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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 5, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/26/93

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 158

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

APPROP: CONTRACT SETTLEMENT COSTS

"An Act making appropriations for contract settlement costs and cost-of-living adjustments for public employees who are members of certain collective bargaining units; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 158 (L.C.) the same 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 _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO PASS</u>	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Ed Prochean</i> Maclean ✓		<i>Terry Martin</i> MARTIN ✓			
<i>Ronald Larson</i> Larson x		<i>John Hoffman</i> HOFFMAN ✓			
<i>Mark Hanley</i> Hanley x					
<i>Alan Parvell</i> Parvell ✓					
<i>Ben Grussendorf</i> Grussendorf x					
<i>Fay Brown</i> BROWN ✓					
<i>Richard Foster</i> Foster x					

Ronald Larson *Ed Prochean*
CO-CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

Larson

Maclean

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 158(L&C)
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/5/93

Referred: Finance

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$6,148,205
	Other Funds	<u>2,884,911</u>
		\$9,033,116

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making appropriations for contract settlement costs and cost-of-living
 2 adjustments for public employees who are members of certain collective bargaining
 3 units; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * Section 1. The sum of \$2,909,370 is appropriated to the Office of the Governor, office
 6 of management and budget, to pay the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment required under
 7 the terms of the contract settlement with the Labor, Trades, and Crafts bargaining unit for the
 8 period from July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993, from the following sources:

9	Federal Receipts	\$ 94,705
10	General Fund Match	24,491
11	General Fund	1,697,509
12	General Fund/Program Receipts	37,648
13	General Fund/Mental Health Trust	94,813
14	Fish and Game Fund	446

1	Highway Working Capital Fund	297,992
2	International Airports Revenue Fund	371,122
3	Surplus Property Revolving Fund	1,448
4	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	276,664
5	Alaska Marine Highway Fund	12,532

6 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$4,921,271 is appropriated to the Office of the Governor, office of
7 management and budget, to pay the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment and the increased
8 costs of health insurance benefits required under the terms of the contract settlement with the
9 Labor, Trades, and Crafts bargaining unit for the period from July 1, 1993, through June 30,
10 1994, from the following sources:

11	Federal Receipts	\$ 162,871
12	General Fund Match	43,489
13	General Fund	2,817,864
14	General Fund/Program Receipts	69,627
15	General Fund/Mental Health Trust	160,289
16	Fish and Game Fund	4,044
17	Highway Working Capital Fund	486,932
18	International Airports Revenue Fund	643,634
19	Surplus Property Revolving Fund	3,008
20	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	506,406
21	Alaska Marine Highway Fund	23,107

22 * Sec. 3. The sum of \$105,641 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the
23 Governor, office of management and budget, to pay the contract signing bonus to eligible
24 employees required under the terms of the contract settlement with the Labor, Trades, and
25 Crafts bargaining unit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993.

26 * Sec. 4. The sum of \$67,600 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the
27 Governor, office of management and budget, to reimburse employees for the cost of obtaining
28 a commercial driver's license as a condition of continued employment required under the
29 terms of the contract settlement with the Labor, Trades, and Crafts bargaining unit for the
30 fiscal year ending June 30, 1993.

31 * Sec. 5. The sum of \$507,012 is appropriated from the general fund to the University of

1 Alaska to pay the three percent salary adjustment required under the terms of the contract
2 agreement entered into with the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers bargaining
3 unit for the period from July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993.

4 * Sec. 6. The sum of \$522,222 is appropriated from the general fund to the University of
5 Alaska to pay the three percent salary adjustment required under the terms of the contract
6 agreement entered into with the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers bargaining
7 unit for the period from July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994.

8 * Sec. 7. The unexpended and unobligated balances of the appropriations made by secs.
9 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this Act lapse into the funds from which they were appropriated, June 30,
10 1993.

11 * Sec. 8. The unexpended and unobligated balances of the appropriations made by secs. 2
12 and 6 of this Act lapse into the funds from which they were appropriated, June 30, 1994.

