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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: April 2, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4-13-93

The COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Comm. considered:

CSSB 154(L&C)(efd fld)

CS FOR SB NO. 154(L&C)(efd fld)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND

"An Act relating to the economic development grant program."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ the same title
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note C + EC

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Jan Sanders</i>	✓	<i>Can Bunde</i>		✓	
<i>W. P. William</i>	✓	<i>Ed Willis</i>		✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
<i>Haley Olberg</i>	✓				

Haley Olberg

 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE



**PORT OF
ANCHORAGE**

April 12, 1993

Senator Drue Pearce
Alaska State Legislature
Post Office Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: Port Economic Development Grant Request

Dear Senator Pearce:

I have been asked by Mayor Fink to correspond with you directly on an important Facility Improvement to the Regional Port of Anchorage. This project is supported by both the Administration and Municipal Assembly in the 1993 Legislative Program. The Port of Anchorage requests State funds to develop 14 to 20 acres of recently-acquired tideland. As presently envisioned, this land would be used to support continuing growth in container cargo and potential export facilities for coal and forest products. The funds would pay for the initial development phase of filling, paving, lighting, and providing utilities.

We believe this Economic Development Improvement Project fits the spirit and intent of proposed Senate Bill 154. This Road, Rail, Utility and Land Improvement Project is estimated to cost \$7 million, which the Port is capable of matching on a 70/30 basis. Work could begin immediately after appropriation and Governor's approval as this project is designed and all permitting and mitigation has been completed. No State grant funds would be used for land acquisition. The following information pertains:

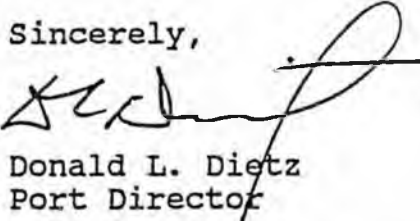
- (1) The Municipality will contribute \$2.1 million for this project from Port Revenue Funds. These private sector monies were generated from Port customers utilizing Port facilities to transport goods.
- (2) Two construction seasons will be required to complete this project utilizing up to 40 construction employees each year or 80 man years of construction employment.
- (3) Construction plans include a staging area suitable for loading and storage of wood chips or timber from potential harvests of beetle-killed spruce in the Susitna and Tanana drainages. This activity is anticipated to create over 400 jobs in the forest products industry.

Senator Drue Pearce
April 12, 1993
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- (4) There will be an increase of approximately six to fifteen new full time permanent jobs in the container transportation businesses at the Port. This increase in activity will also provide for longer Longshoreman work hours.
- (5) The Port has customers waiting now to enter long term leases for additional container storage space. It is estimated lot leases could generate up to \$512,400 per year.
- (6) The completed project would remain under the ownership of the Municipality, with management by the Port.

The Port of Anchorage is Southcentral Alaska's regional port. It handles 80% of the State's cargo, generates thousands of jobs, and, as a Foreign Trade Zone, stimulates imports and exports. Due to its vital role in the Alaskan economy, it should be appropriate for the State to provide a matching grant of \$4.9 million for this project.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Dietz
Port Director

cc: Walter J. Hickel, Governor

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**Potential Projects
CSSB 154
in Millions of Dollars**

Ketchikan Dock Expansion	\$3.8
St. Paul Water line Extension	1.5
Cordova Dock Project	7.5
Seward Dock Project	3.0
Seward Sea Life Center	12.5
Valdez Landfill Baler	2.0
Shell Fish Mariculture Tech. Center/Hatchery	3.4
Kodiak Inner Harbor Floats	4.2
Chenega Bay Marine Center	?
Ouzinkie Small Boat Harbor	?
Larson Bay Small Boat Harbor	?

Statewide projects

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**City of
Ketchikan**

334 Front Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
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March 29, 1993

Senator Drue Pearce
Room 508
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear  Senator Pearce,

As Mayor of Ketchikan I commend you for sponsoring Senate Bill No. 154, creating an Economic Development Grant Program.


