

**HB**

**471**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 471 (CRA)

Revision Date: April 8, 1998  
Title: Regional Native Housing Authorities

Department: Commerce and Economic Development  
BRU: Banking, Securities and Corporations  
Component: Banking, Securities and Corporations

Sponsor: COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS  
Requestor: COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS						
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Component: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
 Sponsor: (H) CRA  
 Requestor: (H) CRA COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1938

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**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A BILL**

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10 AFTER AUGUST 7, 1996]. The reinstated corporation and its shareholders have all  
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Honorable Jerry Mackie  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

April 28, 1998

Re: HB 471

Dear Senator Mackie:

Cook Inlet Housing Authority is in support of the proposed legislation allowing regional housing authorities to expand their Board size up to nine (9) members.

When the original legislation formed housing authorities in Alaska, HUD had regulations that limited the number of Board of Commissioners to five (5). That regulation was eliminated in 1992. We are in a "new era" with the passage of NAHASDA that has an emphasis on community building and cooperation. Cook Inlet Housing Authority encourages greater involvement and participation from our constituents and welcomes this proposed legislation.

HB 471 is permissive legislation, not a requirement. It allows different regions within Alaska to address their own needs for representation and involvement. Some regions may choose to use this option and others may not. Having this flexibility should not place a huge financial burden on housing authorities or create political instability. We feel it is an improvement on original legislation that was mandated by federal regulations in the past.

Please feel free to contact our office or our appointing organization, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, if we could lend any further support.

Sincerely,

Cook Inlet Housing Authority



Frank Peratrovich Jr.  
Executive Director



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# Alaska State Legislature

## SENATE

State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

### Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

#### SPONSOR STATEMENT for SB 343, Regional Housing Authorities

The intent of SB 343 is to provide more flexibility in determining the membership on the board of commissioners of a regional Native housing authority. Under current statute, AS 18.55.996(d), the board is limited to five persons. The proposed change will allow the authorities to better adapt their organization to fit recent changes in federal funding requirements.

Congress passed a new Indian housing act, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, which converted Indian housing funding to block grants. These grants are available to federally recognized Alaska Native villages and their designated housing entities. However, many village councils wish to continue using a regional housing authority to operate this program for its members. In order to provide increased representation, especially for those housing authorities that cover large parts of the state, the regional housing authorities have requested that the five member limit be changed.

Originally, the five member limit for the regional authorities was adopted to comply with a federal HUD rule for the housing program. This rule is no longer applicable to Indian housing programs.



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**Re: Increasing the Number of Commissioners for Regional  
Native Housing Authorities**

Dear Carl:

You have asked for language that would allow the Cook Inlet Housing Authority, and other regional housing authorities, to appoint more than five persons to serve as commissioners. The objective can be accomplished through a minor amendment to Alaska Statute 18.55.996(d) as follows:

(d) The governing body of the association in question shall, after determining that it wishes to have a regional native housing authority, appoint not less than five persons to serve as the Board of Commissioners of the housing authority. The term of office of each member is for three years except that, of the Board of Commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in question. (Proposed language underlined.)

A complete copy of AS 18.55.996 is attached for reference. In your discussions with state legislators, a few of the reasons why this change should be non-controversial and may be safely supported are:

1. Fiscal Impact. None. Not only does this change have no fiscal impact for the State of Alaska, it also has no fiscal affect on Alaska Natives. From the vantage point of the state, the tribes, and the federal government, this change is fiscally neutral.

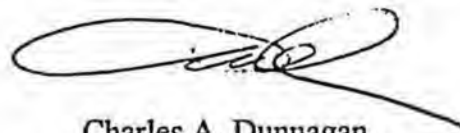
2. Possible Areas of Controversy. None. This does not change the way commissioners are appointed. It does not require associations which have the authority to appoint housing authority commissioners to do anything. It merely gives them the opportunity to expand the housing authority board of commissioners if they want to.

3. Responds to Fundamental Changes in Funding. Regional housing authorities were originally created so that rural Alaska Natives would be eligible for HUD housing funds. Those funds were only dispensed through housing authorities. That law has been replaced. With the passage of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act, HUD housing funds are now dispersed to Indian tribes. Many regional housing authorities may wish to expand their boards of commissioners to provide greater tribal representation. While the proposed change allows them to do so, it does not require it.

This office represents six regional housing authorities and I am general counsel for the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities. Also, Frank Peratrovich, Jr., the Executive Director of Cook Inlet Housing Authority is the President of the Association of Alaska Housing Authorities. I do not believe it would be a problem to get a show of support if you need one. If I can be of any additional assistance to you or your staff, please call.

