Members	# Meetings	Compensation
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission	3	120 days	Salaried
Commercial Fishing & Agricultural Bank, Bd. of Directors	7	7 days	\$250/day maximum
Board of Fisheries	7	4-6x; 40-85 days	\$150/day-regular meetings \$100/day-other meetings
Board of Game	7	2x (35-40 days)	\$150/day-regular meetings \$100/day-other meetings
Historical Records Advisory Board, State	9	3 days maximum	Federal funding
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	7	16 days maximum	\$100/day + necessary expenses
Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority	5	1x/month; most via telecon.	\$100/day
Medical Indemnity Corporation of Alaska	9	4x (15-30 days)	Necessary expenses
Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority	5	5 days total	Actual expenses
Occupational Safety & Health Review Board	3	Approx. 4x/yr.	\$50/day
Oil & Gas Conservation Commission	3	N/A	Salaried
State Board of Parole	5	4x/yr. minimum	Set by Governor
Permanent Fund Corporation, Board of Trustees	6	10+/yr. (40 days)	\$400/day
Board of Pharmacy	7	3x (9 days total)	Actual expenses
Alaska Public Offices Commission	5	5x (15 days max.)	\$50/day
Railroad Corporation, Board of Directors	7	4x/yr. minimum	\$400/day
Teachers' Retirement Board	9-13	2x (approx. 6 days)	Actual expenses
Public Employees Retirement Board	9-13	2x/yr.	4-8 physician members entitled to hourly compensation at rate consistent with their normal hourly earnings
Alaska Public Utilities Commission	5	Continuous	Salaried
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	3	2x (10 days max.)	Actual expenses
Alaska Workers' Compensation Board	11	125 days total	\$50/Day

SOURCE: 1991 Boards and Commissions Book, Office of the Governor

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
WITH NO COMPENSATION OTHER THAN TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

BY SENATOR ADAMS

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SOURCE: 1991 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BOOK

BOARD	MEETING DAYS PER YEAR
PUB ACCOUNTANCY	12 DAYS TOTAL
AG REV. LOAN FUND BOARD	25 DAYS
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL	11-14 DAYS
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE	12 DAYS
AMATEUR SPORTS AUTHORITY	AT LEAST QUARTERLY
ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS	4 MEETINGS
ALASKA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS	12-15 DAYS MAXIMUM
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	2-3 DAYS
ATHLETIC COMMISSION	1 MTG/YEAR
BALD EAGLE PRESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL	7 DAYS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS ALASKA BAR	10 DAYS
BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS	"AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY"
BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES	14 DAYS MAX
BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	4-6 DAYS
PUBLIC BROADCASTING	15 DAYS
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	4 MTGS PER YEAR
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS	6 DAYS MAX
CLEMENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	APPROX 4 MEETINGS PER YEAR
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS	1 MEETING PER YEAR
COASTAL POLICY COUNCIL	10 DAYS
COMPENSATION COMMISSION/STATE OFFICERS	EVERY OTHER YEAR
CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES COMMISSION	4 MTGS PER YEAR
DENTAL EXAMINERS	4 MTGS PER YEAR

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITH NO COMPENSATION OTHER THAN TRAVEL/PER DIEM

DISPENSING OPTICIANS	4 DAYS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT	16 DAYS MAX
BOARD OF EDUCATION	30 DAYS MAX
ELECTICAL EXAMINERS	1 MTG PER YEAR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	6 DAYS MAXIMUM
EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION	4 MTGS PER YEAR
EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE W/ DISABILITIES	14 DAYS MAX
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL	8 DAYS MAX
ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY	12 MTGS PER YEAR/ 48 DAYS MAX
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL AREAS	AT LEAST 2 MTGS PER YEAR
FISHERMENS FUND ADVISORY AND APPEALS COUNCIL	10 DAYS MAX
FORESTRY	8 DAYS
GEOGRAPHIC BOARD	9 DAYS
HANDICAPPED AND GIFTED	15 DAYS
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILL TECHNOLOGY	AT CALL OF CHAIR
HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE	AS SCHEDULED W/ DH&SS
HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COMMITTEE	8 DAYS MAX
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	16 DAYS MAX
HOUSING AUTHORITY	12 DAYS
HUMAN RIGHTS	8-10 DAYS
HUMANITIES FORUM	8-10 DAYS
INCENTIVES AWARD	AS NEC
JOB TRAINING COUNCIL	AS NEC
JUDICIAL CONDUCT	4-6 DAYS
JUDICIAL COUNCIL	4-8 DAYS
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND FAMILY SERVICES	4 DAYS
LABOR RELATIONS AGENCY	15 TO 20 TIMES PER YEAR
LIBRARIES	5-6 DAY MAX
MARINE PILOTS	1 MTG PER YEAR
MECHANICAL EXAMINERS	2-3 MTGS PER YEAR
MEDICAID RATE COMMISSION	10 TIMES PER YEAR
MEDICAL BOARD	4 TIMES PER YEAR

