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SPONSOR STATEMENT HB-224

This bill is to codify in law the authority for the Commissioner of Corrections to make prisoners available to communities for work. It sets out minimum criteria to provide necessary public safety in the exercise of community work release programs.

It is my intention to make clear the legislature supports such programs and the philosophy that repayment to society is a sound principle of both restitution and rehabilitation.

The need for both the prisoner and the community to feel such reparation is vital if we are to move beyond the damages caused by the commission of crimes against persons and society.

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MEMORANDUM OF REQUEST

TO: REP. IVAN / CHAIR C&RA
FROM: REP. SCOTT OGAN 
DATE: APRIL 3, 1997
RE: HB- 224 / EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS

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Please schedule HB-224 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 224

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Corrections
 Title: "An Act relating to the employment of prisoners." BRU: ALL
 Component: ALL
 Sponsor: Representative Ogan
 Requester: House Community & Regional Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. #0894

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
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						
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 (FY97) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Department of Corrections is in the process of contacting all Community Residential Center providers for input on this legislation. The Dept. will revise this fiscal note if input from CRC providers indicate additional costs.

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 Agency: Department of Corrections

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March 5, 1997

Representative Fred Dyson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 428
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

MAR 25 1997

Dear Representative Dyson:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 23, 1997 to Commissioner Perkins in which you requested information on various issues. I hope the information we provide for you will be helpful.

1. Using prisoners to clear right of ways.

It has proven difficult to coordinate the use of prisoners. Prisoners volunteer for the work details, and we never know how many will be available on any given day. Our maintenance people must meet the prison's schedule for pickup and return of prisoners, provide for lunch, provide constant on site supervision and often end up providing transportation. Because of the volunteer nature of the program, schedules, transportation and feeding requirements, the program has been difficult to operate and places demands on our personnel which take them from other activities.

We would like to see a workable prisoner work program. In our opinion it would be one supervised by Department of Corrections (DOC). DOC should provide transportation, sack lunch, security and other amenities. Agencies like Division of Parks, DOT&PF, etc. have plenty of work, not now getting done, that could be assigned. One potential problem that would require some research is possible restrictions within existing union contracts.

2. Adding guard rail on the Old Glenn Highway where a bicycle rider has already been killed.

I believe this question refers to the accident on the Glenn Highway near the weigh station last year when a driver fell asleep and drove onto the separated bike path, and hit and killed a person riding their bike. The department is working on this issue. As soon as weather permits we will survey the accident site to determine if the bike path is in the clear zone and then perform a guardrail cost effectiveness analysis to determine if guardrail should be installed. We will copy you the results.

3. Snow clearing for pedestrians along the Old Glenn Highway.

Snow on sidewalks is a problem for us throughout the Anchorage area. In virtually every location where we have curb/gutter and a sidewalk we have no property behind the sidewalk and usually there is little room between the curb and the sidewalk. In order to clear the streets, the snow is plowed onto the sidewalk. Then, when the snow event is