13 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Back-up

CS HB 158 (L&C)
Sectional Analysis

**Appropriations to meet the Contract Settlement Costs
and Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Public Employees Who Are
Members of Certain Collective Bargaining Units**

Section 1. Appropriates funds to pay a 3.6% cost-of-living-allowance to bargaining unit members for FY 93 (members of other bargaining units received a similar increase in FY 93). Of the \$2,909,370 appropriated:

General Funds	\$1,854,461
Other Funds	\$1,054,909

Section 2. Appropriates funds to continue the same 3.6% cost-of-living allowance in FY 94. Also includes funding to cover the increased cost of health benefits which will go from the currently budgeted level of \$386.00 per employee per month to \$500.00. Of the \$4,921,271 appropriated in this section:

\$2,911,483 is for the COLA:

General Funds	\$1,836,998
Other Funds	\$1,074,485

\$2,009,788 is for increased health benefit costs:

General Funds	\$1,254,271
Other Funds	\$755,517

Section 3. Appropriates \$105,641 to pay a \$50.00 contract signing bonus to LTC members that were employed on February 1, 1993.

Section 4. Appropriates \$67,600 to reimburse employees for the \$100.00 cost an LTC employee incurred in obtaining a commercial driver's license as a condition of continued employment.

Section 5. Appropriates \$507,012 to the University of Alaska to pay a 3% COLA to members of the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers (ACCFT) for FY 93.

Section 6. Appropriates \$522,222 to the University of Alaska to pay the same 3% COLA to ACCFT members in FY 94.

Section 7. Provides a June 30, 1993 lapse date for any unexpended and unobligated balance of an appropriation made in the sections 1, 3 and 4 and 5.

Section 8. Provides a June 30, 1994 lapse date for any unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation made in section 2 and 6.

Section 7. Provides an immediate effective date for the legislation.



1992/94 LTC Contract

Negotiations began in December 1991, and were limited to six contract articles selected by the parties. With the assistance of a federal mediator, an agreement was reached on a three year agreement.

Issue	Change
Contracting Out	The rules which limit the State's ability to contract out work performed by union members have been clarified.
Licenses	When a new license requirement is imposed on current employees, the State will reimburse the employee for the license fee when the license is obtained prior to the deadline established by law or regulation. Future renewals are the responsibility of the employee.
Wages	A 3.6% increase effective July 1, 1992. This is the same increase received by other unions effective January 1, 1992. The contract provides no further wage increases in 1993 or 1994.
Classification	The new agreement excludes classification disputes from the grievance procedure. Under the prior agreement, an arbitrator had the right to determine the pay rate for disputed classifications.
Call Back	The minimum pay guarantees were eliminated when overtime is scheduled in advance.
Travel	Travel pay entitlements were changed to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act. These changes should result in reduced expenses for travel pay.
Holidays	The Lincoln's Birthday holiday will be eliminated in 1994.
Family Leave	The provisions of the Alaska Family Leave Act were incorporated into the contract.
Promotion	The strict seniority preference was eliminated. Supervisors will now have a greater choice when making a promotion.
Health Insurance	In consideration of the deferral of the pay increase for six months and elimination of a holiday, the monthly contribution to health insurance will be increased to \$500. effective July 1, 1993. Any future increases will be equally shared between the employer and the State up to a maximum of \$25 each. Further increases are the responsibility of the employee.
Signing Bonus	Each employee in pay status on February 1, 1993, will receive a signing bonus of \$50.

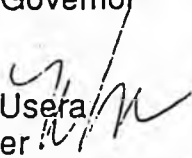
MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Administration
Office of the Commissioner

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BUDGET REVIEW

To: Shelby Stastny
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Office of the Governor

Date: February 1, 1993

From: Nancy Bear Usera 
Commissioner
Department of Administration

Re: Monetary Terms of Labor,
Trades and Crafts Contract

The State of Alaska has concluded negotiations with Public Employees Local 71 representing the Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit (LTC) and the union membership has ratified the agreement. The following monetary terms are provided so that supplemental and budget amendment requests may be made to the legislature. I am also providing the legislature with the monetary terms as required by AS 23.40.215(b).

Monetary Terms

Monetary terms of an agreement are defined in AS 23.40.250(4) as changes that will require an appropriation for their implementation, changes that will result in a change in state revenues, or changes that will result in a change in productive work hours for state employees.

I. Require Appropriation.

- A. Each employee in pay status on the date of signing (February 1, 1993), will receive a signing bonus of \$50. The appropriation should include any additional benefits costs.
- B. Effective July 1, 1992, the wage rates for all employees are increased by 3.6%. This increase equals the percentage increase granted most other state employees last year. However, most other employees received the increase effective January 1, 1992. There will be no further increases in the wage schedule for the life of this agreement which expires on December 31, 1994.
- C. Effective February 1, 1993, the monthly contribution to health insurance for members of the LTC unit will be \$423.50. On July 1, 1993, the contribution on behalf of each eligible member of the bargaining unit will increase to \$500. If there is an increase in the premium in 1994, the state and the employees will equally share the additional cost up to a maximum of \$25. each. Any further increase shall be paid entirely by the employees or the level of benefits shall be adjusted to conform to the premium. The benefits costs associated with LTC positions should be modified to reflect this change.

D. Certain employees were required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License as a condition of continued employment pursuant to AS 28.33.100. The new contract requires the State to reimburse employee's who obtained the license prior to April 1, 1992. Future renewals will be at the expense of the employee. The fee was \$100 per employee. The departments are determining the number of employees affected by this provision. That number will be reported as soon as it is available.

II. State Revenue.

There are no provisions in the agreement that would change state revenues.

III. Productive Work Hours

In 1994, the floating holiday known as Lincoln's Birthday will be eliminated. At present, employees receive an additional day of annual leave on February 12. This change will reduce the amount of leave accrual and time taken away from work.

Other Terms

There are other terms of the collective bargaining agreement which will not require an appropriation but may have a budgetary impact .

- Managers will now have the choice between the two most senior, qualified and competent employees when filling a LTC position through promotion.
- Travel provisions of the agreement have been modified to more closely match the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. This change is expected to result in an overall savings.
- Family leave provisions have been added to conform with the Alaska Family Leave Act (AS 23.10.500 - 23.10.550).
- Designated foremen will receive an additional 75 cents per hour when supervising eight or more employees. This change will reduce the need to reclassify positions when employees perform higher level duties.
- When overtime is scheduled in advance, the State is required to pay only for actual hours of work. A guaranteed minimum of four hours pay at the overtime rate was eliminated.
- Part-time employees will be eligible for overtime on the same basis as other employees. A provision which required overtime for all hours in excess of the regular part-time schedule was eliminated.

Conclusion

Funding for certain monetary terms will be required. Please prepare and forward to the legislature the necessary documents. Please feel free to call on the staff of the Labor Relations Section for any assistance desired.

LTC Contract Costs - COLA and Health Benefits									
	FY 93			FY 94			FY 94		
	COLA Costs			COLA Costs			Health Benefits		
Department	GF	OF	Total	GF	OF	Total	GF	OF	Total
Administration	331.7	1.4	333.2	329.9	1.6	331.6	279.7	1.4	281.0
Education	32.1	.0	32.1	31.5	0.0	31.5	26.4	0.0	26.4
Health & Soc Services	140.2	.0	140.2	135.5	0.0	135.5	109.5	0.0	109.5
Labor	39.2	15.8	55.1	37.9	16.8	54.7	23.1	10.2	33.3
Military & Veterans Affairs	20.3	56.6	77.0	21.3	60.6	81.9	15.3	44.2	59.5
Natural Resources	38.9	.5	39.4	35.4	0.8	36.2	26.6	0.9	27.5
Fish and Game	25.0	10.8	35.8	10.0	9.4	19.4	6.2	6.6	12.8
Public Safety	25.9	.0	25.9	26.2	0.0	26.2	19.9	0.0	19.9
Environmental Conservation	3.5	.5	4.0	4.6	0.0	4.6	2.6	0.0	2.6
Corrections	143.2	.0	143.2	150.5	0.0	150.5	110.0	0.0	110.0
DOT/PF	1,054.3	969.1	2,023.5	1,054.1	985.3	2,039.3	635.0	692.3	1,327.2
Total	1,854.5	1,054.9	2,909.4	1,837.0	1,074.5	2,911.5	1,254.3	755.5	2,009.8
NOTES:									
Each department amount is reduced by the FY 93 budgeted vacancy factor for that component									
FY 94 calculations are based on FY 94 Governor's budget as introduced in January									

Bargaining Unit Profile

Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit (LTC)

Description: Classified, nonsupervisory, blue- and gray-collar employees of the Executive Branch. Classifications include cooks, custodians, equipment operators and skilled crafts. The employees work primarily for the Departments of Transportation & Public Facilities, Administration, Corrections, and Health and Social Services.

Size: 1,634 employees as of February 1, 1993.

Exclusive Representative: Public Employees Local 71

Affiliation: AFL-CIO, Laborers International

Established: By the Labor Relations Agency in 1973.

First Agreement Effective: January 1, 1974

Prior Agreement Expired: December 31, 1992.

Duration of Current Agreement: March 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994.

Wage increase effective July 1, 1992.

1992/94 Labor, Trades and Crafts Agreement



Management Goals

- Increase management flexibility to respond effectively to the changing economic conditions of the State while maximizing the quality of government services to the public.
 1. Where possible, defer to the Personnel Rules.
 2. Increase management choice when making promotions.
 3. Clarify management's right to contract out work and layoff employees.
 4. Terminate all prior letters of agreement.
- Improve productivity, accountability, consistency, and efficiency of State government operations.
 1. Reduce overtime and other premium pay liabilities to FLSA standards.
 2. Convert travel and per diem entitlements to those provided in the State Administrative Manual.
 3. Reduce the number of holidays.
- Realign the cost of personal services, moderating the State's relative position as a provider of wages and benefits so as to reflect the current and foreseeable economic environment.
 1. Modify health benefits, reduce unnecessary utilization and increase employee participation in selecting the benefit package.
 2. Share future cost increase of health insurance between employees and State.
 3. Limit across-the-board salary increases.
 4. Defer the effective date of the salary increase by six months.

HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL, JUNEAU, AK 99801-1182
(907) 465-4954



MEMORANDUM

March 4, 1993

TO: Legal Services

FROM: Representative Bill Hudson, Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee

SUBJECT: CS for HB 158

Please prepare a committee substitute for House Bill 158 to show the adoption of the following amendments:

Page 2, line 22: Delete \$70,350 and replace with \$105,641;

Page 2, line 26: Delete \$74,200 and replace with \$67,600;

Page 2, line 31: Add new section 5. The sum of \$507,012 is appropriated from the general fund to the University of Alaska to pay the 3 percent salary adjustment per the terms of the contract agreement with the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers (ACCFT) bargaining unit for the period from July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993;

Add new section 6: The sum of \$522,222 is appropriated from the general fund to the University of Alaska to pay the 3 percent salary adjustment per the terms of the contract agreement with the ACCFT bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994.

Renumber other sections accordingly.

STATE OF ALASKA

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET DIVISION OF BUDGET REVIEW

March 3, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hudson
Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hudson:

House Bill 158 appropriates funding to meet the FY 93 and FY 94 monetary terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Labor, Trades and Crafts union. It is scheduled for the committee's consideration at this Thursday's meeting.

Since the bill's introduction, updated information has become available which necessitates the following amendments for the committee's consideration:

Amendment 1: Page 2, line 22: Delete \$70,350 and replace with \$105,641.

The change is necessary for two reasons: The final number of LTC members eligible for the \$50 contract signing bonus was based on the payroll that ran on approximately February 25, 1993. This number of 1,634 contrasts with the preliminary estimate of 1,407 used in the bill's initial drafting. In addition, this section's original appropriation level did not include the benefit costs of \$23,941 which are incurred as a result of paying this bonus.

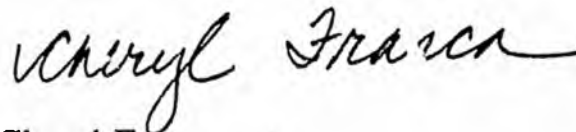
Amendment 2: Page 2, line 26: Delete \$74,200 and replace with \$67,600.

A survey of the departments found there were fewer LTC members that had to get a commercial driver's license as a condition of employment than originally estimated.

If the committee has any questions or if I may provide additional information, please just let me know. The committee's consideration of these amendments is appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Frasca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cheryl Frasca
Director

cc: Nancy Bear Usera, Commissioner
Department of Administration

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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March 4, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hudson
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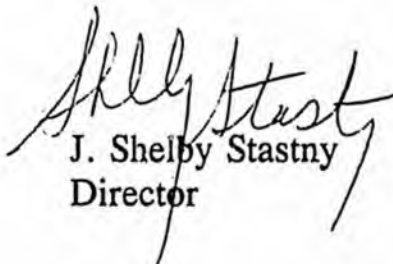
Dear Representative Hudson:

House Bill 158, which appropriates funding to meet the monetary terms of the Labor, Trades and Crafts contract, is scheduled for consideration by the committee this afternoon. Yesterday the Office of Management and Budget received the attached appropriation request from the University of Alaska to meet the monetary terms of the collective bargaining agreement it reached with the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers bargaining unit.

On behalf of the University, the Governor would appreciate your consideration of including this contract's monetary terms as part of the Labor and Commerce Committee's discussion of House Bill 158.

