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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/14/94

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-23-94

The Finance Committee considered **SENATE BILL NO. 250**

Older Alaskans Commission and staff; changing the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission on Aging and extending the termination date; relating to the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board; relating to services and programs for older Alaskans; efd.

and recommends:

- replace with CS SB 250 (FINANCE)
- or adopt previous CS _____
- attaches amendment(s)

- same title
- new title
- technical title change (HB only)

adopts _____ Letter of Intent

further referral to the _____

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

NEW FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
<u>DOA</u>	<u>11-11-93</u>	<u>0</u>	

Appropriation No Fiscal Note

DO PASS.

Tom Kelly
Steve Rein
Jack [unclear]
[unclear]
1. [unclear]
 Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

 2. _____
 Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: SB250

(S) Publish Date: 1-14-94

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title: Relating to OAC, Alaska BRU: Commission on Aging
Pioneer Home Advisory Brd and services for Component: Commission on Aging
 Sponsor: Governor older Alaskans
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
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 EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

Estimate of any current year (FY94) cost: \$ -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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Changes in CSSB 250 STA
 have no fiscal impact. This
 fiscal note is appropriate.
3/11/94 /date JKB Comte Aide (initial)

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SB 250

BY SENATOR SHARP

Page 3, lines 11 - 13:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 22:

Delete "Section 15"

Insert "Section 14"

Page 7, line 23:

Delete "sec. 15"

Insert "sec. 14"

Page 7, line 25:

Delete "Sections 1 - 14 and 16 - 20"

Insert "Sections 1 - 13 and 15 - 19"

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 1

Bill Number: SB 250

Sponsor: SHARP Date: 3/22/94

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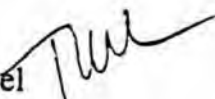
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MEMORANDUM

February 23, 1994

SUBJECT: Amendment to SB 250 (Work Order 8-GS2003\A.1)

TO: Senator Bert Sharp

FROM: Terri Lauterbach
Legislative Counsel 

Enclosed is the amendment you requested that would change sec. 7 of SB 250 so that commission members would choose their own chairperson. Section 7 of SB 250 currently repeals and reenacts AS 44.21.210(c) with language allowing the governor to designate a chairperson.

The enclosed amendment achieves your purpose by simply removing sec. 7 from the bill. This would leave AS 44.21.210(c) as it currently reads in the statutes:

(c) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson, and may select other officers it considers necessary.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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Enclosure

*amended
on pg 7 →*

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered: 3/14/94
Referred: Finance**

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Older Alaskans Commission and staff of the commission;
2 changing the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission
3 on Aging and extending the termination date of the commission; relating to the
4 Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board; relating to services and programs for
5 older Alaskans; and providing for an effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 * **Section 1.** AS 18.56.700(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) In order to avoid duplication of efforts and to benefit from the
9 commission's expertise, the office shall consult with the Alaska [OLDER
10 ALASKANS] Commission on Aging in the performance of the office's duties under
11 AS 18.56.700 - 18.56.799 so that the housing needs of senior citizens can be met most
12 efficiently and effectively.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.21.110 is amended to read:

1 Sec. 44.21.110. PURPOSE OF THE BOARD. The board shall conduct annual
2 inspections of the property and procedures of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes and
3 recommend to the governor changes and improvements. The board shall meet on an
4 annual [A SEMI-ANNUAL] basis to review admissions [,] procedures and to consider
5 complaints.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 44.21.120 is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 Sec. 44.21.120. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD. (a) The Alaska Pioneers'
8 Homes Advisory Board consists of

9 (1) seven members appointed by the governor from among citizens of
10 the state; and

11 (2) one member who is the chair of the Alaska Commission on Aging
12 established under AS 44.21.200.

13 (b) The term of office of a member of the board appointed under (a)(1) of this
14 section is four years. A member of the board may not serve more than eight
15 consecutive years. The members of the board appointed under (a)(1) of this section
16 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

17 * Sec. 4. AS 44.21.200(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS] Commission on Aging is established
19 in the Department of Administration. The members of the commission include

20 (1) the commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee;

21 (2) the commissioner of community and regional affairs or the
22 commissioner's designee;

23 (3) the commissioner of health and social services or the
24 commissioner's designee;

25 (4) the chair [CHAIRMAN] of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board
26 [APPOINTED] under AS 44.21.120; and

27 (5) seven persons selected on the basis of their knowledge and
28 demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans, appointed by the governor in
29 accordance with (b) of this section.

