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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONBILL NO. SSHB 196

Revision Date: _____

Title: "State employment preference for veterans and
prisoners of war."Sponsor: Representative KottRequestor: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.Department Affected: AdministrationBRU: Personnel/OEEOComponent: Personnel/OEEOCOMPONENT SERIAL NO. 56

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 (FY93) impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SSHB 196

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: DMVA
Title: State employment preference for BRU: NA
veterans and prisoners of war Component: _____
Sponsor: Rep. Kott
Requestor: Rep. Kott COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
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1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact

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MEMORANDUM

March 10, 1993

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SSHB 196 (State employment preference for veterans and prisoners of war)

TO: Representative Pete Kott

FROM: Teresa B. Cramer 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill is not considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 amends the existing state employment preference for veterans and prisoners of war to permit its use more frequently.

Sec. 2 repeals a subsection of the existing state employment preference for veterans to conform to the changes made in sec. 1.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

AS 39.25.159 currently establishes an employment preference for veterans. This preference, however, is limited by specific statutory language, as follows: "Except as provided in (c) of this section, a person who has been appointed, after receiving preference points under this subsection, to a permanent position in the classified service is not entitled to a further hiring preference under this subsection." SSHB 196 would eliminate this limitation.

Hiring preferences traditionally are justifiable as conducive to the achievement of several important state goals. Among those goals may be included the following:

- (a) Encouraging qualified men and women to volunteer for military duty;
- (b) Rewarding those men and women who, either as a result of enlistment or through conscription, sacrificed their time, effort, and sometimes their health, to protect those liberties and freedoms which Alaskans and all Americans hold dear;
- (c) Assisting veterans into making the oftentimes difficult transition from military to civilian status; and,
- (d) Securing for the State the services of men and women of proven discipline and integrity.

See Personnel Administrator of Massachusetts v. Feeney, 442 U.S. 256 (1979) for a discussion of the traditional goals of veterans preferences statutes.

It respectfully is submitted that the above articulated goals are desirable and proper for the State of Alaska. SSHB196 enhances Alaska's ability to achieve these important goals.

Alaska is facing uncertain economic times and a projected decline in revenues. Any given civil service position may be of very short duration. A veteran who uses his or her one-time preference in securing a position may quickly be without that position. When that occurs, the above mentioned state goals are not significantly advanced. These goals can not be achieved if the veteran, having once asserted the preference, is thereafter foreclosed from utilizing it again to secure employment. To more fully achieve state goals it therefore is necessary to remove the limitation now contained in the statute and permit veterans to re-assert their preference rights in

securing employment. SSHB 196 endeavors to accomplish that end,
and it is heartily commended to you for your consideration.