Sincerely,

JERMAIN, DUNNAGAN & OWENS, P.C.



Charles A. Dunnagan

Enclosure

cc: Frank Peratrovich, Jr., Executive Director, CIHA  
Bob Woodhead, CIHA Chairman of the Board

**Sec. 18.55.995. Purpose and intent.** The legislature finds that an acute shortage of housing and related facilities exists in the villages of the state and that adequate housing cannot be provided by the private sector due to the economic depression that exists in most villages of the state. It is the purpose and intent of the legislature to provide a means for certain Native associations to form public corporations with the powers and duties comparable to those provided in AS 18.55.100 — 18.55.960. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1971; am § 2 ch 151 SLA 1975; am § 74 ch 4 FSSLA 1992)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1992 amendment, effective July 1, 1992, made section reference substitutions and stylistic changes.

**Sec. 18.55.996. Creation of authorities.** (a) The following associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this section:

- (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope);
- (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet, St. Lawrence Island);
- (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue);
- (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River);
- (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages);
- (6) Cook Inlet Tribal Council (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna and Seldovia);
- (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska Peninsula);
- (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands and that part of the Alaska Peninsula that is in the Aleut League);
- (9) North Pacific Rim Native Corp. (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port Graham, English Bay, Valdez, Seward, Eyak and Chenega);
- (10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brotherhood (Southeastern Alaska);
- (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and around Kodiak Island);
- (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glennallen, Chitina and Mentasta);
- (13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.;
- (14) Sitka Community Association (Baranof and Japonski Island);
- (15) Metlakatla Indian Community (Metlakatla).

(b) There is created with respect to each of the associations named in (a) of this section a public body corporate and politic to function in the operating area of the individual associations to be known as the regional housing authority of the associations possessing all powers, rights, and functions now or subsequently specified under AS 18.55.100 — 18.55.290, except those specified with respect to the construction and acquisition of public buildings for lease to the state or any authority that is inconsistent with AS 18.55.995. A regional housing authority may enter into agreements with local government, other political subdivisions of the state, the state or the federal government for the exercise of a function or power relating to construction, operation, and maintenance of public facilities or public utilities. Upon execution of an agreement and for the period of the agreement the regional housing authority shall have the same powers and functions relating to the subject matter of the agreement as those that may legally be exercised by the governmental unit with whom the agreement is made including the authority to separately or together with the other unit borrow money and issue notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness to finance a project within the scope of the agreement subject to the express limitations, if any, contained in the agreement. All obligations or liabilities of the regional housing authority shall remain their own and are not obligations or liabilities of the state.

(c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

(d) The governing body of the association in question shall, after determining that it wishes to have a regional native housing authority, appoint five persons to serve as the board of commissioners of the authority. The term of office of each member is for three years except that, of the commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in question.

(e) Questions arising as to jurisdiction and boundary disputes as a result of the jurisdictional lines set out by (a) of this section shall be resolved by the governing board of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

(f) The authority shall have the power to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain group homes, multipurpose community centers, child care centers, and other community facilities.

(g) If an activity associated with the planning, financing, construction, or operation of a project by a regional housing authority established in this section and authorized under AS 18.55.100 — 18.55.290 conflicts with an activity of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located shall resolve the conflict.

(h) Before a contract for the construction, alteration, or repair of a housing unit constructed under a federal or state funded housing program is awarded, the regional housing authority shall require the contractors to comply with the bond provisions specified in AS 36.25.010 (a) and (b).

(i) A housing authority created under this section shall have its financial records audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. The legislative auditor may prescribe the form and content of the financial records of the housing authority and shall have access to these records at any time. (§ 1 ch 123 SLA 1971; am §§ 3, 6 ch 151 SLA 1975; am § 1 ch 274 SLA 1976; am § 1 ch 12 SLA 1977; § 6 ch 86 SLA 1981; am § 1 ch 102 SLA 1983; am § 1 ch 128 SLA 1984; am § 1 ch 100 SLA 1985; am § 1 ch 51 SLA 1986; am §§ 75, 76 ch 4 FSSLA 1992)

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1992 amendment, effective July 1, 1992, in subsection (b), rewrote the first sentence and, in the second and third sentences, inserted "regional housing"; and, in subsection (g), inserted "and authorized under AS 18.55.100 — 18.55.290" and substituted "Alaska Housing Finance Corporation" for "Alaska State Housing Authority."