Economic development is a high priority in Ketchikan as it is throughout Alaska. Even though ours is more diverse than many, it is important that each sector be supported.

The City of Ketchikan needs to reconstruct and expand our port facilities to accommodate the increased demand for dock space by cruise ships and other port users. It has been very difficult to keep pace with the growth within the visitor industry.

I am pleased to tell you the City of Ketchikan and representatives of the cruise ship industry have developed a funding package where the industry will be contributing approximately thirty percent of the cost of our proposed port expansion project. The City has begun the process of applying for Federal grant monies as well.

The Economic Development Grant Program proposed by the Committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 154(L&C) is a wonderful beginning by which the State and communities or regional development organizations can establish a partnership to strengthen local economies. I therefore urge passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Alaire E. Stanton
Mayor

AS/kk

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3/18/93

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 154(L&C)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SFSSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS JACKO, Halford, Pearce, Zharoff, Kelly, Taylor

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the economic development grant program; and providing for
2 an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 29.60 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 ARTICLE 9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

6 Sec. 29.60.670. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND. The
7 economic development grant fund consisting of appropriations to the fund is
8 established in the Department of Administration. Except as otherwise provided in an
9 appropriation act, money appropriated to the fund does not lapse but is retained in the
10 fund.

11 Sec. 29.60.675. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. (a) A municipality
12 or a regional development organization may apply for an economic development grant
13 for a fiscal year by submitting an application to the Office of the Governor before
14 October 1 of the preceding fiscal year. The application shall be on a form prescribed

CSSB 154(L&C)

1 by the office of management and budget after consulting with the Department of
2 Commerce and Economic Development and the Department of Community and
3 Regional Affairs. The grant money may only be used for construction of a capital
4 project that will increase economic opportunity within the municipality or region that
5 the organization represents. The grant application must include the following
6 information:

7 (1) the amount of money available to the municipality or the
8 organization from nonstate sources that the municipality or the organization proposes
9 to use to match grant funds for the project;

10 (2) the amount of money available from private, nongovernmental
11 sources that has been committed to or as a result of investment in the project;

12 (3) an estimate of the number and duration of construction jobs within
13 the municipality or region that will result from the project;

14 (4) an estimate of the number of new permanent jobs within the
15 municipality or region that will result directly or indirectly from the project;

16 (5) an estimate of the amount of state taxes, municipal taxes, and other
17 fees or payments to the state or applicant that will be generated as a result of the
18 project during the 10 years following its completion; and

19 (6) a description of the ownership of the completed project and how
20 the project will be operated and maintained after it is constructed.

21 (b) All grant applications received for a fiscal year shall be evaluated by a
22 committee composed of representatives of the office of management and budget, the
23 Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Department of Community
24 and Regional Affairs, and other agencies. Committee members shall be selected by
25 the director of the office of management and budget and shall be chaired by the
26 director or the director's designee. The committee may request from a municipality
27 or organization additional information needed to evaluate a proposed capital project.
28 As part of the annual capital improvements program presented to the legislature under
29 AS 37.07.060, the governor shall submit to the finance committees of each house of
30 the legislature a prioritized list of projects for which the evaluation committee
31 recommends funding based on the degree to which each project has the potential to

1 improve the economy of the state and of the municipality that has applied for the grant
2 or the region represented by the organization that has applied for the grant.

3 (c) The legislature may appropriate or allocate from the economic development
4 fund or allocate in an appropriation to the fund all or a portion of the money requested
5 by a municipality or organization for a project identified in the prioritized list.

6 Sec. 29.60.680. GRANTS. The Department of Administration, after consulting
7 with the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the Department
8 of Community and Regional Affairs, shall by regulation establish requirements for
9 economic development grants under AS 29.60.670 - 29.60.685 and shall administer the
10 grants. The regulations are subject to approval by the office of management and
11 budget. A grant may not be awarded by the department unless money for the project
12 is appropriated or allocated under AS 29.60.675(c) and the municipality or organization
13 meets or exceeds the amount of matching money identified in its grant application.

14 Sec. 29.60.685. DEFINITIONS. In AS 29.60.670 - 29.60.680, "regional
15 development organization" and "organization" have the meanings given in
16 AS 44.33.026(e).

17 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS 154 (L&C)

Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act relating to the economic development grant program; and providing for an effective date.
 Sponsor: Sen Jacko
 Requestor: Sen L&C

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Administrative Services
 Component: Administrative Services
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 46

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3
TRAVEL	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
CONTRACTUAL	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
SUPPLIES	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
EQUIPMENT	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
OTHER						
TOTAL	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7	67.7

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
 See attached

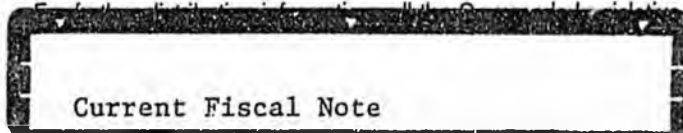
Prepared by: Sharon Barton, Director
 Division: Administrative Services

Phone: 465-2277
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Approved by Commissioner: Nancy Bear Userra
 Agency: Administration

Date: 5/8/93

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CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS
CSSB 154 (L&C)

The requested position is a Grant Administrator III. The position will be responsible for taking the lead in establishing regulations, evaluating grant applications as a member of the application committee, administering the grant program and performing some audit work. In addition, there will likely be some accounting structure preparation work as well as some fund accounting made necessary by the economic development grants program, that will be performed by the Grant Administrator.

The non-personnel services items are for minimal travel, the purchase of a computer and other associated costs.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 154

Office of Management and Budget
 Department of Comm. & Reg. Affairs

Revision Date: 3/22/93
 Title: An Act relating to the Economic Development Grant Program:
and providing for an effective date.
 Sponsor: Senators Jacko, Halford, Pearce, Zharoff, Kelly, Taylor
 Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Commerce and Economic Development
 BRU: _____
 Component: _____
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
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 FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	0	0	0	0	0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	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 (FY 93) impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This CS establishes the Economic Development Grant Program under the Department of Administration with involvement from Office of Management and Budget, Department of Commerce and Economic Development and Department of Community and Regional Affairs. Due to the team administration, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Prepared by: Wendy Mulder, Legislative Liaison
 Division: Office of the Commissioner

Phone: 465-2500
 Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: Paul Fuhs
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

Date: 3-22-93

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**FISCAL NOTE
STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 154

Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act relating to the economic development grant program:
 and providing for an effective date
 Sponsor: Senators Jacko, Halford, Pearce, Zharoff, Kelly
 Requestor: _____

Department Affected: Commerce and Economic Development
 BRU: Economic Development
 Component: _____
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	76.4	76.4	76.4	76.4	76.4	76.4
TRAVEL	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
CONTRACTUAL	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
SUPPLIES	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
EQUIPMENT	4.1	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	110.0	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9

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:

1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	0	0	0	0	0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	2	2	2	2	2	2
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 93) impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This will necessitate hiring a Grants Administrator I (R13B) and a Clerk III (R8B) positions to assist existing staff with the administration of the expected 55 annual grant requests this program will generate. The other expenses are all expenses related to this function. There will be an application fee of \$2,000 for each applicant which will generate program receipts of at least \$110,00 annually.

Prepared by: Bonnie Jo Borchick-Savland
 Division: Economic Development

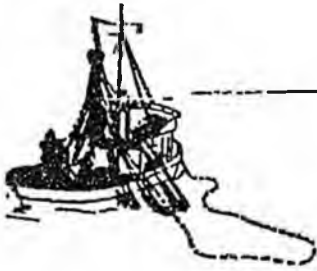
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Approved by Commissioner: Paul Fuhs
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

Date: 3-16-93

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March 30, 1993

TO: Members of Senate Finance
FROM: Borge Larsen, Mayor
RE: Support State Funding to SWAMC

The City of False Pass supports the bill SB 142 which will be considered by the Senate Finance Committee on Saturday, April 3 at 2:00 PM. This bill concerns SWAMC and others ARDORS.

SWAMC and additional regional development organizations are not State agencies. They are essential non-profit organizations which provide a link between private, state and federal economic development resources and local residents and small businesses to facilitate economic development. Small communities like False Pass rely on these non-profit organizations to provide economic growth information unavailable otherwise. We would not be able to afford that research on our own.

SB 154 should also be considered as it allows state agencies to directly contract with SWAMC and ARDORS for assistance. SWAMC is more cost-efficient in obtaining local input and local data.

Thank you.

CITY OF UNALASKA

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UNALASKA, ALASKA

March 31, 1993

Senator George Jacko
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear Senator Jacko:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 93-31 which was passed by the Unalaska City Council on March 30, 1993. This resolution supports the passage of Senate Bill #154: An Act relating to the Economic Development Grant Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra K. Dushkin".

DEBRA K. DUSHKIN
City Clerk

enclosure

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 93-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 154: AN ACT RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.


WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Alaska State Legislature that would establish the Economic Development Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Grant Fund will allow municipalities or regional development organizations to apply for economic development grants to be utilized for construction of capital projects that will increase economic opportunity within a municipality or region.

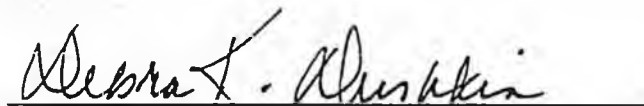
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council supports Senate Bill 154: An Act Relating to the Economic Development Grant Program and urges passage by the Alaska State Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of Resolution No. 93-31 will be forwarded to Governor Hickel and members of the Alaska State Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL THIS 30 DAY OF March, 1993.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

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Hon. George G. Jacko, Jr.
Alaska Senate
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 154

Dear Sen. Jacko:

In support of Senate Bill 154 the City of St. George would like to offer the following comments:

1. The concept of providing substantial matching funds for worthy projects which meet objective statewide economic development criteria is sound and is in fact long overdue.
2. The concern we have is how best can the State maximize short and long term benefits in a timely manner.

For example, St. George is ready to go and can achieve the desired results quickly. That is, two private processing concerns have indicated readiness to initiate \$5 to \$10 million investments each on shore. This represents converting 150 of the 350 seasonal jobs in crab season to year round jobs. Dredging is the only obstacle they face. Engineering is ready, permitting is done.

Neither processors can afford to wait until late 1993 to begin a six month construction project prior to the next January crab season--construction must begin by July 15.

Normally new grant programs take several months to get started. St. George therefore requests the Legislature and Administration to consider ways in which those projects that are truly ready for a "jump start" can proceed in July.

Some mechanisms that have worked well are:

- a. Department of Administration Municipal Grant program and
- b. DOT/PF Transfer of Responsibilities Agreement (TORA)

We have utilized both and recommend them in the case of ready-to-begin projects. Our main concern is timely processing of funding so that the mixture of private and public funds can be achieved in time for the benefits to be realized in early 1994. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment.

Sincerely yours,

Max Malavansky
Max Malavansky
Mayor

Support letters



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

Putting Resources to Work For People

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March 15, 1993

Senator George Jacko, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Jacko:

At its March 15 meeting, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) voted to give its unanimous support to SB 154, establishing a fund for municipal economic development projects.

This program is badly needed in Southwest Alaska. Many communities will benefit from this proposed approach, and we applaud your inclusion of ARDORs as eligible to receive funding for economic development endeavors.

We urge you to consider making funds available in FY 94, as there are projects now ready to begin construction and could mobilize immediately at the start of the new fiscal year. These projects include dredging in St. George, utility extensions to the new dock in False Pass, water line and storage upgrades to serve dock facilities in St. Paul, construction of the only public dock in Egegik, water lines in Unalaska, expansion of the boat harbor in Kodiak, a boat harbor in Chignik, and the hydroelectric project in King Cove.

Thank you again for introducing SB 154 and we look forward to working with you toward its passage.