30 * Sec. 5. AS 44.21.210(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The commission shall meet at the call of the chair [CHAIRPERSON], at

1 the request of a majority of the members, or at a regularly scheduled time as
2 determined by a majority of the members. The commission shall meet at least four
3 [SIX] times each year.

4 * Sec. 6. AS 44.21.210(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) [THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION LISTED IN
6 AS 44.21.200(a)(1) - (4) MAY NOT VOTE ON MATTERS BEFORE THE
7 COMMISSION.] A majority of the members of the commission [LISTED IN
8 AS 44.21.200(a)(5)] constitutes a quorum for conducting business and exercising the
9 powers of the commission.

10 * Sec. 7. AS 44.21 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 44.21.225. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. The executive director of the
12 commission shall

13 (1) formulate a comprehensive statewide plan that identifies the
14 concerns and needs of older Alaskans and present that plan to the commission;

15 (2) administer, with the approval of the commissioner of administration,
16 federal programs as provided under 42 U.S.C. 3001 - 3045i (Older Americans Act),
17 as amended; and

18 (3) administer, with the approval of the commissioner of administration,
19 state programs as provided under AS 47.65.

20 * Sec. 8. AS 44.21.230(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) The commission shall

22 (1) approve [FORMULATE] a comprehensive statewide plan that
23 identifies the concerns and needs of older Alaskans and, with reference to the
24 approved plan [ADOPTED], prepare and submit to the governor and legislature an
25 annual analysis and evaluation of the services that are provided to older Alaskans;

26 (2) make recommendations directly to the governor and the legislature
27 with respect to legislation, regulations, and appropriations for programs or services that
28 benefit older Alaskans;

29 (3) encourage [AND AID] the development of municipal commissions
30 serving older Alaskans and community-oriented programs and services for the benefit
31 of older Alaskans;

1 (4) employ an executive director who serves at the pleasure of the
2 commission;

3 (5) help older Alaskans lead dignified, independent, and useful lives;

4 (6) request and receive reports and audits from state agencies and local
5 institutions concerned with the conditions and needs of older Alaskans;

6 (7) [ADMINISTER,] with the approval of the commissioner of
7 administration, set policy for the administration of federal programs as provided
8 under 42 U.S.C. 3001 - 3045i (Older Americans Act), as amended and evaluate grant
9 applicants and make grant awards under those programs;

10 (8) [ADMINISTER,] with the approval of the commissioner of
11 administration, set policy for the administration of state programs as provided under
12 AS 47.65 and evaluate grant applicants and award grants under those programs;

13 (9) give assistance, on request, to the senior housing office in the
14 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation in administration of the senior housing loan
15 program under AS 18.56.710 - 18.56.799 and in the performance of the office's other
16 duties under AS 18.56.700.

17 * Sec. 9. AS 44.21.240(1) is amended to read:

18 (1) "commission" means the Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS]
19 Commission on Aging;

20 * Sec. 10. AS 44.66.010(a)(10) is amended to read:

21 (10) Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS] Commission on Aging
22 (AS 44.21.200) -- June 30, 1996 [1993];

23 * Sec. 11. AS 47.24.010(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) The following persons who, in the performance of their professional duties,
25 have reasonable cause to believe that an elderly person has suffered harm shall, not
26 later than 24 hours after first having cause for the belief, report the harm to the
27 Department of Health and Social Services:

28 (1) a physician or other licensed health care provider;

29 (2) a mental health professional as defined in AS 47.30.915(11) and
30 including a marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63;

31 (3) a pharmacist;

- 1 (4) an administrator of a nursing home, residential care or health care
2 facility;
- 3 (5) a guardian or conservator;
- 4 (6) a police officer;
- 5 (7) a village public safety officer;
- 6 (8) a village health aide;
- 7 (9) a social worker;
- 8 (10) a member of the clergy;
- 9 (11) a staff employee of a project funded by the Alaska [OLDER
10 ALASKANS] Commission on Aging;
- 11 (12) an employee of a homemaker program or home health aide
12 program;
- 13 (13) an emergency medical technician or a mobile intensive care
14 paramedic.

15 * Sec. 12. AS 47.24.070 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 47.24.070. REGULATIONS. Regulations to implement AS 47.24.010 -
17 47.24.100 shall be approved by the Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS] Commission on
18 Aging established under [(AS 44.21.200)] before adoption by the department.

