

**SB**

**201**

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**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** RECORDED OUT OF  
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 new title  
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Nat. Resources:	4/26/96		250.6

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Public Safety	3/18/96	0	

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB201(RES)

Revision Date: Original Dept Affected Natural Resources  
 Title: An Act relating to the employment of BRU: Resource Development  
emergency fire-fighting personnel by the commissioner of... Component: EFF Non-Emergency  
 Sponsor: Senator Lincoln  
 Requestor: Senate Finance Component Serial No. TO BE ESTABLISHED

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
PERSONAL SERVICES	250.0	250.0				
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
1061 CIP Receipts **	250.0	250.0				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \$ none

POSITIONS	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
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)

This bill provides hiring authority to DNR to utilize EFF for fire suppression, hazard reduction, fire prevention, habitat restoration or improvement and other related activities in emergency and nonemergency circumstances under AS 41.15.030. The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service have identified prescribed burning projects which require approximately 300 days of work for trained fire fighting crews. This work cannot be effectively or efficiently conducted without a trained workforce. Funding will be provided by the agency(s) requesting fire management work other than wildland fire suppression. In FY95 the Division received approval through the capital budget to receive and expend up to \$500.0 in federal receipts to supply Emergency Fire Fighting crews to federal agencies on a reimbursable basis.

\*\* (Reference: SLA94, CH4, Sec 10, Pg 10, Ln 23).

A separate component will be set up to account for these contractual activities apart from emergency fire suppression funded through state general funds.

Prepared by: Tom Boutin, Director Phone: 465-3379  
 Division: Forestry Date: 26-Apr-96  
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 26-Apr-96  
 Agency: Natural Resources

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL

Bill Version: SB 201 No. 2  
(S) Publish Date: 3-25-96

Revision Date: March 18, 1996 Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title: An Act Relating to the employment of fire-fighting personnel BRU: Fire Prevention  
Sponsor: Senator Lincoln Component: Fire Prevention Operations  
Requestor: S. RES COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0494

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)**

	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
OPERATING						
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CHANGE IN REVENUES ( ) Revenue Code	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1004 GF						
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1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Estimate of current year (FY 98) impact: \$ -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)**

Passage of this bill will allow the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to more fully utilize personnel under departmental control. The public good will be more fully served by passage of this proposal in that a body of trained personnel will be made immediately available for use in non-fire emergencies.

Prepared By: Kenneth H. Lea, Deputy Fire Marshal Phone: 465-5522  
Division: Fire Prevention Date: March 18, 1996  
Approved by Commissioner: Ronald L. Ote Date: 3/18/96  
Agency: Ronald L. Ote, Department of Public Safety

Sen. Sharp moved  
adopted

9-LS1474VK  
Luckhaupt  
4/26/96

Sen. Rieger moved  
w/o objection report  
w/ind. recs. 4/26/96

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 201( )

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR LINCOLN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the employment of emergency fire-fighting personnel by the  
2 commissioner of natural resources."

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

4 • Section 1. AS 39.25.110(19) is amended to read:

5 (19) ~~emergency fire-fighting personnel~~ [FIRE FIGHTERS] employed  
6 by the Department of Natural Resources for a fire emergency or for fire prevention  
7 and related activities conducted under AS 41.15.030;

8 • Sec. 2. AS 41.15.030(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The commissioner may hire emergency fire-fighting personnel, and shall  
10 establish classifications and rates of pay for the emergency fire-fighting personnel  
11 consistent with the compensation paid by other fire-fighting agencies. The  
12 commissioner may adjust the classifications and rates based on findings of the federal  
13 Bureau of Land Management for Alaska. The commissioner may assign emergency  
14 fire-fighting personnel to conduct fire suppression, hazard reduction, fire

1 prevention, habitat restoration or improvement, and other related activities in  
2 emergency and nonemergency circumstances. The assignment of emergency fire-  
3 fighting personnel to nonemergency activities may not be used to replace  
4 permanent or seasonal state employees. The commissioner may not use  
5 appropriations from state funds for emergency fire-  
6 fighting personnel engaged in nonemergency activities under this section.