**Opinions of attorney general.** — Regional housing authorities created under this section are neither political subdivisions of the state nor state agencies. June 8, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

While various specified Native associations are given authority to establish regional housing authorities under this section, and may receive donations of land from municipalities, the programs administered by those associations must be racially neutral. May 6, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

It seems clear that the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is not charged with enforcing the audit requirement of subsection (i); and it is not clear who, if anyone, is so charged. August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs can, under AS 18.55.998, condition its grants to the regional authorities on the authorities' compliance with subsection (i). August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

It is quite clear that the annual audits of regional housing authorities mandated by subsection (i) cannot be funded by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs with the housing supplemental development fund moneys; and it must be concluded that department fund should not be used for post-project cost certification. August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

The Pacific Rim Housing Authority appropriately may be considered a political subdivision of the state or other "related public entity" for purposes of Subpart F (15 CFR § 930.90) for the limited purpose of its receipt of federal grants for housing projects; and, thus, Pacific Rim is subject to the coastal management consistency review required by Subpart F for federal assistance programs to the extent that grants are used to fund housing and related programs which affect the coastal zone. April 30, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

**Sec. 18.55.997. Residential loans.** (a) In addition to the powers authorized to a regional housing authority under AS 18.55.996, a regional housing authority may, in



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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jerry Mackie, Chair  
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chair *IMI*  
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee

DATE: April 20, 1998

RE: Request for Scheduling of CSHB 471 (CRA)

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Please consider this request to schedule CSHB 471 (CRA): Regional Housing Authorities and Village Native Corporations for the floor at your earliest possible convenience.

This bill allows housing authorities to expand their board of commissioners from five to no more than nine members and also extends the date dissolved Native village corporations may reinstate their corporations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information or answer any questions.

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IMI:tw

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13 association in question. The board of commissioners may designate from among  
14 its members a committee to whom the board may delegate board duties.

15 \* Sec. 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

### SPONSOR STATEMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE for HOUSE BILL 471 (CRA)

The intent of CSHB 471 (CRA) is to allow a regional nonprofit association to increase the number of board of commissioners on a regional native housing authority to more than five members with no more than nine members. The other purpose of CSHB 471 (CRA) is to allow an involuntarily dissolved Native village to reinstate the corporation through December 31, 1998. These dissolved corporations had until August 7, 1997, to reincorporate by state statute.

Congress, in 1996, passed a new Indian housing act, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, which converts Indian housing funding to block grants. These grants are available to federally recognized Alaska Native villages and their designated housing entities. Many village councils wish to continue using the umbrella housing authority model created by state law which authorizes a regional housing authority to operate the program for its members. In order to provide fairer representation for their regions and to receive more input from their constituents, the Cook Inlet Tribal Council and the Association of Village Council Presidents have requested a change in statute. This change is optional and will allow the expansion of the number of board of commissioners from not less than five to no more than nine. The limit of five board members was adopted under HUD rules that are no longer applicable to Indian housing.

The reinstatement extension for dissolved village corporations found in section one is necessary to allow the Newtok Corporation to reinstate its native village corporation. Newtok is in the process of discussing a land exchange with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which would allow the village to relocate to a more suitable and

stable area. The land where the village is now located is threatened by erosion from the Ninglick River.

In the course of working on the land exchange, it was discovered that the Newtok Corporation had been involuntarily dissolved on October 4, 1991, for failure to file its biannual report. The corporation has not been reinstated since that date. Since the time period to reinstate native village corporations ended on August 7, 1997, Newtok requires an extension.

In addition, another party has incorporated using the name Newtok Corporation. Newtok is thus required to change the name of its corporation. This name change will have to be implemented by an amendment to the corporation's Articles of Incorporation. The language found at the end of section one allows this name change, by the Board's action, to take place.

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April 7, 1998

Representative Ivan Ivan, Chairman  
Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

*Alaska Housing  
Finance Corporation*

*Alutian  
Housing Authority*

*Association of Village  
Council Presidents Regional  
Housing Authority*

Re: HB 471 - Regional Housing Authorities

*Berens Island  
Housing Authority*

Dear Representative Ivan,

*Bering Straits Regional  
Housing Authority*

Alaska's Regional Housing Authorities have taken the opportunity afforded by the committee to review the proposed legislation and to consult with many of their governing boards and the Regional Non-Profits and Associations which appoint their Boards. We have polled the Housing Authorities to be able to advise your committee of the outcome of these consultations - some of which are ongoing. The results of the poll:

*Bristol Bay  
Housing Authority*

*Cook Inlet  
Housing Authority*

Of the fourteen housing authorities

*Copper River Basin  
Regional Housing Authority*

*Interior Regional  
Housing Authority*

In favor or in favor of with  
a limited number of Board  
members. (Cap at 7, 9, or 11)

*Kodiak Island  
Housing Authority*

No Position Yet 4

*Metlakatla  
Housing Authority*

Opposed 1

*North Pacific Rim  
Housing Authority*

No Response to Poll 2

*Northwest Inupiat  
Housing Authority*

Five of the Housing Authorities in favor of the bill recommend adding language which puts a cap on the number of commissioners which could be appointed. The recommended cap ranged from 7 to 9 to 11 persons. The amended language in AS 18.65.996 (d) could read

*Taguqmiullu  
Nanaimiullu (TNNA)*

*Tongu Haida Regional  
Housing Authority*

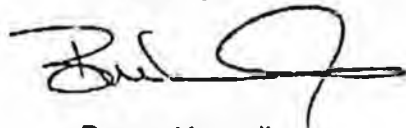
appoint not fewer than five and not more than nine persons to serve as the board of commissioners of the authority.

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We appreciate the opportunity to provide this information and the efforts of your committee on behalf of Alaska's Regional Housing Authorities. If I can be of any assistance or if you require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Kovarik", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce Kovarik  
Executive Director

pc: Reps. Dyson, Ogan, Ryan, Sanders, Joule & Kookesh  
Executive Directors, Regional Housing Authorities  
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*Bristol Bay Housing Authority*

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March 31, 1998

Rep. Ivan Ivan  
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State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ivan:

REF: HB471/SB 343 Relating to Boards of Commissioners of RHA's

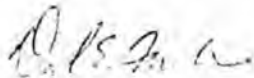
I am aware that you have requested feedback from the Regional Housing Authorities as soon as possible on the above issue. BBHA has a regular Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled on April 10th, at which time this issue will be discussed. I will relay the wishes of the Board to you at that time.

I can, however, tell you that based upon a regional NAHASDA meeting that was held in Dillingham last November, representatives from the Village Councils of Bristol Bay indicated their interest in having a "Full Board" comprised of one representative from each village that would meet no less than annually to discuss housing issues. The existing Board of Commissioners would act as an Executive Committee. This would function much like the other regional non-profits in Bristol Bay - the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and the Bristol Bay Native Association.

I don't believe anyone anticipates a fully functional 32 member Board of Commissioners meeting on a monthly basis. Aside from the costs involved, a monthly Board meeting of that size would be cumbersome and impractical. The language of each bill should allow for a Full Board with limited meetings and an Executive Committee which would function much as does the existing Board of Commissioners.

Please call me for any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,



Dave McClure  
Executive Director

CC: Senator Jerry Mackie, Chairman, Community & Regional Affairs Committee  
Representative Carl Moses  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
BBHA Board of Commissioners - William Tennyson, Luki Akelkok, Joe Clark  
Boris Kosbruk, Mark Angasan  
Donald Nielsen, President, Bristol Bay Native Association Board of Directors  
Terry Hoefflerle, Chief Operating Officer, BBNA  
Bruce Kovarik, Exec. Dir., Association of Alaska Housing Authorities



The Association of  
Village Council Presidents  
Regional Housing Authority

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*March 25, 1998*

VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chairman  
Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: HB 471/ SB 343. Regional Native Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Dear Representative Ivan;

Thank you for your support of HB471. I have discussed this issue with our Board of Commissioners and they fully support the concept of providing our Regional Non-profit organizations the latitude to determine the most appropriate form of representation they deem necessary for their particular region(s). This is in particular respect to the number of board members and their areas of representation.

As you know, the AVCP RHA as established by State statute, is the largest Native Housing Authority in Alaska and representing 56 villages is 5 Commissioners. As you also know, at the AVCP, Inc. Convention last fall the delegation passed a resolution to encourage the Alaska State Legislature to amend AS 18.55.996(d) whereby the 13 Regional Non-Profit Organizations that appoint their Housing Authority Commissioners could determine what the most appropriate number of board members and their areas of representation should be.

We believe if more of our villages feel their voices are being heard in a way that addresses their local housing needs then they will all be better served. This would also help address the intent of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), passed by Congress. As its title asserts, local village governments want more meaningful input in how their housing programs are developed, operated, and managed.