19 * Sec. 13. AS 47.24.075 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 47.24.075. QUARTERLY REPORT. The department shall submit to the
21 Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS] Commission on Aging each quarter a statistical report
22 of the department's activities related to the protection of elderly persons in the state.
23 The report may not disclose the identity of victims or perpetrators of the harm.

24 * Sec. 14. AS 47.30.016(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The
26 members appointed under this subsection shall be appointed

27 (1) based upon their ability in financial management and investment,
28 in land management, or in services for the beneficiaries of the trust;

29 (2) after the governor has considered a list of persons prepared by a
30 panel of six persons who are beneficiaries, or who are the guardians, family members,
31 or representatives of beneficiaries; the panel shall consist of

- 1 (A) one person selected by the Alaska Mental Health Board
- 2 (AS 47.30.661);
- 3 (B) one person selected by the Governor's Council on
- 4 Disabilities and Special Education (AS 47.80.030);
- 5 (C) one person selected by the Advisory Board on Alcoholism
- 6 and Drug Abuse (AS 44.29.110);
- 7 (D) one person selected by the Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS]
- 8 Commission on Aging (AS 44.21.200);
- 9 (E) one person selected by the Alaska Native Health Board; and
- 10 (F) one person selected by the authority.

11 * Sec. 15. AS 47.65.010 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 47.65.010. OLDER ALASKANS SERVICE PROGRAMS ACCOUNT.
13 The older Alaskans service programs account is established in the Department of
14 Administration. An amount to carry out the provisions of AS 47.65.010 - 47.65.050
15 may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. The amount
16 appropriated to the account shall be fully distributed by the Alaska [OLDER
17 ALASKANS] Commission on Aging to sponsors of older Alaskans service programs
18 in accordance with the provisions of AS 47.65.010 - 47.65.050.

19 * Sec. 16. AS 47.65.040(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Except as provided in (f) of this section, a [A] sponsor receiving a grant
21 under AS 47.65.010 - 47.65.050 shall contribute to the total cost of the program or
22 project. The contribution may be in cash or in-kind services. The amount of the
23 sponsor's required contribution is determined by the application of the following
24 formula: average per capita full and true value of all property in the municipality or
25 community in which the project or program takes place divided by the average per
26 capita full and true value of all property in the state, and then multiplied by the
27 contribution percentage to the estimated total program or project cost as determined
28 by the commission at the time of approval of a grant application. However, the amount
29 of the sponsor's contribution may not amount to more than 10 percent of the total
30 program or project cost.

31 * Sec. 17. AS 47.65.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

Amend #1
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1 (f) When awarding a grant to support a ~~program~~ project under
2 AS 47.65.010 - 47.65.050, the commission may waive all or part of the sponsor
3 contribution required under this section if waiver is in the public interest. The
4 commission shall adopt regulations establishing standards for granting waivers under
5 this subsection.

6 * Sec. 18. AS 47.65.290(3) is amended to read:

7 (3) "commission" means the Alaska [OLDER ALASKANS]
8 Commission on Aging established in AS 44.21.200;

9 * Sec. 19. TRANSITION FOR PIONEERS' HOMES ADVISORY BOARD. The terms
10 of the persons who are members of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board on June 30,
11 1994, terminate July 1, 1994. Notwithstanding the limitations set by AS 44.21.120(b), enacted
12 by sec. 3 of this Act, the governor may appoint to the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory
13 Board a person who served on that board before July 1, 1994; that person's service on the
14 board after July 1, 1994, may not exceed the limitations of AS 44.21.120(b), as enacted by
15 sec. 3 of this Act. The terms of persons initially appointed to the board on or after July 1,
16 1994, shall be set as provided in AS 39.05.055 so as to establish the staggering of terms of
17 members.

18 * Sec. 20. (a) Section 14 of this Act takes effect only if ch. 66, SLA 1991, takes effect.

19 (b) If the condition in (a) of this section is met, sec. 14 of this Act takes effect July 1,
20 1994, or on the effective date of ch. 66, SLA 1991, whichever is later.

21 * Sec. 21. Sections 1 - 13 and 15 - 19 of this Act take effect July 1, 1994.

