

SCR 4

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 1/30/91

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: _____

The Finance Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Payment of finder's and realtor's fees by the Department of Health and Social Services to nonprofit organizations and realtors who successfully place in permanent housing individuals and families who are either without housing or reside in temporary shelters or unsafe housing.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____
 or adopt _____ CS _____
 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):

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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR FAHRENKAMP

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: HESS and Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the payment of finder's and realtor's fees by the Department of Health and
2 Social Services to nonprofit organizations and realtors who successfully place in permanent
3 housing individuals and families who are either without housing or reside in temporary
4 shelters or unsafe housing.

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 **WHEREAS** there is a lack of available low and moderate income housing in Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** housing that could be utilized for low and moderate income housing is not easily
8 identified or located due in part to the lack of incentive for public or private enterprise to seek out this
9 housing and place in permanent housing individuals and families who are without homes or who reside
10 in temporary shelters or unsafe housing; and

11 **WHEREAS**, because the lack of available or identified low and moderate income housing places
12 a burden on the communities and social service system of the state, unique programs and options
13 concerning housing and the homeless should be explored;

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of Health and Social
15 Services, in consultation with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, is urged to consider

1 the use of a program or programs that pay for the services of nonprofit groups or organizations or private
2 realtors who successfully place in permanent housing individuals or families without housing or who
3 reside in temporary or unsafe housing; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the payments should be sufficient to provide an incentive to
5 nonprofit and for profit enterprises to provide these placement services.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Theodore Mala, commissioner of health
7 and social services, and to the Honorable Edgar Blatchford, commissioner of community and regional
8 affairs.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 1
 Bill Version: SCR 4
 (S) Publish Date: 1-30-91

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: _____
 Title: a Resolution relating to the BRU: Assistance Payments
payment of finder's and realtor's fees Component: General Relief Assistance
 Sponsor: Fahrenkamp
 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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: No fiscal impact.

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

No fiscal impact.

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 Division: Division of Public Assistance Date: _____
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
 Agency: HSS Date: 1/29/91

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot
Senator Jalmar Kerttula
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp

DATE: February 7, 1991

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Resolution 4
"Relating to the payment of finder's and realtor's fees by the Department of Health and Social Services to nonprofit organizations and realtors who successfully place in permanent housing individuals and families who are either without housing or reside in temporary shelters or unsafe housing."

This resolution asks the Department of Health and Social Services to explore a program that was initiated by the state of New Jersey. Their program provides cash payments to non-profit organizations that are able to place in permanent housing individuals or families living in temporary housing. Typically, an amount equal to the first month's rent is paid.

New Jersey has had mixed results with its program. They pointed out that the finder's fees were often being paid to non-profit organizations that are already providing these services to people in need, and those organizations would continue to do so regardless of the existence of the program, thereby not providing any real incentives. They suggested that a more productive approach would be to pay finder's fees to realtors.

SCR 4 encourages the Department of Health and Social Services to take a look at this approach and evaluate whether it might help alleviate homelessness in Alaska. Whether or not the department feels that the finder's fee approach will work in Alaska, it is my hope that the very process of looking to what other states are trying in their efforts to end homelessness will encourage dialogue and stimulate fresh ideas.

This resolution is supported by the Alaska Coalition for the Homeless, and I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this measure.