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITH NO COMPENSATION OTHER THAN TRAVEL/PER DIEM

MEDICAL INDEMNITY	15-30 DAY MAXIMUM
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	12 DAYS
MENTAL HEALTH TRUST	4 MTGS PER YEAR
MINERALS COMMISSION	AS CALLED
MUNICIPAL BOND BANK	5 DAYS
N. PACIFIC AND BERING SEAS FISHERIES	4-5 MTGS PER YEAR
NURSING	4 MTGS PER YEAR
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS	SEMI-ANNUALLY
OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION	12 DAYS MAXIMUM
OPTOMETRY	4 DAYS
PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES	6 DAYS MAX
PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION	3 7-10 DAY MTGS
PERMANENCY PLANNING	2 MTGS PER YEAR
PERSONNEL BOARD	4 DAYS
PHARMACY	9 DAYS
PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCC THERAPY	2 MTGS PER YEAR
PIONEERS HOMES ADVISORY BOARD	15-16 DAYS
POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL	8 DAYS MAXIMUM
POST SECONDARY EDUCATION	10 DAYS MAX
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL	8 DAYS MAX
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES	3-4 MTGS PER YEAR, 2-5 DAYS EACH
PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE	3 MTGS PER YEAR, 2 DAYS
REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS	AS NEEDED
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION	3-4 TIMES/YEAR, 2 DAYS EACH
RECREATION RIVERS	NO COMP MEET 4-6 TIMES PER YEAR
BOARD OF REGENTS	7 TIMES PER YEAR
RATNET	1-2 MTGS PER YEAR/ 1-2 DAYS EACH
SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL	6 DAYS
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ADVISORY	AS CALLED
SEAFOOD MARKETING	8-10 DAYS
SENTENCING COMMISSION	AS CALLED
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION	4 DAYS MINIMUM

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WITH NO COMPENSATION OTHER THAN TRAVEL/PER DIEM

STORAGE TANK ASSISTANCE	3 DAYS
STUDENT LOAN	AT CALL OF CHAIR
SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION	2 MTGS PER YEAR
SUBSISTENCE USE OF FISH AND GAME	NOT YET SET
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL	4 TIMES PER YEAR
TOURISM MARKETING COUNCIL	4 MTGS PER YEAR
TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE LIABILITY FUND	ONCE EVERY 6 MONTHS
VETINARY EXAMINERS	3 TIMES PER YEAR
VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION COMMISSION	4-5 MTGS AND 10 HEARINGS PER EYAR
VOCATIONAL AND CAREER EDUCATION	8 DAYS
WATER AND WASTEWATER WORKS	1-2 TIMES PER YEAR/4-5 DAY MA
WATER RESOURCES	2 TIMES PER YEAR/ 1-3 DAYS EACH
WESTERN INTERSTATE FOR HIGHER ED	10 DAYS MAX
WOMENS COMMISSION	AT CALL
WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK	8 DAYS
YUKON RIVER DELEGATION	2 MTGS PER YEAR

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February 26, 1991

POSITION PAPER

RE: Senate Bill 96

SPONSOR: Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Program Effects of Bill

Currently the Alaska Local Boundary Commission receives no compensation for time spent attending Commission meetings. Senate Bill No. 96 will provide compensation at a rate of \$150 to each member for each day the member attends a Commission meeting.

Comments

In each of the past four years bills have been before the legislature which would have provided compensation to the Commission. The rate of compensation would have been \$150/day for each day any member attended a meeting. Such bills were approved by the Senate in 1988 and 1990. However, the measures failed to gain approval in the House. In 1990, the bill made it through all committees of referral in the House except the Rules Committee.