7 \* Sec. 3. AS 41.15.210 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 41.15.210. FIRE SUPPRESSION FUND. A fire suppression fund is  
9 established in the state treasury for the use of the department. The fund shall be used  
10 for actual expenses incurred in the suppression of fires. The fund may not be used

11 (1) for capital expenditures; or

12 (2) to fund nonemergency activities of emergency fire-fighting  
13 personnel under AS 41.15.030.

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Senator Georgianna Lincoln

State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1152  
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Committees:  
Resources  
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Budget Subcommittees  
Natural Resources  
Corrections

INSTRUMENT

## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### Senate Bill 201

An Act relating to the employment of emergency fire-fighting personnel by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Senate Bill 201 has been introduced to provide the Department of Natural Resources with the authority to utilize emergency fire fighting employees for fire management, fire suppression and fire prevention activities by adding a new subsection to AS 41.15.030.

Existing law (AS 41.15.030) authorizes the commissioner to hire emergency fire fighting personnel but does not expressly authorize their use for fire prevention, hazard reduction or other related activities. Senate Bill 201 would clarify that emergency fire fighting personnel could be employed by the Department of Natural Resources in non-emergency circumstances to construct and maintain fire breaks and trails, remove brush and timber deadfall, conduct prescribed burns, improve wildlife habitat (e.g. moose browse).

Enactment of the bill into law also will ensure that the Department of Natural Resources may take advantage of existing federal money for non-emergency state fire prevention projects.

In FY 95, the Division of Forestry received approval to receive and expend up to \$500,000 in federal receipts to supply emergency fire fighting crews to federal agencies on a reimbursable basis. Presently, of the available federal money, the Department of Natural Resources has identified projects totaling \$250,000. The Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Forest Service are ready to begin fire prevention projects which require approximately 300 days of work for these emergency fire fighting crews.

Senate Bill 201 would enable these federal dollars to be utilized by already trained fire fighting crews for these projects.

Many of these emergency fire fighting crews live in rural/bush Alaska. Job opportunities are limited in these communities. The legislation allows for increased flexibility for using the trained emergency fire fighter crews in rural/bush Alaska to fulfill the manpower-intensive prevention projects.

Basic fire prevention projects, such as clearing brush around villages could be performed prior to an emergency situation. During years when fire fighting jobs are not available, enactment of this legislation would help to stabilize Alaska's economy in various regions by providing off-season employment.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 201 will result in a considerable savings to the state while providing a substantial economic benefit to smaller Alaska communities.

**SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**  
**Senate Bill 201**

**An Act relating to the employment of emergency fire fighting personnel by the commissioner of natural resources.**

**Section 1 provides an amendment to clarify that fire fighters employed by the Department of Natural Resources for fire prevention and related activities are within the exempt state service.**

**Section 2 confirms authority in the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to employ emergency fire fighting personnel for a variety of fire management, fire suppression, and fire prevention activities by adding a new subsection to AS 41.15.030. Existing law authorizes the commissioner to hire emergency fire fighting personnel but does not expressly authorize their use for fire prevention, hazard reduction, habitat restoration or other related activities.**

Form 100

Fax Transmittal Memo 7872

No. of Pages 2      Trans Date 3/8/96      Time 1441  
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 Location Admin  
 Fax # 488-6118      Message # 488-3400  
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To PAULA TERREL  
 Senator Georgianna Lincoln  
 Room 510  
 465-2652      465-2847  
 Comment ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW  
 VIA MAIL



# Alaska Fire Chief's Association

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March 8, 1996

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Senator Georgianna Lincoln  
Attn: Paula Terrel  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

J. Dee King  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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North Pole

Dear Paula,

Joe White  
Director  
(907) 278-2221  
Anchorage

Please accept this as a letter of support for HB201. It is a great pleasure to support such real common sense legislation. So often details such as fire protection provisions usually lack the necessary pliancy to ensure the attention of the legislature. Not only has your support been noticed by the emergency services it is appreciated.