Called
Legal
9:20am

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

SENATE BILL 250 RELATING TO THE OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION AND THE PIONEERS' HOMES ADVISORY BOARD

This bill is one of three introduced by Governor Hickel as part of his plan to improve and reorganize state services to Alaska's seniors. A detailed analysis of the bill follows this page. First, let us highlight the improvements which would be effected by Senate Bill 250. When enacted, Senate Bill will:

- Re-name the Older Alaskans Commission as the Alaska Commission on Aging
- Reduce the number of mandatory annual meetings for both the Commission and the Board to reflect current practice and fiscal resources
- Add the chairperson of the Commission on Aging to the Pioneers' Homes Board
- Establish 8 year maximum terms for Pioneers' Homes Board members, allow current members to serve up to 8 more years, and transition the board to staggered terms
- Add the chairperson of the Pioneers' Homes Boards and the Commissioners of Health & Social Services, Community & Regional Affairs, and Administration to the list of voting members on the Commission on Aging (now non-voting members)
- Empower the Governor to choose the chairpersons of the Commission and the Board
- Clarify that the Commission on Aging administers programs through its executive director
- Clarify that the Commission sets policy for administration of its programs and selects recipients of grant awards
- Allow the Commission flexibility to reduce or waive local "match" requirements for grantees when waiver is in public interest

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF SENATE BILL 250

Section 1, AS 18.56.700(b), changes the name of the commission in the Alaska Housing Finance statutes relating to coordination of senior housing efforts.

Section 2 amends AS 44.21.110 to reduce the mandated number of meetings for the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board from twice to once a year.

Section 3 rewrites AS 44.21.120 to add the chairperson of the Commission on Aging to the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board; to set the Board members' terms at a maximum of eight consecutive years; and to clarify that the governor designates the chairperson of the Board.

Section 4 amends AS 44.21.200(a) to re-name the Older Alaskans Commission as the Alaska Commission on Aging, and to add to the seven laypersons who currently serve as voting members another four voting members: the citizen Chairperson of the Pioneers' Homes Board and the Commissioners of the Departments of Administration, Community and Regional Affairs, and Health and Social Services; bringing the total of voting members on the commission to eleven.

Section 5 amends AS 44.21.210(a) to reduce the mandatory annual number of meetings of the commission from six to four.

Section 6 amends the quorum for voting by the commission and deletes references to non-voting members.

Section 7 rewrites AS 44.21.210(c) to state that the governor shall designate the chairperson of the commission from among the seven citizen members selected under AS 44.21.20(i)(5).

Section 8 adds a new section on the duties of the Executive Director of the Commission: to formulate the state plan for older Alaskans for the commission and to administer federal and state grants for senior services.

Section 9 amends AS 44.21.230(a) to clarify that the Commission approves the state plan formulated by its staff; makes recommendations directly to both the governor and the legislature; sets policy for the administration of federal and state grants for senior services; and evaluates and awards the grants.

Sections 10 and 11 merely amend the Commission's name in other references in existing laws.

Sections 12 through 14 amend the existing elder abuse reporting law to use the new name for the Commission.

Section 15 amends the Mental Health Trust Lands Settlement Act to use the new name for the Commission.

Sections 16 through 18 amend the existing law authorizing state-funded service grants by the Commission, to amend the Commission's name, and, in sec. 18, to allow the Commission to establish by regulations standards for granting waivers of the required sponsor contribution ("match") when such a waiver is in the public interest.

Section 19 amends the name of the Commission in another citation in existing law.

Section 20 provides for a transition period for members of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board, so that current members may be reappointed after July 1, 1994 to serve up to eight consecutive years, but also specifying that any other persons appointed after that date will have their terms of office set so as to establish the staggering of terms of members.

Section 21 states that the changes in the Mental Health Settlement Act relative to the Commission will occur only when and if both this bill and chapter 66, SLA 1991 are effective.

Section 22 provides for an effective date of July 1, 1994 for the bill.

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Dear Interagency Task Force,

We, the association of programs providing senior services through Older Alaska Commission grants, are in favor of a Division of Senior Services. This reorganization of programs that serve Older Alaskans into a combined Division of Senior Services will greatly assist us in being about to provide efficient, cost effective services to Alaskan seniors.

Sincerely,

Velma Ellyson

Velma Ellyson
President

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December 15, 1992

*Conrad J. Sipe
Executive Director
Older Alaska Commission
P.O. Box 110209
Juneau, Alaska*

Dear Conrad,

*During the December meeting of the
State Legislative Committee of A.A.P., the
proposed consolidation of Senior Services
was discussed.*

*If and when such a centralization
should become a reality, the members
of the Alaska State Legislative Committee go on
record favoring the establishment of a
Division of Senior Services within the
Department of Community and Regional Affairs.*

*Thank you for this opportunity to
express our opinion on this matter.*

*Sincerely,
Mary Lou Meiners, Chair
Alaska State Legislative Comm.*

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Older Alaskans Commission

October 7, 1993

The Honorable Nancy Bear Usera
Commissioner
Department of Administration
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Re: Governor's Proposal
for Senior Reorganization

Dear Commissioner Usera:

On behalf of the Commission, I want to express our appreciation of the opportunity to review, with Deputy Commissioner Waldron, Governor Hickel's proposal to reorganize senior services in state government, including the summaries of the three proposed bills.