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs supports SB 96 just as it has supported its predecessors. The justification for a bill of this nature has become increasingly evident to the Department over the many years it has provided staff support to the Commission. The reasons are straightforward and many.

1. One of only four boards established by the Alaska Constitution in 1959, the Local Boundary Commission is one of the oldest and longest standing volunteer bodies in the state today. The Commission has evolved over these years from a body who originally met only three or four times a year to address boundary issues in fewer than 30 municipal governments, to one today who convenes an average of 25 meetings each year and rules on matters in 164 municipalities.

2. The amount of travel required by the Commission is tremendous. Intentionally seeking local input, the Commission meets whenever possible, where proposals originate. For example, during 1990 the Commission held meetings in Fairbanks, Juneau, Palmer, Nenana, Anchorage, Healy, Central, Fort Yukon, Livengood, McGrath, Tanana, Cantwell, McKinley Park and Anderson. It traveled to several of these communities more than once. In total, the Commission met 25 times last year. Anyone familiar with Alaska does not have to be told that this travel frequently occurred under hazardous weather conditions.

3. The volume of decisions and extent of travel alone do not fully account for the demands placed on the Commission today. Procedures which were simple thirty years ago have grown much more complex. For example, during its first fourteen years the Commission operated under only 3 pages of regulations. Today, its regulations consume more than 50 pages in the Alaska Administrative Code. Many of the provisions were mandated by the State Supreme Court. Commission procedures are further complicated by the requirement for U.S. Justice Department review and approval of every municipal boundary change ruled upon by the Commission.

4. Compounding the duties of the Commission is the tendency of the public to litigate disputes. Given the typically controversial nature of the issues before the Commission, it is not surprising that its decisions occasionally end in court. They have in fact, been the subject of six landmark rulings by the State Supreme Court. A host of other Supreme and Superior Court decisions affect each and every action of the Commission.

5. All of these circumstances combine to create a very demanding challenge. Today's Commission members must maintain a level of knowledge and energy expected of only the most dedicated. The Commission's rulings have significant implications for residents throughout Alaska. Its decisions frequently determine how fundamental services such as education will be delivered. To carry out their duties responsibly, each member typically spends at least sixteen hours preparing for each meeting.

These volunteers serve five year terms and are typically willing to accept reappointment. In every instance they are professionals able to command premium value for their time and talents. Yet all members forego their pay each day they travel to and from Commission meetings and each day they attend these meetings. Over a year's period this translates into thousands of dollars of lost personal income.

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With these considerations in mind, the Department believes that compensation for Commission members is long overdue. If the State expects to keep qualified citizens who are willing to donate hundreds of hours every year, who are capable of making decisions in the face of intense pressure, who are willing to travel from one end of Alaska to the other under extreme weather conditions, and who can appreciate the significance of their rulings, then the State must recognize their value. Recognizing that it takes time for members of the Commission to develop expertise in this complex field, it is in the State's interest to recognize the importance of this Commission. The Department finds that SB 96 is a good effort toward this recognition.

Remond Henderson for
Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner

STATE OF ALASKA

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 1991

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Karen Rehfeld
Fiscal Analyst *Karen*

SUBJ: Leave for State Employees serving on Boards/Commissions

During the committee's review of SB 96 authorizing compensation for members of the Local Boundary Commission, there was discussion concerning state employees serving on state boards and commissions and whether they would be eligible to receive compensation in addition to their salary. According to the Division of Personnel, a state employee away from work for any activity not related to the performance of their job is required to take leave. Leave Rules are found in Title 2, Chapter 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code.

There are no rules, policies or statutes that address the specific concern of employee leave and compensation for serving on state boards and commissions. Alaska Statutes 39.20, *Compensation and Allowances*, includes travel, per diem and leave requirements for state employees including a prohibition from receiving per diem when meeting in their home community (AS 39.20.185). If there is interest in including language prohibiting state employees who serve on boards and commissions from receiving compensation in addition to their salary, the committee may want to address this under the broader statutes in Title 39 as well as under the Local Boundary Commission.

Alaska Statute 44.47.565 establishes the Local Boundary Commission of five members appointed by the governor; one from each judicial district and one from the state at large. Additional qualifications for Local Boundary Commission members are listed in AS 39.05.060.