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ALASKA STATE

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME

ASSOCIATION

Saturday
May 9, 1992

MEMO TO: Members, State Senate
Alaska State Legislature

FROM: Harlan R. Knudson, President/CEO
Alaska State Hospital & Nursing
Home Association

SUBJECT: SUPPORT - HB 563 DISABILITY
(Health Insurance) Rate Approval

Community hospitals and nursing homes ask your support for HB 563, authorizing the Division of Insurance to "approve" increases in health insurance premium rates by health insurance companies.

In most states, an Insurance Commissioner has both the authority and the responsibility to make sure health insurance premiums are reasonable and necessary.

Not so in Alaska.

The insurance industry files information (and is cooperative) with the State Division of Insurance, but it sets the rates regardless if the state feels the increase is justified or not.

There will be no increase in cost to the state in administering HR 563, as the only change is the state is able to say to insurance carrier, if you do not justify the need for an increase, the state will not authorize that increase.

Hospitals particularly have been concerned that insurance premiums have increased as much as 20% per year in the past few years while hospital inflation has been only 5-7%.

Any questions, please call myself or Garrey Peska at 586-1790, here in Juneau. Many thanks.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE BILL NO. 5123

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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3/18 Read first time and referred to:
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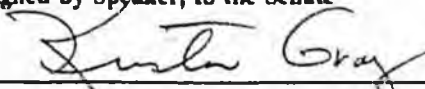
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___ Intent adopted

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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Signed by President, to the House

Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: HB 563
(H) Publish Date: 4-8-92

Revision Date: 3/18/92 Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
Title: Approval of Disability BRU: Insurance
Insurance Rates Component: Operations

Sponsor: Rules Committee

Requestor: Health Resources & Access Task Force

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0 3 5 4

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Division: Insurance Date: 4/6/92

Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Oids

Agency: Commerce & Economic Development Date: 4.6.92

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