The commission fully endorses the concepts behind the three bills, and the plan to create a new division of senior services by administrative order. We appreciate your leadership in initiating the Task Force last year, and believe that your choice and direction of Task Force members led directly to this excellent proposal for a new approach to senior services.

The commission plans to work, both as a group and individually, to understand the bills in both concept and detail, and will advocate for their support among the seniors in our local and regional areas. We would like to receive a copy of the actual bills' language as soon as they are public.

The commission has three comments or suggestions for the bill regarding the Commission and the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board:

1. We think the increased linkage of the two boards, by the designation of a voting seat on each board for the chairman of the other board, is an excellent improvement.
2. While we support the new voting power given to the three departmental commission members from the administration, we would urge addition of language that the chairman of the Alaska Commission on Aging must be selected from among the seven layperson members appointed by the Governor.

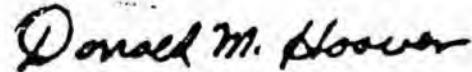
Commissioner Nancy Bear Usera
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3. We strongly feel that because commissioners are either selected by or retained at the pleasure of the current governor, the members of the commission should choose their own chairman. The citizen-led impetus to create a commission in 1980 appears to still reflect the general senior sentiment in our state that the wisdom and experience of seniors should be recognized by allowing them a strong role in managing senior affairs in our state government.

Finally, we wish to note our concern that there be adequate fiscal and personnel resources to successfully carry out the two important new functions of the new Division of Senior Services, namely, the licensing of Assisted Living homes and Adult Protective Services.

Again, thank you for the chance to comment upon this proposal. Please convey to Governor Hickel our strong support of his plan.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Hoover, Chairman
Older Alaskans Commission

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Older Alaskans Commission

Position Paper on Senate Bill 250

RELATING TO THE OLDER ALASKANS COMMISSION AND THE PIONEERS' HOMES ADVISORY BOARD

The Older Alaskans Commission strongly urges passage of Senate Bill 250 introduced by Governor Hickel. This bill is part of the Governor's plan to improve and reorganize state services to Alaska's seniors and is vital to the smooth operation of the Division of Senior Services.

Senate Bill 250 changes the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission on Aging, identifying the purpose of the commission clearly in its name.

The commission strongly endorses the increased linkage between the Alaskan Commission on Aging and the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board by designation of a voting seat on each board for the chairman of the other board. The commission supports the new voting power given to the three departmental commission members from the administration.

The commission strongly feels that because commissioners are either selected by or retained at the pleasure of the current governor, the members of the commission should elect their own chairman. The citizen led impetus to create a commission in 1980 appears to still reflect the general senior sentiment in our state that the wisdom and experience of seniors should be recognized by allowing them a strong role in managing senior affairs in our state government.

If the final version of the bill retains the provision for the governor to select a chairman, then the commission urges addition of language stating that the chairman of the Alaska Commission on Aging must be selected from among the seven layperson citizen members appointed by the Governor.

Donald M. Hoover

Donald M. Hoover, Chairman
Older Alaskans Commission

Date: _____

2/18/94

SB 250



CITY OF FAIRBANKS
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CC:WJH

February 11, 1994

The Honorable Walter J. Hickel
Governor, State of Alaska
P. O. Box A
Juneau, AK 99811-0101

Dear Governor Hickel:

I am in receipt of your letter with regards to the three bills intending to provide better state services for our senior citizens.

I am in agreement with you that this is one area which needs to be addressed. I have become increasingly concerned about the scarcity of facilities and perpetual care for our senior citizens; as well as the seemingly endless paperwork that is entailed in order to receive any services. It appears that SB 250 and HB 378 will assist in alleviating some of the bureaucratic layers which are normally required.

Again, thank you for the letter. I appreciate your taking the time from your busy schedule to keep me informed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,
CITY OF FAIRBANKS

James C. Hayes
James C. Hayes
Mayor

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Governor Walter Hickel
STATE OF ALASKA
P. O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Hickel:

I am pleased to report that in general we support SB 248, SB 249, and SB 250 as introduced by your office. However, we strongly suggest that Commission members be allowed to elect their own chair person, rather than an appointed chair as is proposed in SB 250, Sec. 7.