Dave L. Tress  
Director  
(907) 479-2272  
Fairbanks

Attached is our resolution 76-03 strongly supporting HB201. If there is anything else we can do to support this or other pending legislation please let us know.

Miss Holzworth  
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Fairbanks

Respectfully,

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## Resolution 96-03

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 201 WHICH PROVIDES THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES WITH THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO HIRE EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTERS AND TO ASSIGN THEM TO FIRE PREVENTION RELATED TASKS.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association is dedicated to educating the public in matters of fire prevention,

AND WHEREAS, existing law authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to hire emergency fire fighters but does not expressly authorize their use for fire prevention or hazard reduction,

AND WHEREAS, in FY 95, the Division of Forestry received approval to receive and expend up to \$500,000 in federal receipts to supply emergency fire fighting crews for use in fire prevention activities to federal agencies on a reimbursable basis,

AND WHEREAS, SB201 would clarify that emergency fire fighting personnel could be employed by the Department of Natural Resources in non-emergency circumstances to construct and maintain fire breaks and trails, remove brush and timber deadfall, conduct prescribed burns, etc.

AND WHEREAS, SB201 would enable these federal dollars to be utilized by already trained fire fighting crews for these projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

THE ALASKA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE SIGNING OF SENATE BILL 201 INTO LAW.

ADOPTED, THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, AFCA

ATTEST   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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**ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.**

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March 18, 1996

The Honorable Georgianna Lincoln  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-2652  
Via Fax Mail: (907)-465-2652  
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RE: SB 201

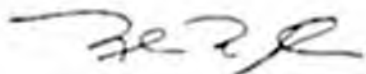
Dear Senator Lincoln:

Please be advised that the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) supports SB 201 as it presently stands. AFN supports and continues to support the mitigation of wildfire hazards as evidenced by the enclosed AFN Convention Resolution 92-96.

This bill will not only authorize the Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources to conduct fire suppression, fire hazard reduction, among others, it will provide employment opportunities for fire fighting crews who reside in rural/bush Alaska where such opportunities are very limited.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the attached resolution, please call me at AFN.

Sincerely,



Nelson N. Angapak, Sr.  
Special Assistant, Lands

Attachment



## ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

## 1992 ANNUAL CONVENTION

## RESOLUTION 92 - 96

**TITLE:** WILDLIFE FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROPOSAL

**WHEREAS:** annually the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, spends an average of \$11.6 million on wildland fire suppression activities; and

**WHEREAS:** this amount is above the regular operating, pre-suppression, budget; and

**WHEREAS:** the fire season fluctuates dramatically from year to year; and

**WHEREAS:** of the expenses, an average of \$4 million is paid to village fire fighting crews, and the Bureau of Land Management expends an average of \$4.2 million in fire fighting wages, thus combined expenditures average \$8 million in wages; and

**WHEREAS:** wildland fires routinely threaten man-made improvements, villages and communities, yet little is done in terms of mitigation near villages; and

**WHEREAS:** mitigation measures would enable villages, communities, and other valuable properties to be made fire safe by the creation of defensible space over a period of time; and

**WHEREAS:** mitigation measures would eventually reduce suppression costs; and

**WHEREAS:** village fire fighting crews could be hired on a rotational basis to perform hazard reduction and resource management activities such as fuel break construction, prescribed burning, tree planting, timber site layout, insect infestation control, tree pruning, cone collection, seed orchid planting, etc.; and

**WHEREAS:** a more stable income could be provided to village fire fighting personnel during slow suppression years, thus aiding in reducing the long term cost of subsequent public assistance expenditures; and

**WHEREAS:** village fire fighting crews would be better trained, managed, and conditioned as a result of this additional work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that delegates to the 1992 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. request that during years of limited fire suppression activity the State of Alaska and the Bureau of Land Management research and consider the concept of expending 25% of the annual average suppression costs for hazard reduction projects throughout the state.

