

HCR

23

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 23Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: EducationTitle: Amending the formula for BRU: Executive AdministrationProviding State Aid for Education Component: Executive AdministrationSponsor: KubinaRequestor: House HESSCOMPONENT 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	20.0					
CONTRACTUAL	20.0					
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	40.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	40.0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	40.0	-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 reflects the estimated cost of the task force meeting to study potential amendments to the foundation formula as required by HCR 23.

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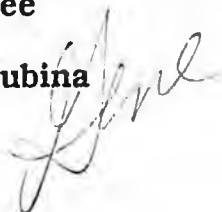
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Memo

To: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chairperson
Senate HESS Committee

From: Representative Gene Kubina 

Date: 25 March 1992

Re.: CS for HCR 23; Amending the Formula for
Providing State Aid for Education

CS for HCR 23 recently passed from the House to the Senate and was referred to your committee.

I would appreciate your scheduling this resolution in your committee at the earliest possible date.

If I can be of any possible assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Gene Kubina

Subject: CS for HCR 23: Amending the formula
for providing state aid for education

Date: 26 February 1992

CS for HCR 23 is intended to raise the issue of amending the public school foundation formula in order to provide additional state aid for those school districts that wish to have a longer school year or a summer session.

The present foundation formula is based upon the number of students attending school, not the length of the school year beyond the minimum or actual days of instruction. While it is feasible to add a provision providing additional state aid, this is a matter that should receive careful study.

Rationale for CS for HCR 23: surveys show that American children spend less time in school per year than most children of the industrialized nations. There is little question of a correlation between the time spent in the classroom and the level of skill and education children have when they graduate.

American workers, staff, and professionals are a product of our educational system. Compared to other industrialized nations, we are losing the battle for educational excellence and technical capability. One indication: Japanese auto workers are competent with geometry and other forms of advance math while, in general, American auto workers are not. A longer school year may be part of the answer and deserves careful consideration--both as an academic issue and an economic one.

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CS for HC 23 also resolves that final recommendations by the Alaska 2000 Finance Committee be forwarded to the Joint Committee on School improvement (established by Resolve 28 of the 1991 Legislature) for review and comment before adoption by the state Board of Education.

STATE OF ALASKA

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February 21, 1992

The Honorable Gene Kubina
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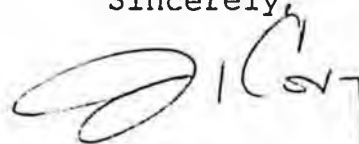
Dear Representative Kubina:

Thank you for the opportunity to address your concerns related to traditional school year length.

As you may be aware, my staff and I have been working with Representative Bettye Davis to provide language changes to CS for HCR No. 23 (HES) which you sponsored last year (copy enclosed). These changes will insure that the Alaska 2000 committee consider amendments to the public school foundation formula which may provide additional state aid to districts who want to provide longer school years. Through this process, specific outcomes and achievements resulting from longer school years can be analyzed, and input from a wide spectrum of the public can be heard.

Final recommendations of the committee will be forwarded to the Joint Committee on School Performance for their review prior to adoption by the State Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Jerry Covey
Commissioner

Enclosure



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April 22, 1991

TO: Georgianna Lincoln & Pat Carney, Co Chairs &
Members of House HESS Committee

FROM: Don Oberg

NEA-Alaska is pleased to support HCR 23.

HCR is a creative start to provide new thinking as to how we fund our Alaskan public schools--especially in the sense of longer school years and/or summer school programs.

It has been established by testing and experience that a longer school term can increase the amount of understanding, mastery, and retention of education a student receives, and thus may be a very effective tool in improving the quality of our public schools.

Summer schools for both remediation and advancement have proven to be equally successful and will allow students to concentrate on specific topics or themes in addition to the standard school term.

There are significant ways to develop the school calendar; such as providing quarter systems in which the student may choose to attend any three, or in some circumstance all four quarters, which hold great promise and deserve discussion.

It is possible that no real restructuring of our schools can be achieved without extending the time for student/teacher interaction. Research has shown that extending the school day is not as effective a teaching tool as extending the school year.

This approach is timely and should be pursued.

It will improve the committee, we believe, to include at least two practicing classroom teachers and two parents of students currently in the public schools in order to have a full and positive discussion of the impact of longer school terms, summer schools, or other options that might arise.

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Alexander favors extending school day, year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Lamar Alexander said Sunday he favors extending the school day or school year by making it optional and charging parents for the extra instruction.

That's how it works in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where seven public elementary schools offer extra classes in the afternoons and the summer, he said.

"About half the parents pay for their children to go," the former Tennessee gover-

nor said on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley." "They voluntarily choose that."

American students attend classes only 180 days a year, fewer than most other industrialized countries.

Alexander offered his let-the-parents-pay idea as a solution to the problem of how to pay for a longer school year.

"I would like to see school districts open their schools in the afternoon, open them in the summer and invite parents to send

their children there," he said. "Let people get accustomed to it."

"The parents choose it and pay for it," he said.

Alexander defended the emphasis on parental choice

in President Bush's new education strategy. Poor schools should be forced to close if they can't attract students, he said.

Bush and Alexander want to allow federal dollars to

follow poor children to whatever school they choose — public, parochial or private — and they urged state and local authorities to allow the same flexibility with their school dollars.



Lamar Alexander