Brian Rogers, Vice President for Finance for the University can provide you with additional details regarding the agreement and its terms. Should the committee need any other information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


J. Shelby Stastny
Director

Enclosures

cc: Nancy Bear Usera, Commissioner
Department of Administration

Kris Lethin, Legislative Liaison
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February 15, 1993

TO: J. Shelby Stastny, Director
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Brian Rogers 
Vice President for Finance

RE: University of Alaska FY93 Supplemental and FY94 Budget
Amendment Request

Enclosed is a University of Alaska request for an FY93 supplemental appropriation. The request totals \$507.0 and represents a requirement for funds which cannot be provided internally.

In order to carry forward the \$507.0 in the FY94 Operating Budget a Budget Amendment for \$522.2 is requested.

If you should have any further questions or are in need of additional information, please contact Marsha Hubbard, Director, Statewide Budget Office at 474-7593.

Enclosure

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To	Marsha Hubbard	From	Brian Rogers
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University of Alaska-Systemwide Budget Reductions and Additions

The University of Alaska concluded its negotiations with the Alaska Community College Federation of Teachers (ACCFT) Bargaining Unit, and the Board of Regents and bargaining unit members have ratified the new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). This process was completed in May 1992. Article 7.1.B. of the CBA requires the University to request a supplemental appropriation to fund a salary increase for CBA covered faculty at the same level as the increase granted to other University employees.

The amount requested was calculated as follows:

FY93 Supplemental

Total Salaries	\$12,742,511
Total Staff Benefits	<u>\$ 4,157,881</u>
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$16,900,392
3% Increase	\$ 507,012

FY94 Amendment

Total Salaries	\$13,124,786
Total Staff Benefits	<u>\$ 4,282,617</u>
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$17,407,403
3% Increase	\$ 522,222



Approved by Shelby Stastny

Disapproved by Shelby Stastny

Date: 3/4/93

ARTICLE 7

Salaries and Benefits

7.1 Salaries

- A. Faculty Members shall be compensated in a manner consistent with the provisions of Regents Policy and University Regulation 04.05.01 - 03 in effect as of the date of this Agreement, except that any compensation increases shall be subject to legislative appropriation in accordance with the provisions of AS 23.40.215 and shall be requested separately from compensation increases requested for other employees of the University.
- B. The University agrees to request the same level of salary increase for Faculty Members as is requested of the Legislature for other University employees. If the University grants other University employees salary increases but does not receive an appropriation to fund salary increases for Faculty Members at the same level, the University agrees to submit to the Legislature at the beginning of the next regular session following the increase for University employees an amount necessary to permit Faculty Members to receive a salary increase of the same level received by University employees.

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

415 158

February 15, 1993

The Honorable Ramona L. Barnes
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Barnes:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that makes appropriations for contract settlement costs and cost-of-living adjustments for eligible public employees who are members of the Labor, Trades, and Crafts bargaining unit.

Section 1 of the bill makes an appropriation of \$2,909,370 to the Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, to pay the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment for fiscal year 1993, as required by the terms of the contract settlement with eligible public employees who are members of the Labor, Trades, and Crafts bargaining unit.

Section 2 of the bill makes an appropriation of \$4,921,271 to the Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, to pay the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment and the increased costs of health insurance benefits for fiscal year 1994, as required by the terms of the contract settlement with eligible public employees who are members of that bargaining unit.

Section 3 of the bill makes an appropriation of \$70,350 to the Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, to pay the contract signing bonus to eligible employees of that collective bargaining unit.

Section 4 of the bill makes an appropriation of \$74,200 to the Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, to reimburse employees in that collective bargaining unit for costs of obtaining commercial drivers' licenses necessary for continued employment.

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The Honorable Ramona L. Barnes
February 15, 1993
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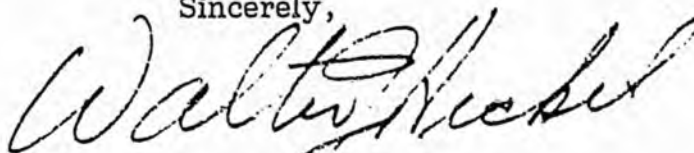
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Sections 5 and 6 of the bill contain lapse provisions to ensure that the unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations lapses into the respective funds at set time limits.

Section 7 of the bill provides for an immediate effective date.

I urge your support of this bill to meet the state's obligations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter J. Hickel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Walter J. Hickel
Governor