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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 231

Revision Date: March 22, 1995 Department: Commerce and Economic Development
 Title: An Act relating to the interview requirements BRU: Occupational Licensing
 of the State Medical Board. Component: Operations
 Sponsor: Representative Toohy
 Requestor: Representative Toohy COMPONENT SERIAL #: 1844

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
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 EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

Estimate of any current year (FY 95) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 231 amends interview requirements for applicants seeking medical licensure. New funds are not required to implement this bill.

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 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 3/22/95
 Approved by Commissioner: William L. Hensley Date: 3/22/95
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

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Date Referred: March 3, 1995

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/23/95

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 231

INTERVIEWS BY THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD

"An Act relating to the interview requirements of the State Medical Board."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ [] the same title
 [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee
 [] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____

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AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 23

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

HB 231
Interviews by the State
Medical Board

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 231

House Bill 231, "An Act relating to the interview requirements of the State Medical Board," would allow the Alaska State Medical Board to use its discretion in determining whether a personal interview for licensing a physician was necessary.

At the present time, physicians applying for permanent licensure must be interviewed in person by the Alaska State Medical Board or a member of the Board. The Board, a member of the Board, or an alternate designated interviewer must interview in person the locum tenens physician, intern, or resident applicants.

The interview process is cumbersome, expensive, and of limited value since the license application process which takes place prior to the applicant being interviewed is extensive and thorough. An interview is unlikely to reveal any information not already known.

By making the interview discretionary, it relieves the applicant, the board members, and the board staff of a significant amount of work that may be of limited value in most instances. House Bill 231 would allow the interview to be conducted in only those cases where it was deemed necessary.

House Bill 231 is supported by the Alaska State Medical Association and the Division of Occupational Licensing. There is a zero fiscal note. Your support would be appreciated.

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March 20, 1995

Representative Cynthia Toohey
House of Representatives
State Capitol - Room 104
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Toohey:

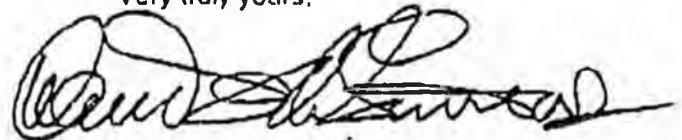
I am writing to express to you the support of the Alaska State Medical Board for House Bill 231 which would revise AS 08.64 255 and 279 by making the personal interview a discretionary part of the licensing process for physicians rather than a mandatory action.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill for the State Medical Board. It is the board's view that the personal interview, while still a valuable licensing tool in some cases, is for most physicians an inconvenient and expensive requirement that is of questionable value. The majority of physician applicants who apply for Alaska licensure come to us with "clean" records; i.e., no licensing actions from other states, no disciplinary actions by schools, training programs, or hospitals, and no adverse actions by other legal entities. For these applicants, requiring them to appear for a personal interview with a board member represents an expensive, time-consuming hurdle to licensure which does little to serve the public good.

By retaining the interview as a discretionary licensing tool, the board and its staff may still require an applicant to appear in person to answer questions that arise from large or numerous malpractice claims, actions by other boards, personal behavioral history questions, or other unusual circumstances that would lead us to question their qualifications to be licensed to practice in Alaska. It is the board's intention to define by regulation under what circumstances a personal interview may be required or requested of an applicant.

We feel your bill will serve to make the board more efficient in the use of its time and resources while at the same time serving to protect the public from unscrupulous practitioners or those whose skills are questionable.

Very truly yours,



David A. McGuire, M.D., Chairman
State Medical Board

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March 21, 1995

Representative Cynthia Toohy
Alaska State Legislature
P. O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Toohy:

Thank you for sponsoring House Bill 231. This bill if passed will allow the State Medical Board members the option of interviewing new physician applicants to Alaska but will not require interviews if everything else is in order. This will be of definite benefit for certain locum tenens in the State, especially visiting specialists in Southeast Alaska from Virginia Mason Hospital and the University of Washington. Hopefully, this will allow the medical board to spend their valuable time on difficult issues of monitoring and discipline and eliminate some needless busy work for them.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Lehmann, M.D.
President, Alaska State Medical Association

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