SUBMITTED BY: MTNT, Limited / Vicki Clayman

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Do Pass

CONVENTION ACTION: Do Pass



73 crews plus  
 2 hotshot crews (20 each)  
 1 Tazlark EE Crew (20 each)  
 APPENDIX B

## INTERAGENCY EFF CREW LOCATION LIST (1994)-AS

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>16 Person CREWS</u>	<u>AGENCY*</u>	<u>3-LETTER DESIGNATION</u>
Allakaket/Alatna	2	AFS (TZ)	AET
Ambler	1	AFS (GZ)	ABL
Angoon	1	USFS (CMF)	ANG
Aniak	1	DOF (SWA)	ANI
Beaver	1	AFS (UYZ)	WBO
Big Lake/Wasilla	1	DOF (MSA)	BGQ
Buckland	1	AFS (GZ)	7X5
Chalkyitsik	1	AFS (UYZ)	CIK
Chevak	2	DOF (SWA)	VAK
Copper River	2	DOF (VCRA)	CZC
Delta	2	DOF (DA)	BIG
Eagle	2	AFS (UYZ)	EAA
Fairbanks	2	DOF (FA)	FAI
Fort Yukon	3	AFS (UYZ)	FYU
Galena	1	AFS (GZ)	GAL
Grayling	1	AFS (GZ)	KGX
Holy Cross	1	AFS (GZ)	424
Hooper Bay	3	DOF (SWA)	HPB
Hughes	1	AFS (TZ)	HUS
Huslia	2	AFS (GZ)	HSL
Kalskag, Lower	1	DOF (SWA)	KLG
Kalskag, Upper	1	DOF (SWA)	KLG
Kaltag	2	AFS (GZ)	KAL
Kiana	2	AFS (GZ)	IAY
Koyuk	1	AFS (GZ)	KKA
Koyukuk	1	AFS (GZ)	KYU
Marshall	1	AFS (GZ)	MEL
Mentasta	1	DOF (TA)	MEN
Minto	1	AFS (TZ)	SIZ
Mountain Village	1	AFS (GZ)	MOU
Nenana	1	DOF (FA)	EIN
New Stuyahok	1	DOF (SWA)	KIN
Nikolai	1	DOF (SWA)	SNI
Nondalton	1	DOF (SWA)	SIN
Nourvik	2	AFS (GZ)	ORV
Northway	2	DOF (TA)	ORT
Nulato	2	AFS (GZ)	NUL
Pilot Station	1	AFS (GZ)	PST
Rampart	1	AFS (TZ)	RMP
Ruby	1	AFS (GZ)	RBY

## INTERAGENCY EFF CREW LOCATION LIST (1994)

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CREWS</u>	<u>AGENCY*</u>	<u>3-LETTER DESIGNATION</u>
Scammon Bay	1	DOF (SWA)	SCM
Selawik	2	AFS (GZ)	WLK
Shageluk	1	DOF (SWA)	SHX
Shungnak	1	AFS (GZ)	SHG
Sleetmute	1	DOF (SWA)	SLQ
Stebbins	2	AFS (GZ)	WBB
Stevens Village	1	AFS (UYZ)	SVS
St. Marys	1	AFS (GZ)	KSM
St. Michael	1	AFS (GZ)	SMK
Tanacross	1	DOF (TA)	TSG
Tanana	2	AFS (TZ)	TAL
Tetlin	1	DOF (TA)	STE
Tok	1	DOF (TA)	6XB
Venetic	1	AFS (UYZ)	VEE

## \* AFS Zones:

GZ - Galena Zone, Galena  
 TZ - Tanana Zone, Tanana  
 UYZ - Upper Yukon Zone, Central

## \* DOF Areas:

SWA - Southwest Area, McGrath  
 MSA - Mac-Su Area, Big Lake  
 VCRA - Valdez/Copper River Area, Glennallen  
 TA - Tok Area, Tok  
 DA - Delta Area, Delta Junction  
 FA - Fairbanks Area, Fairbanks

## \* USFS Areas:

CMF - U.S. Forest Service, Chatnam Area, Sicks

## Summary:

AFS	44
DOF	28
USFS	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>73 crews</u>

