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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/5/94

FURTHER: Judiciary
Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 5/2/94

HSS Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 346

Charitable gaming

and recommends:

- replace with _____ CS SB 346 (HES)
- 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
DOR	2/25/94	✓	
HSS - Pub Asst	2/30/94		✓
HSS - AFDC	3/30/94	✓	

Appropriation No Fiscal Note

DO PASS:

Loren A. Leman

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mike Miller No Rec
J. Duncan no Rec
Bert. Wang N R

Steve Kim No Recommendation
Chair: Signature and Recommendation

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4/18/94

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 346(HES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing that charitable gaming permittees, operators, and vendors may
2 not turn over a pull tab or bingo prize of \$50 or more to a person entitled
3 to that prize unless the person presents proper picture identification, provides
4 certain information to the permittee, operator, or vendor, and signs a receipt for
5 the prize; and requiring the reporting of winners of prizes of \$50 or more to
6 the Department of Health and Social Services to ensure that recipients of services
7 provided by the Department of Health and Social Services are reporting charitable
8 gaming winnings and are eligible for those services."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 05.15.187(i) is amended to read:

11 (i) A permittee, operator, or registered vendor may not turn over a prize of \$50
12 or more to a person with a pull-tab card entitling the person to that prize unless the

1 person presents proper picture identification, the permittee, operator, or vendor
2 records the person's name and social security number or date of birth on a
3 receipt for the prize, and the person signs the [A] receipt [FOR THE PRIZE] and
4 returns the receipt to the permittee, operator, or vendor. The receipt must be in a form
5 approved by the department. A copy of the receipt shall be given to the
6 Department of Health and Social Services as required under AS 05.15.196(b).

7 * Sec. 2. AS 05.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 Sec. 05.15.196. IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF WINNERS OF
9 BINGO AND PULL-TAB PRIZES OF \$50 OR MORE. (a) Notwithstanding another
10 provision of this chapter, a permittee, operator, or vendor may not turn over a prize
11 of \$50 or more from a bingo game to a person entitled to that prize unless the person
12 presents proper picture identification, the permittee, operator, or vendor records the
13 person's name and social security number or date of birth on a receipt for the prize,
14 and the person signs the receipt and returns it to the permittee, operator, or vendor.
15 The receipt must be in a form approved by the department.

16 (b) A permittee, operator, or vendor shall provide copies of receipts required
17 for prizes of \$50 or more from bingo games under this section and from pull-tab
18 games under AS 05.15.187(i) to the Department of Health and Social Services at
19 periods set by the Department of Health and Social Services.

20 * Sec. 3. AS 44.29.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (b) The department shall review charitable gaming prize receipts for pull-tab
22 and bingo games received under AS 05.15.196 to verify that recipients of services
23 provided by the department are fully and completely reporting income received from
24 charitable gaming activities and to ensure that those recipients are eligible for the
25 services provided by the department.

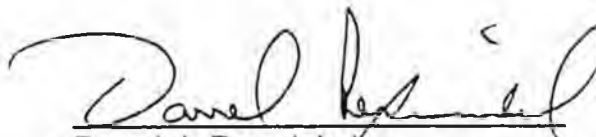
Department of Revenue
Bill Analysis

SB-346 "An Act requiring that charitable gaming permittees, operators, and vendors may not turn over a pull tab or bingo prize of \$50 or more to a person entitled to that prize unless the person provides certain information to the permittee, operator, or vendor and signs a receipt for the prize; requiring the reporting of winners of prizes of \$50 or more to the Department of Health and Social Services to ensure that recipients of services provided by the Department of Health and Social Services are reporting charitable gaming winnings and are eligible for those services."

AS 05.15.187(i) already requires a person who wins \$50 or more from a pull tab game to complete a prize receipt on a form approved by the department. However, these prize receipts cannot require the winner to provide their social security number. Prize receipts are annually submitted to the Department of Revenue.

SB 346 would require prize receipts to include the person's name, social security number and date of birth. A copy of this receipt would then be furnished to the Department of Health and Social Services, who would use this information to discover whether recipients of public assistance are properly reporting winnings from charitable gaming activities. SB 346 expands prize receipting requirements to include bingo games.

