

SCR 21

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/12/91

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 4-24-91

The Finance Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21
Establishing a Task Force on Safety in the Workplace.

and recommended:

replace with _____ CS
 or adopt _____ CS SCR 21 (LFC)
 attached amendment(s)
 _____ letter of intent adopted

same title
 new title
 technical title change (HB only)

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

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

fiscal note(s) LAA 92.1 4/23/91 Dept/Date:

zero fiscal note(s) Do labor 4/22/91

appropriation-no fiscal note

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

fiscal note(s) _____ Dept/Date:

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

All Adm - No Rec.

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Co-Chairs: Signatures and Recommendations

FISCAL NOTE

R/O SFC 4-24-91

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: CSSCR 21(L & C)

Revision Date: _____
Title: Establishing a Task Force on Safety
in the Workplace.
Sponsor: Senator Collins
Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
Legislative Operating Budget
Component: Council & Subcommittees
Session Expenses & Legis Oper Budget
COMPONENT SERIAL NO: 783

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	53.2	26.6	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	10.9	5.5	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	28.0	14.0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	92.1	46.1	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	92.1	46.1	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	92.1	46.1	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	1	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact:

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The following is requested to adequately support the Task Force on Safety in the Workplace:

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Division: Administrative Services

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Phone: 465-3850
Date: 4/23/91

Approved By: Warren W. Endicott, Executive Director
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

Warren W. Endicott

Date: 4/23/91

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PERSONAL SERVICES

1. Staff is requested as follows to assist the Task Force on Safety in the Workplace.

Researcher - Range 17A			
\$3,156 x 12 months =	\$37,872		
\$37,872 x 40% benefits =	<u>\$15,322</u>		
	\$53,194		53.2

TRAVEL

It is anticipated there will be 2 meetings of the 12 member Task Force on Safety in the Workplace.

2 meetings x 7 members = 14 airfares			
14 airfares x \$436 = \$6,104			
2 days per diem x 14 = 28			
28 days x \$100 = 2,800			8.9

Two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives travel will be absorbed within the existing Legislative Operating & Session budgets. Travel costs for the appointee from the Department of Labor will be absorbed within the existing budget of the Department of Labor.

Staff Travel - \$2,000 2.0

CONTRACTUAL

Advertising - advertising of public notice of meetings - \$3,000; 3.0
Professional Services - \$25,000. 25.0

SUPPLIES

Supply needs will be absorbed within the existing Legislative Operating & Session budgets.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment needs will be absorbed within the existing Legislative Operating & Session budgets.

FISCAL NOTE

R/O SFC 4/24/91

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO : CSSCR 21(L&C)

Revision Date: _____
Title: " Establishing a Task Force on
Safety In the Workplace."
Sponsor: Senator Collins
Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Labor
BRU: Labor Standards & Safety
Component: Occupational Safety & Health
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 970

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: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note assumes the Department of Labor would not be responsible for providing funding for the task force.

Prepared by: Bob Libbey *Bob Libbey* Phone : 264-2452

Division: Labor Standards & Safety Date : 4/22/91

Approved by Commissioner: Nancy Bear Usura *NBE*

Agency: Department of Labor Date: 4/22/91

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CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 (L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/12/91
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR COLLINS

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a Task Force on Safety in the Workplace.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 WHEREAS the social and economic consequences of workplace injuries are enormous, estimated
4 by the National Safety Council to have been \$42,400,000,000 in 1987 nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS many Alaskans are involved in industries that traditionally have high accident rates;
6 and

7 WHEREAS the state has one of the highest workplace accident rates of any state and has the
8 highest fatality rate of any state attributable to accidents in the workplace, approximately 34 fatalities
9 per 100,000 workers; and

10 WHEREAS for over 10 years approximately one out of every 11 Alaskan workers in private
11 industry suffered a recordable injury or illness during employment; and

12 WHEREAS in the state the total estimated lost workdays due to job related injury or illness in
13 the private sector in 1987 amounted to the equivalent of a full year of work for 337 employees at a cost
14 equal to nearly \$9,000,000, and in the public sector total estimated lost work days amounted to the
15 equivalent of 58 employee years at a cost equal to approximately \$1,800,000; and

16 WHEREAS occupational injuries and illnesses impose a real burden upon the Alaskan economy

1 since, for the worker, being absent from work due to an accident may represent a significant wage loss
2 and, for the employer, accidents result in lost production time, increased operating costs from higher
3 insurance premiums, and equipment damage; and

4 WHEREAS the best way to control these costs is through an effective safety program; and

5 WHEREAS when the United States Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act
6 (OSHA) in 1970 it was to "assure . . . so far as possible, every working man and woman in the Nation
7 safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources"; and

8 WHEREAS despite the lofty objective of OSHA the tragic toll taken in the workplace in lives
9 and health continues; and

10 WHEREAS the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed by the Congress last year, sets out
11 standards that the state must address; and

12 WHEREAS in the state many safety standards have not been updated since they were originally
13 developed and laws related to safety standards are in need of revision; and

14 WHEREAS a unified effort is needed to update safety standards with input coming from
15 management and labor;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Task Force on Safety in the
17 Workplace is established with the primary purpose of creating a model workplace safety program for
18 the state with emphasis on prevention of injuries in the workplace, and that in creating the program the
19 task force may

- 20 (1) examine the historical workplace safety record of the state;
- 21 (2) determine the causes for the state's high rate of injuries;
- 22 (3) review the state's current workplace safety laws and OSHA;
- 23 (4) consult with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and with the
24 American National Standards Institute;
- 25 (5) propose legislation to implement the program; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

- 27 (1) two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
28 shall be designated by the president as co-chair;
- 29 (2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House,
30 one of whom shall be designated by the speaker as co-chair;
- 31 (3) one employee of the Department of Labor appointed by the Governor;
- 32 (4) one person who represents businesses with 25 or fewer employees, one person who

1 represents businesses with over 25 employees, one person who represents organized labor, one safety
2 engineer, one medical professional, and one member of the Alaska Safety Advisory Council, all of whom
3 are appointed by the members listed in (1) - (3) of this resolve;

4 (5) at the option of the members listed in (1) - (4) of this resolve and appointed by them,
5 one person who represents the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within funds made available for the purpose, the task force may
7 hire staff, contract for services under the procurement procedures adopted by the Alaska Legislative
8 Council with approval of the council, and cover other expenses; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its initial findings and recommendations
10 to the Governor and the legislature by the first day of the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth
11 Alaska State Legislature; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
13 the Governor and the legislature by the day of the convening of the First Regular Session of the
14 Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature, and that the task force is terminated on that same day at 11:59 p.m.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1

Bill Version: SCR 21

BILL NO (S) Publish Date: 4/12/91

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 Safety in the Workplace."
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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POSITIONS:

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Estimate of current year impact: None

Changes in OS 21 (R.C.)
 have no fiscal impact. This
 fiscal note is appropriate.

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

4-12-91 RMJ
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This fiscal note assumes the Department of Labor would not be responsible for providing funding for the task force.

Prepared by: Bob Libbey, Director Phone: 264-2452
 Division: Labor Standards & Safety Date: 4/8/91
 Approved by Commissioner: Nancy Bear Usura *NBU*
 Agency: Department of Labor Date: 4/8/91

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April 23, 1991

Senator Pat Pourchot
P.O. Box V
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Re: SCR 21

Dear Senator Pourchot,

We have reviewed SCR 21 which establishes a Task Force on Safety in the Workplace and the Alaska State AFL-CIO strongly supports the resolution.

The workplace in Alaska has the highest fatality rate and one of the highest accident rates in the nation. Because safety is an issue that affects everyone, organized labor has an ongoing concern about safety and illness for all workers in Alaska.

Alaska's statutes and regulations need to be updated and strengthened. Technological changes over the past few decades have brought about new workplace safety issues that need to be addressed. Only through a balanced and unified process, as outlined in SCR 21, are such things possible. We believe this task force is a positive step in the right direction.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Pat Smutz
Business Representative