There are also 2 HOTSHOT CREWS by Alaska Fire Service 20 each  
 1 Type 1 EFF Crew - Tanana 20

# 1994 Fire Statistics

Fires statewide: 643

Acres burned: 265,721.6

## Fire Activity by Landowner

Landowner	Number	Acres
State	122	52,960.3
Borough/City	30	6.5
Private	242	1,127.8
Bureau of Land Mgmt.	75	93,675.4
National Park Service	15	10,331.6
Fish & Wildlife Service	59	74,879.5
Bureau of Indian Affairs	4	410.2
Native Claims Act Lands	55	20,393.2
Military	7	11,914.2
Forest Service	34	22.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>265,721.6</b>

## 1994 Fires by Cause on State Protected Land

Cause	Number	Acres
Lightning	73	85,274.1
Smoking	24	16.3
Campfires	85	4,126.6
Trash/debris	28	64.6
Land clearing	75	1,059.2
Children	50	206.6
Fireworks	22	11.1
Equipment use	12	11.3
Incendiarly/crown	16	7.1
Structures	18	3.5
Other	43	46.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>90,826.8</b>

## Emergency Firefighter Wages

Year	State	Federal	Total
1983-85	54,629,081	59,261,933	\$14,551,014
1986	2,515,750	2,332,208	5,347,958
1986 <sup>1</sup>	561,770	—	561,770
1987	646,674	5,352,799	5,999,473
1987 <sup>2</sup>	643,932	—	643,932
1988	4,474,107	5,146,961	9,620,968
1988 <sup>3</sup>	907,865	—	907,865
1989	1,805,955	2,276,175	4,082,130
1990	7,398,211	5,765,547	13,163,758
1991	5,344,384	3,741,521	9,085,905
1992	766,747	612,048	1,398,795
1993	3,699,629	580,866	4,280,495
1994	5,952,942	3,654,245	9,607,187
1995	904,492	207,958	1,112,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,331,539</b>	<b>\$40,032,161</b>	<b>\$80,363,700</b>

<sup>1</sup> Special appropriation due to Fair Labor Standards Act.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Dept. of Labor ruling required payment of time-and-one-half when week exceeded 40 hours. Amount shown was paid in 1990.

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## Emergency Out-of-State Crew Use

Number of 20-person crews sent outside of Alaska to fight fires<sup>1</sup>

Year	Crews
1985	39
1986	22
1987	59
1988	54
1989	61
1990	7
1991	0
1992	5
1993	0
1994	63
1995	1

<sup>1</sup>Wages are paid by 21 of the suppression agencies.



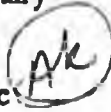
# Alaska State Legislature

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## MEMO

TO: Nancy Quinto, Senate Secretary

FROM: Annette Kreitzer, Aide to Senate Resources Committee 

DATE: March 27, 1996

RE: CS SB 201: Fire Fighting Personnel Employment

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On March 18, 1996, the Resources Committee adopted a blank committee substitute for SB 201. The motion was by Senator Taylor, and no one objected. The work draft adopted was 9-LS1474C by Luckhaupt dated 2/10/96. The committee held the bill over to March 25, when questions about fiscal notes were resolved and the bill was passed from committee.

I neglected to properly fill out the committee report and to turn in the committee substitute adopted by the committee. Attached is the committee substitute adopted and moved by the committee. Please correct the record.

Thanks.

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/8/96

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3-12-96  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-25-96

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 201

"An Act relating to the employment of emergency fire-fighting personnel by the commissioner of natural resources."

*FRD*

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Wren</i>	✓				
<i>Lynn Hoffman</i>	✓				
<i>Virginia</i>	✓				
		<i>Rick Hafford</i>	✓		
CHAIR: <i>Kevin D. Lewis</i>	✓				

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department                      Date    Zero    Fiscal

<i>DAW</i>	<i>4/2/96</i>		<i>250</i>
<i>DPS</i>	<i>3/1/96</i>	✓	<i>5</i>

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department                      Date    Zero    Fiscal


APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill