

HB

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

DISTRICT 13

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Robin Taylor, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Representative Cynthia Toohey *CT*

DATE: April 17, 1996

RE: Request for hearing for House Bill 474, "An Act relating to civil violations of municipal ordinances, and to civil penalties for violation of municipal ordinances by juveniles."

I respectfully request that, at your earliest convenience, the above-referenced bill be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It passed the House 33-0.

Attached herewith are:

Sponsor statement
Zero fiscal notes
Letters of support

This bill has the support of the Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Law.

Please contact Marveen Coggins at extension 6820 if you have any questions. Your consideration of this request is appreciated. Thank you.



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HOUSE BILL 474

"An Act relating to civil violations of municipal ordinances, and to civil penalties for violation of municipal ordinances by juveniles."

We hear more and more frequently about the need to improve the juvenile justice system in Alaska. Due to the increased number of serious offenses by juveniles, some of the less serious violations, in reality, offer no consequences. That is the wrong message to send to a juvenile offender.

According to the Anchorage Police Department, juvenile offenders have become increasingly dangerous and increasingly blatant regarding their offenses with the knowledge that the system can do very little to them.

House Bill 474 would expand the jurisdiction of a municipality to allow the municipality to better respond to a civil violation of an ordinance by a minor. For civil violations of ordinances which are punishable by only a fine, juveniles would be treated in the same manner as adults. Allegations against a minor for a civil penalty under a municipal ordinance could be assigned to a hearing officer if it is provided for by municipal ordinance.

The expansion of jurisdiction would enable juveniles to realize there are consequences to all wrongful acts. This realization may help to prevent juveniles from progressing to more serious offenses.

HB474 passed the House by a vote of 33-0. Your support would be appreciated.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 474 (JUD)

Revision Date: 03/25/96 Dept. Affected: Alaska Court System
 Title: Juvenile infractions BRU: Trial Courts
 Component: _____
 Sponsor: Rep. Toohoy
 Requestor: House Judiciary COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 768

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
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 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 96) cost: None

Positions

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact.

Prepared by: C. S. Christensen III, Staff Counsel
 Agency: Alaska Court System
 Approved by: Arthur H. Snowden, II, Administrative Director
 Agency: Alaska Court System

Phone: 264-8228
 Date: 03/25/96
 Date: 03/25/96

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB474(JUD)

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Violations of Municipal Ordinances
 Sponsor: Representative Toohy
 Requestor: Senate (CRA)

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 BRU: Family and Youth Services
 Component: DIYS Central Office
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 259
 See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
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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CHANGES IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (please specify)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

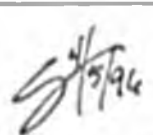
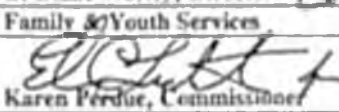
POSITIONS:

POSITIONS	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There would be no fiscal impact on the Division if this bill were passed.


 Prepared by: for L. Diane Worley, Director
 Division: Family & Youth Services

 Approved by Commissioner: Karen Perdue, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

Phone: 465-3191
 Date: 04/05/96
 Date: 4/6/96

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: CSHB 474(JUD)(title am)

Revision Date: April 12, 1996 Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: Violations of Municipal Ordinances BRU: Alaska State Troopers
 Component: Detachments
 Sponsor: Representative Toohy
 Requestor: S. Community and Regional Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0799

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

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
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						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Estimate of current year (FY 96) impact: \$ _____

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)

This bill will not have a fiscal impact on the Division of Alaska State Troopers

Prepared By: LI Dan Lowden Phone: 465-5505
 Division: Alaska State Troopers Date: April 12, 1996
 Approved by Commissioner: *Ronald L. Otis* Date: 4/15/96
 Agency: Ronald L. Otis, Department of Public Safety

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FISCAL NOTE

No. 2

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO:

Bill Version: HB 474

(H) Publish Date: 3/8/96

Revision Date: 2/29/96
Title: An Act relating to violations of municipal ordinances and regulations; and amending...
Sponsor: Rep. Toohy
Requestor: House C&RA Committee

Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
BRU: none
Component: none
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

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

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
Revenue Code						

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

Estimate of current year (FY 95) impact \$ none

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Remond Henderson *Remond Henderson* Phone: 465-4708
 Division: Director, Div. of Administrative Services Date: 2/29/96
 Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]* Date: 2/29/96
 Agency: Mike Irwin, Dept. of Community & Reg. Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

CRIMINAL DIVISION

March 28, 1996

The Hon. Cynthia Toohey
House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Toohey:

I am writing in response to your request for an analysis of CSHB 474, An Act relating to violations of municipal ordinances and regulations, and to civil penalties for violation of municipal ordinances by juveniles.

The bill allows a municipality to bring an action for a civil penalty against a minor for up to \$1,000 for violation of a municipal ordinance. Such an action will be heard in the district court, or may be assigned to a hearing officer if the municipality provides by ordinance for such an assignment.

Notice of an action for civil penalties against a minor by a municipality must be sent to the commissioner of health and social services.

The Department of Law supports this bill.

Very truly yours,

BRUCE M. BOTELHO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:


Laurie H. Otto
Deputy Attorney General

LHO:jf

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

PLEASE REPLY TO

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Municipality
of
Anchorage



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Rick Mystrom, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

February 9, 1996

Representative Cynthia Toohey
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: H. B. 474

Dear Representative Toohey:

Thank you for sponsoring H. B. 474, regarding the jurisdiction of municipalities over certain juvenile infractions.

This bill offers an important reform to the way in which juvenile criminal activity is addressed.

Attached is an issue summary supporting the need for the proposed change.

Thank you again for sponsoring this legislation. If we can offer further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Rogers".

Tim Rogers
Legislative Program Coordinator

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Allow municipalities to respond to less serious juvenile behavior by expanding its jurisdiction to include the ability to subject juvenile offenders to civil infractions and/or mediation

Early intervention has been proven an effective means of changing young people's attitudes and behaviors. Because the current juvenile justice system is overwhelmed with serious offenses and offenders, many offenders who begin with lower level or less dangerous conduct receive no meaningful consequences until they graduate to the higher level.

According to the 1994 Anchorage Police Department Annual Report, juvenile arrests have increased 66% since 1990. Juvenile offenders have become increasingly dangerous and increasingly blatant regarding their offenses in the knowledge that the system can do very little to them.

Recognizing this situation, the Municipality of Anchorage would like the ability to respond to less serious juvenile behavior by expanding its jurisdiction to include the ability to subject juvenile offenders to civil infractions and/or mediation. This will allow the juvenile justice system to focus on the more serious criminal activity while assuring that juvenile offenders of less serious offenses receive more immediate consequences for their actions.

SUPPORT



Anchorage Star of the North
Chamber of Commerce

February 28, 1996

Members: House Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Al Austerman & Ivan Ivan - Co-Chairs
Fax: 1-907-465-4589

Dear Committee Members:

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Crime Prevention Committee has worked with the Municipality of Anchorage on a criminal justice package. The chamber has passed Resolution 95/96-5 supporting the Municipality's efforts on criminal justice reform.

It is our understanding that HB 474 and HB 475 address part of the criminal justice reform package. We would like to encourage passage of both bills.

We appreciate the spirit of cooperation between the Legislature and the Municipality. The chamber applauds your work on reducing crime. Please let us know if the chamber can be of any assistance.

Again, we encourage the passage of HB 474 and HB 475. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Heyman
President

cc: Representative Cynthia Toohey
Bob Bailey, chair, Anchorage Chamber Crime Prevention Committee