

SB

229

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: 1/10/94

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/20/94
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 1/26/94

HES Committee considered **SENATE BILL NO. 229**

"An Act making an appropriation for the construction of a dormitory at the University of Alaska Anchorage; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

replace with _____ CS _____ ()

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

attaches amendment(s)

adopts _____ Letter of Intent

further referral to the _____

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

FISCAL NOTE INFORMATION

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

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Appropriation No Fiscal Note

Governor's Bill with Previous Fiscal Notes (enter information above)

DO PASS:

Ellis "Go Seawolves"
Judith & Sato

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mike Miller No REC
Diuncen - Should be amended to include other campuses.
Ronan A. Lemay - No REC - need to look at consistency with financial plan
Bob Sharp - No REC - needs to fit into overall UFA fiscal needs.
Alvin Rini No Recommendation

Chair: Signature and Recommendation

MEMBER

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ELEVENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE
TWELFTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE
THIRTEENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE
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**SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB 229:
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A NEW DORMITORY AT UAA**

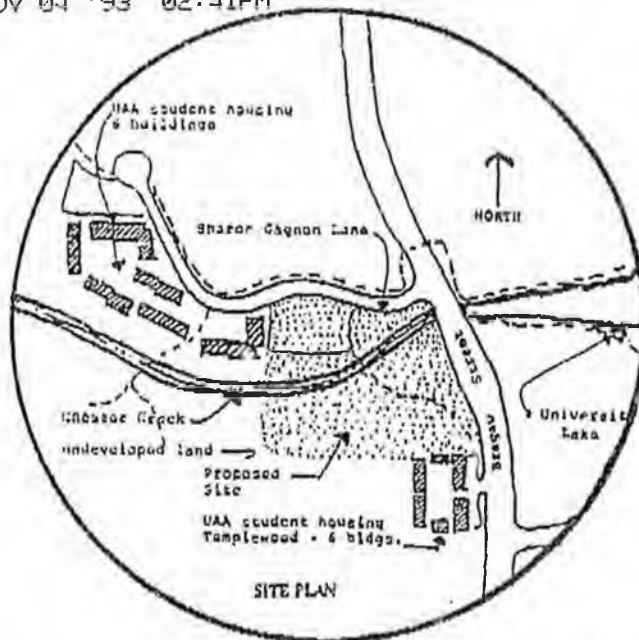
Senate Bill 229 (SB 229) would appropriate \$28.5 million for the construction of a new 600 bed dormitory on the campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

Today, UAA has a student population of 16,000 credit students, which represents 64% of the total University of Alaska system-wide enrollment at the three main sites (Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau). Yet UAA has only 384 beds, allowing them to provide housing to only 2.6% of their students. By contrast, the Fairbanks campus provides housing for 38.9% of their students and the Juneau campus 16.6%. Every fall, hundreds of Alaskans, both urban and rural, are denied on-campus accommodations at UAA due to insufficient space, and this gap between demand and availability is continually widening.

According to many studies, resident hall students do better in college, achieve more academically, develop better social skills, take more advantage of leadership opportunities, and become more committed alumni than their commuting classmates. In short, campus resident life brings a greater sense of community and diversity to the campus as a whole, resulting in superior student performance.

In a survey conducted in the spring of 1991, 26% of the student body indicated their desire to live on campus. Today this figure is likely higher given the high rental costs in an extremely tight rental market. Lack of housing for single students, Alaska Natives, married students, athletes, and international students is inadvertently forcing Alaskans to attend out-of-state institutions.

If UAA is to continue to develop as a university for and available to all Alaskans, additional housing must be built.



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE STUDENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FY 95

project need:

The University of Alaska Anchorage needs and can support additional STUDENT HOUSING. UAA's Housing Master Plan projects housing growth to

1,436 beds in 1995, today there are 384 beds. The UAA housing office maintains substantial waiting lists throughout the semester for any available housing openings. UAA today provides housing to only 2.6 % of its students.

UAA today needs 600 additional beds. Dorm style housing is the most cost effective and efficient method to provide this number of beds. Additionally dorm style housing will provide UAA with a mix of housing types, that of dorm rooms and apartments.

This facility will include shared dorm rooms with associated toilet rooms, accessory spaces for study, lounge, laundry etc. and food service. A food service plan will be offered to dorm and apartment students and is an essential part of a campus residential life program.

project budget: \$28,500,000

This appropriation will fund planning, design and construction costs. The facility would be constructed adjacent to the existing housing facilities on University land.

project benefit:

This additional student housing will benefit the University of Alaska Anchorage with additional beds, affording more students a residential campus life experience. Also, benefits will accrue to the Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska with more students spending money in the community for goods and services, creating economic benefit for those business translating into additional tax revenue.

The additional beds will provide the University of Alaska Anchorage a greater opportunity for summer educational conferences, which will bring educators from across the country translating into additional revenue to our community and the State of Alaska.