3/29/94
Date


Darrel J. Rexwinkel
Commissioner

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 346

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 Title: An Act relating to charitable gaming and reports to DHSS BRU: Public Assistance Payments
 Component: AFDC
 Sponsor: Labor and Commerce Committee
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0220

Expenditures/Revenues:		(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
GRANTS, CLAIMS	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	
MISCELLANECUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL OPERATING	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGES 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	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1006 GF/MHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	

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 (FY94) impact: NONE

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Senate Bill 346 requires charitable gaming permittees, operators, and vendors to report bingo and pull-tab prizes of \$50.00 or more to the Department of Health and Social Services. Winners would be required to sign a receipt that included identifying information, and operators would be required to forward a copy of each receipt to DHSS. DHSS would be required to review the receipts submitted by the vendors, determine whether prizes had been reported by recipients of needs-based assistance, and take action to recover any assistance paid in error as a result of a recipient's failure to report winnings.

Prepared by: Jan L. Hansen, Director Phone: 465-2680
 Division: Division of Public Assistance Date: 3/30/94
 Approved by Commissioner: Margaret R. Lowe Date: 3/30/94
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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ANALYSIS (cont.):

Bingo and pull-tab winnings count as income in public assistance programs. Public assistance recipients are required to report winnings to their eligibility worker, who takes action to make appropriate adjustments to their benefits. Failure to report bingo and pull-tab winnings is a significant potential cause of error in the administration of public assistance programs.

This legislation is aimed toward the problem of non-reporting of gaming prizes and would undoubtedly impact the accuracy of administration of assistance payments.

It is not possible to quantitatively assess the fiscal impact of this legislation on program costs. The savings that would be realized by discovery of unreported winnings could be offset by increased risk of federal fiscal sanctions if reports of winnings were received or processed too late to avoid overpayments. The Department has no information on which to assess the impact of this bill on each of the public assistance programs that would be effected. Savings in Food Stamp program costs are entirely federal. Federal fiscal sanctions are imposed if quality control error rates exceed federal targets for AFDC, Food Stamps, and Medicaid, even if the state discovers the errors and recovers the overpayments.

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BILL NO. SB 346

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 Title: An Act relating to charitable gaming and reports to DHSS BRU: Public Assistance Administration
 Component: Eligibility Determination
 Sponsor: Labor and Commerce Committee
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0236

Expenditures/Revenues:		(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	
PERSONAL SERVICES	410.3	492.6	492.6	492.6	492.6	492.6	
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CONTRACTUAL	44.0	52.8	52.8	52.8	52.8	52.8	
SUPPLIES	4.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	
EQUIPMENT	88.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
LAND & STRUCTURES							
GRANTS, CLAIMS							
MISCELLANECUS							
TOTAL OPERATING	546.7	550.9	550.9	550.9	550.9	550.9	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
CHANGES IN REVENUES	0	0	0	0	0	0	

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts	235.0	236.9	236.9	236.9	236.9	236.9	
1003 GF Match	235.0	236.9	236.9	236.9	236.9	236.9	
1004 GF	76.7	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1006 GF/MHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL	546.7	550.9	550.9	550.9	550.9	550.9	

POSITIONS:							
FULL-TIME	11	11	11	11	11	11	
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: NONE

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Senate Bill 346 requires charitable gaming permittees, operators, and vendors to report bingo and pull-tab prizes of \$50 or more to the Department of Health and Social Services. Winners would be required to sign a receipt that includes identifying information, and operators would be required to forward a copy of each receipt to DHSS. DHSS would be required to review the receipts submitted by the vendors, determine whether the prizes had been reported by recipients of needs-based assistance, and take action to recover any assistance paid in error as a result of a recipient's failure to report winnings.

Prepared by: Jan L. Hansen, Director *Jan Hansen* Phone: 465-2680
 Division: Division of Public Assistance Date: 3/30/94
 Approved by Commissioner: Margaret R. Lowe, M.Ed., Ed.S. *Margaret R. Lowe* Date: 3/30/94
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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ANALYSIS (cont.):

The large volume of unsorted reports of winnings produced by this legislation creates a need for administrative positions to sort the information, match it against caseload listings, and disseminate it to eligibility workers. Eligibility workers must then check each report to determine if the information has already been reported and take any necessary action on each case. If overpayments occur, claims specialists must establish and execute recovery claims.

Assumptions:

- This legislation is effective 9/1/94.
- There are 180,000 prizes of \$50 or more awarded annually (Based on Department of Revenue estimates).
- One Administrative Assistant position and two Clerk III positions will be needed to accept and review prize receipts, match the receipts against public assistance records, and notify DPA field staff of public assistance matches.
- There are approximately 31,000 households receiving public assistance each month.
- If 3100 prizes of \$50 or more are awarded to public assistance recipients each month, 3100 case actions by field staff will be required each month. One eligibility supervisor, 4 eligibility technicians, and one support clerk will be required for caseload administration.
- 2 new claims specialists will be needed to establish overpayment claims and take action to recover the funds.

Calculations:

FY 95 (Eligibility/Support Staff - 10 months)

1	Eligibility Tech IV	R16	43.3
1	Administrative Assistant	R16	43.3
1	Eligibility Tech III	R15	41.0
3	Eligibility Tech II	R14	127.0
2	Eligibility Tech 1 (Claims Specialists)	R13	71.8
3	Clerk III	R08	83.9
	Equipment		88.0
	Supplies		4.4
	Office Space		<u>44.0</u>
	Total		546.7

ANALYSIS (cont.):

FY 96 through FY00 (Eligibility/Support Staff - 12 months)

1	Eligibility Tech IV	R16	52.0
1	Administrative Assistant	R16	52.0
1	Eligibility Tech III	R15	49.2
3	Eligibility Tech II	R14	152.5
2	Eligibility Tech 1 (Claims Specialists)	R13	86.2
3	Clerk III	R08	100.7
	Supplies		5.5
	Office Space		<u>52.8</u>
	Total		550.9

Position Title Eligibility Technician IV		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R16	Bargaining Unit SS
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		43.3		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		43.3		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		55.7		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	24.0		
1003	GF Match	24.0		
1004	General Fund	7.7		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
Justification This is the eligibility supervisor position needed to supervise the additional eligibility workers who will administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.				

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Position Title Administrative Assistant		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R16	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		43.3		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		43.3		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		55.7		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	23.9		
1003	GF Match	23.9		
1004	General Fund	7.9		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
<p>Justification</p> <p>This administrative assistant position is the lead worker needed to accept and review prize receipt information, match it against caseload listings, and disseminate it to eligibility workers.</p>				

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Position Title Eligibility Technician III		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R15	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		41.0		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		41.0		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		53.4		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	23.0		
1003	GF Match	23.0		
1004	General Fund	7.4		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
Justification This is the eligibility lead worker/case worker needed to administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.				

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Position Title Eligibility Technician II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R14	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		38.1		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		38.1		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		50.5		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	21.7		
1003	GF Match	21.7		
1004	General Fund	7.1		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
Justification This eligibility case worker position is needed to administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.				

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Position Title Eligibility Technician I		No. of Positions 2	Range/Step R13	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Juneau		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		71.8		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		71.8		
Travel				
Contractual		8.0		
Commodities		0.8		
Equipment		16.0		
Other				
Total Cost		96.6		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	41.5		
1003	GF Match	41.5		
1004	General Fund	13.6		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
<p>Justification</p> <p>These eligibility claims specialist positions are needed to establish overpayment claims and take action to recover the funds.</p>				

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Position Title Eligibility Technician II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R14	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Fairbanks		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		38.1		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		38.1		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		50.5		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	21.7		
1003	GF Match	21.7		
1004	General Fund	7.1		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
Justification This eligibility case worker position is needed to administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.				

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Position Title Eligibility Technician II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step R14	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Bethel		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		50.8		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		50.8		
Travel				
Contractual		4.0		
Commodities		0.4		
Equipment		8.0		
Other				
Total Cost		63.2		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	27.2		
1003	GF Match	27.2		
1004	General Fund	8.8		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
Justification This eligibility case worker position is needed to administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.				

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Position Title Clerk III		No. of Positions 3	Range/Step R08	Bargaining Unit GGU
Time Status FT	Staff Months 10 months	Location Anchorage		Election District
TYPE of EXPENDITURE		AMOUNT		
Salary		83.9		
Benefits				
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		83.9		
Travel				
Contractual		12.0		
Commodities		1.2		
Equipment		24.0		
Other				
Total Cost		121.1		
FUNDING SOURCE for TOTAL COST				
1002	Federal Receipts	52.0		
1003	GF Match	52.0		
1004	General Fund	17.1		
1005	GF/Program Receipts			
1006	GF/Mental Health Trust			
1007	I/A Receipts			
1061	CIP Receipts			
Other				
<p>Justification</p> <p>Two clerical support positions are needed to accept and review prize receipt information, match it against caseload listings, and disseminate it to eligibility workers.</p> <p>One clerical support position is needed to support the additional case worker positions needed to administer the additional case processing workload produced by SB 346.</p>				

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 346

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title: "An Act requiring charitable gaming permittees, operators & vendors BRU: Revenue Operations
to report prize winners of \$50 or more to Health & Social Services ..." Component: Charitable Gaming Division
 Sponsor: Senator Kelly
 Requestor: Senate Labor and Commerce COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1883

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						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: \$ 0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared by: Don Stolworthy, Director *Don Stolworthy* Phone: 465-2229
 Division: Charitable Gaming Division Date: March 25, 1994
 Approved by Commissioner: Darrel J. Rexwinkel *Darrel J. Rexwinkel* Date: March 25, 1994
 Agency: Department of Revenue

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March 29, 1994

TO: Sen. Tim Kelly
State Capital, Room 101
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The intent and purpose of SB346 is to curb the extensive welfare fraud taking place in the Anchorage Bingo Halls and Pull Tab Parlors.

At the present time when a welfare recipient wins a prize up to \$1,000.00, they sign the "Prize Receipt" with a phony name and social security number. Four of the seven Anchorage Bingo Halls condone and urge this practice, so the top gaming winners in the State appear to be Walter Hickel, Minnie Mouse, Daffy Duck and Hillary Clinton.

I play Bingo because I'm a Senior Citizen and I'm entitled. I've also been doing it in Alaska for over 50 years, so I hope I know what I'm talking about.

I've talked to a great many of the welfare recipients in the Bingo Halls, I like a lot of them, but I don't like what they're doing. I've had them tell me how they moved to Alaska just for the welfare benefits. I've heard young women say they need to get pregnant again soon to get more money. These are not just isolated cases. I'd say there is close to 5,000 welfare abusers in Anchorage alone, and it's not right, just as it's not right that a woman from Arkansas, dressed in her David Green mink, wins \$1,000.00, signs the prize receipt as Hillary Clinton, goes out and gets in her new car, drives to Safeway, picks up a couple of filets and some asparagus for dinner and pays with food stamps when she's got that \$1,000.00 Bingo win in her purse.

At this time of the month when the welfare checks come out, the recipients will clog the Bingo Halls until they have either lost everything and try to borrow money for necessities, or they hit big and buy new cars or go on trips.

SB346 will require a photo I.D. for any prize over \$100.00 and require that the Division of Gaming provide copies of the prize receipts to the Division of Health and Social Services, and for the amounts won to be deducted from a welfare recipients "dole". The abuses should, at least be severely curtailed, and should save the State at least enough money to hire a few more investigators in the Division of Gaming.

- LTR FROM SASHA HUGHES -

I realize a few Legislators (with D's after their names) want Alaska to be a welfare state, but I don't and I've been here longer than all of them.

Bingo is a great game. It was invented by the Catholic Church and perfected by the Indians and it doesn't need to be supported by the great Alaska Welfare system.

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