Thank you for your consideration.

With best wishes,

Bob Huffman

Bob Huffman, Chairman
Legislative & Govt. Affairs Comm.
GRAND IGLOO, PIONEERS OF ALASKA

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PIONEERS' HOMES ADVISORY BOARD

Amos "Joe" Alter, Chairman

October 15, 1993

P.O. Box 110211
Juneau, AK 99811-0211



Nancy Bear Usera, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Administration
P O Box 110200
Juneau, AK 99811-00200

Dear Nancy:

You and your hospitality are great and I am sure I speak for each and all of our Board Members as I thank you.

The opportunity to meet with you and discuss Administration priorities and concern was an excellent way for us to start our home visits. In the Board role of communicating your concerns to Pioneers' Homes residents and the public and visa versa we have the following findings to report to you:

1. The Board, residents, and the public are generally supportive of Administration proposals for reorganization of senior programs within a new division of aging with one exception. Predominate opinion prefers Board selection of its own chairman.
2. The proposed rate increases are generally acceptable.
3. More Mental Health Trust funds should be provided to complement current appropriations for Pioneers' Homes. Current efforts to serve the special needs of Alzheimer and related dementia needs of residents is commendable but inadequate. Planned staff training designed to enhance service to these special residents is essential and appreciated. A closer working relationship between this Board and the Mental Health Board is recommended.
4. Appropriate revisions should be made in current conditions governing employment of qualified part time staff to enhance availability of such staff.
5. There is general opposition to privatization of the homes.

Robert Gore, Board Member
John Dapceovich, Board Member

Vallie Byrdsong, Board Member
Stella Odsather, Board Member

Robert Kallenburg, Board Member
Peggy Amess, Board Member

6. Great appreciation and a minimum of dissatisfaction with the system was obvious. We urge continuing restructuring of the service model to address those future needs not met otherwise.

We thank you again for the opportunity to work with you and your dedicated Pioneers' Home staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe".

Amos J. Alter

WALTER J. HICKEL
GOVERNOR



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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

January 14, 1994

*The Honorable Rick Halford
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182*

Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Older Alaskans Commission, the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board, and certain programs and services for older Alaskans.

The bill changes the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission on Aging, decreases the number of required yearly commission meetings, and extends the termination date of the commission. The bill also makes changes in the allocation of functions of the commission, the commission's executive director, and the commissioner of administration. For example, the commission, with the approval of the commissioner of administration, will set policy for the administration of federal programs under the federal Older Americans Act. The executive director, with the commissioner of administration's approval, will administer those programs. The executive director for the commission also will be responsible for the formulation and presentation to the commission of the comprehensive statewide plan that identifies the concerns and needs of older Alaskans. The commission will be responsible for approving a final plan.

The bill also makes certain changes in the composition and duties of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board. The board will be increased from seven to eight members; the new member will be the chairperson of the Alaska Commission on Aging. (Under existing law, the chair of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board is a member of the Older Alaskans Commission.) The bill also decreases the number of board meetings that must be held during a year.

Additionally, the Department of Administration plans to administratively establish a division of senior services to better coordinate services to older Alaskans. The Alaska Commission on Aging and the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board would be located administratively in that new division. The new division would replace the

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existing division of pioneers' benefits and would assume responsibility for activities currently assigned to that division, which include administration of the pioneers' homes and the longevity bonus program.

The enactment of this bill into law, along with the administrative creation of the new division, will assure improved, coordinated efforts to address the varied problems confronting older Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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

Walter J. Hickel
Governor

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Final

DATE: 2/18/94

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-11-94

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State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 250

Older Alaskans Commission and staff of the commission; changing the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission on Aging; extending the termination date; relating to the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board; relating to services and programs for older Alaskans; efd.

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

(2) Mike Miller no rec
(1) [Signature] no rec.
(2) Kevin L. Taylor no Rec

(1) [Signature] do pass

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 1/14/94

FURTHER STATE AFFAIRS
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Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/27/94
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Older Alaskans Commission and staff of the commission/ changing the name of the Older Alaskans Commission to the Alaska Commission on Aging and extending the termination date; relating to the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board; relating to services/programs for older Alaskans; efd. and recommends:

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ① Mike Miller No Rec*
- ② Judy Sals No Rec*
- ③ Bob Murphy N. Rec*

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Steve King Do Pass

Chair: Signature and Recommendation