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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)
Date Referred: March 21, 1994

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: _____

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HB 291

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

CONSUMER PROTECTION INTERN PROGRAM

"An Act establishing a consumer protection intern program at the University of Alaska."

RECOMMENDATIONS: [ ] the same title
be replaced with _____ [ ] 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)

[ ] fiscal impact _____

[ ] zero fiscal note _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[ ] fiscal note(s) _____

[ ] zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING DO PASS	*DP*	*OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS*	*DNP*	*NR*	*AM*

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CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: March 15, 1994
Title: "An Act establishing a consumer protection intern program at the University of Alaska."
Sponsor: Representative Sanders
Requestor: Representative Sanders

Department Affected: Department of Law
BRU: Legal Services
Component: Fair Business Practices

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1823

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND &						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						
FUNDING:						
1002 Federal						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
POSITIONS:						
FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: -0-

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)
Please see the attached analysis.

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Agency: Department of Law
Date: March 15, 1994

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STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 291

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION:

This bill establishes a consumer protection intern program within the University of Alaska that provides university credit for work performed for the fair business practices section of the Department of Law. The bill requires that the program include one person selected by the University of Alaska Anchorage, one person selected by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and one person selected by the University of Alaska Southeast. The bill also provides that a person who is accepted into the consumer protection intern program may not participate for more than one semester and shall receive a stipend of $1,000 from the University of Alaska.

The Department of Law's fair business practices section consists of one attorney, two paraprofessionals, and one legal secretary in Anchorage and one paraprofessional in Fairbanks. One of the two paraprofessionals in Anchorage and the paraprofessional in Fairbanks handle consumer protection matters, and the other paraprofessional in Anchorage handles antitrust investigations. The Anchorage attorney supervises all of the activities of the section and provides for enforcement of both the state's consumer protection and antitrust laws. The section has not had any onsite presence in Southeast Alaska since 1987.

Because of the small size of the section, and due to the section's large and varied responsibilities, the use of interns is somewhat problematic. Without any meaningful presence in Southeast Alaska, it would not be possible to train and supervise an intern in that region. It would be somewhat difficult to provide training and regular supervision in Fairbanks with just a single employee in that location. Providing training and supervision of an intern in Anchorage would not be easy, but benefits could result particularly in the legal research area. We also note that the one semester limit provided in the bill should probably be changed to two semesters, because it would probably take up to one semester to properly train an intern.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: 3/18/94
Title: Consumer protection internship program
Department Affected: University of Alaska
BRU: University of Alaska, Anchorage
Component: Anchorage Campus

Sponsor: Sanford
Requestor: H HESS
COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE FD SOURCE						
FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)						
1002 FEDERAL FUNDS						
1003 GF MATCH						
1004 GENERAL FUND						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
OTHER						
TOTAL FUNDING	0.0	0.0	0.0	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.)

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Agency: Statewide Budget Office
Date: 3/18/94

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