Sincerely,

Marideth Sandler AICP
Executive Director



CITY OF
DILLINGHAM
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March 10, 1993

Senator George Jacko
State Capital, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Economic Development Legislation, Senate Bill #154

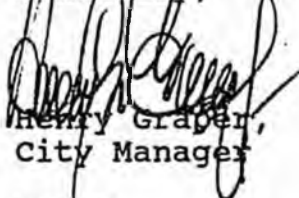
Dear Senator Jacko;

I have had an opportunity to review the material which was faxed to my office concerning Senate Bill #154. I believe that the Mayor and City Council and myself would wholeheartedly endorse your efforts to have this bill become a reality. We need all of the support that we can get from the legislature when it comes to Economic Development Grants. We have a number of projects but the one which is most brought to my mind at this time is the renovation and reconstruction of the cold storage dock facility. The cold storage dock facility which is leased by Peter Pan Seafoods needs approximately \$700,000 worth of work done to it. In the event that this work is not done we will not be able to use the dock during the 1994/95 fishing season. We would then lose our lease with Peter Pan and would find ourselves in the position where approximately 300 jobs would be lost to the City of Dillingham.

We realize that a number of these jobs which would be lost are not jobs which are filled by Dillingham people, but they do have an adverse effect upon the economy of the City of Dillingham. Therefore this project is very important to us and possibly could be addressed in Senate Bill #154 where it becomes a state law.

In the event that we can be of any further help to you in support of this bill, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Henry Graper,
City Manager

HG:ad

NEWS RELEASE

SENATOR GEORGE JACKO
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryce Edgmon
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

93-04

March 8, 1993

Economic Development Legislation introduced

Senator George Jacko introduced legislation today that would establish a substantial program for funding municipal economic development projects.

"The Economic Development Program is unique because for the first time state funds will be available based strictly on economic potential. I am excited about the prospects. This legislation will set in state statutes specific criteria that must be met," Jacko emphasized.

"Municipalities and ARDORS (Alaska Regional Development Organizations) will now be able to acquire badly needed funds to get economic projects underway," Jacko said.

"Coastal fishing communities in my district such as Unalaska, St. Paul, St. George, Bethel, and Dillingham are prime examples. These are among many communities that have promising economic projects at their fingertips. But adequate funding is difficult to obtain – especially when considering the increasing competition for the state's capital dollars.

"Senate Bill 154 will authorize a separate source of funds within the capital budget and will emphasize leveraging other sources of capital such as private and federal monies.

Press Release

March 8, 1993

The number of jobs, the amount of state and municipal taxes generated, and the level of local maintenance provided will be large factors in deciding what projects get funded," Jacko added.

Senator Jacko is Vice-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee and is Chair of the Rules committee. He represents western Alaska, including Bristol Bay, the Aleutian Islands, and the Bethel region.

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HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 4/13/93

PLACE: Rm. 124

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
HJR 22
CSSB 154

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative *Harley* Olberg, Chair
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator *George* Jacko

DATE: April 7, 1993

RE: Sponsor Statement

Thank you for scheduling CSSB 154 for a hearing in the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

CSSB 154 establishes the Economic Development Grant Program and places directly in statute specific economic criteria that municipalities and Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR's) must meet in order to be eligible.

The Office of Management and Budget will form an evaluation committee with the Departments of Commerce and Economic Development, Community and Regional Affairs and other agencies to prioritize the projects.

The amended version of SB 154 replaces the Department of Commerce and Economic Development as the administering agency with the Department of Administration.

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Representative Harley Olberg
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The Economic Development Program is unique because for the first time state funds will be available based strictly on economic development standards. SB 154 sets in statute six specific criteria that communities must meet to be eligible.

The criteria include the number of permanent jobs, the amount of state and municipal taxes generated, the level of local maintenance provided and the amount of money contributed from nonstate sources.

The grant money may only be used for construction of a capital project that will increase economic opportunity within the municipality or the region that the organizations represent.

Thank you for considering this request. If you need further information please contact Bryce Edgmon of my staff at 4942.

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