Adoption of HB471 and SB343 would be a step in the right direction where the State and our villages can cooperate in a meaningful way that not only benefits everyone, but also fosters a better working relationship between the two. We also understand and support the proposed language in these bills which is permissive and does not require any policy or administrative changes; but leaves such decisions up to the discretion of each respective body.

Representative Ivan M. Ivan

March 25, 1998

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If we can offer further support for this issue please don't hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,  
AVCP RHA



Don Fancher  
Executive Director

cc: AVCP RHA Board of Commissioners  
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities  
Myron Naneng, President/AVCP, Inc.

Sec. 10.06.960. Corporations organized under Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

(a) A corporation organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629e as amended (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) shall be incorporated under and is subject to this chapter except

(1) each corporation shall issue without further consideration the number of shares of common stock that may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the act and all stock so issued is considered fully paid and nonassessable when issued;

(2) unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation, the capital

(A) is considered the consideration for the initial issuance of shares; and

(B) of a corporation organized under the act includes the

(i) land or interests in it conveyed to the corporation by the United States under the act, except that which is required to be conveyed under 43 U.S.C. 1613(c)(1), (3), and (4), entered at its fair value to the corporation upon receiving the conveyance of it; and

(ii) money, when received under 43 U.S.C. 1605 and 43 U.S.C. 1608, that is retained by the corporation and that is not immediately distributed or required to be distributed under 43 U.S.C. 1606(j).

(b) Notwithstanding the provision of AS 10.06.305 - 10.06.390, payment from the money of a corporation organized under the act that is required by the language of the act to be distributed to shareholders or to other corporations so organized is not a distribution to its shareholders as defined in AS 10.06.990.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 10.06.546, a plan of merger, consolidation, or exchange in which each participating corporation either (1) was organized under the act, within the same one of the 12 regions of Alaska established under the act, or (2) resulted from the prior merger, consolidation, or exchange of other similarly organized corporations within the same region, is approved if it receives the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of each corporation. If a class of shares of a corporation specified in this subsection is entitled to vote as a class, the plan of merger, consolidation, or exchange is approved if it receives the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of each class of shares entitled to vote as a class and of the total outstanding shares. Notwithstanding AS 10.06.574 - 10.06.582, a plan of merger, consolidation, or exchange approved under this section before December 19, 1991, may not include a right of shareholders to dissent.

(d) [Repealed, Sec. 21 ch 6 SLA 1993].

(e) Notwithstanding the provision of AS 10.06.502 - 10.06.510, a corporation organized under the act may amend its articles by a vote of the board of directors in order for the corporation to comply with the mandatory requirements of the act.

(f) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, a corporation organized under the act is governed by the act to the extent the act is inconsistent with this chapter, and the corporation may take any action, including amendment of its articles, authorized by the act, and the action is considered to be approved and adopted if approved under the act. An amendment approved under the act and delivered to the commissioner under AS 10.06.512 shall be filed by the commissioner under AS 10.06.910, and a certificate of amendment shall be issued.

(g) Notwithstanding AS 10.06.358, if there are no retained earnings, the directors of a corporation organized under the act may declare and pay distributions in cash or property out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the distribution is declared and for the preceding fiscal year, except when the corporation is insolvent under AS 10.06.360. For the purposes of this

subsection, a corporation's debts include the amounts it is required to distribute under 43 U.S.C. 1606(i) and 43 U.S.C. 1606(j). The directors may determine the net profits derived from the exploitation or liquidation of wasting assets without consideration of the depletion of those assets resulting from lapse of time, consumption, liquidation, or exploitation, of the assets, and a distribution declared from those net profits shall be described, concurrently with distribution of the net profits to shareholders, as a distribution from wasting assets without consideration of the depletion of the assets. In this subsection, "wasting assets" means timber resources and subsurface estates.

(h) Notwithstanding AS 10.06.358, the directors of a corporation organized under the act may, from time to time, distribute to its shareholders in partial liquidation a portion of the corporation's assets out of capital, in cash or property, except that a distribution

(1) may not be made at a time when the corporation is insolvent under AS 10.06.360;

(2) may not be made unless the articles of incorporation authorize the board to make the distribution or the distribution is authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares;

(3) when made, shall be identified as a distribution in partial liquidation and the amount per share shall be disclosed to the shareholders concurrently with the distribution.

(i) Notwithstanding AS 10.06.633(e), a corporation that is organized as a Native corporation under the act, that has been involuntarily dissolved by the commissioner under AS 10.06.633, and that has failed to apply for reinstatement during the period established under AS 10.06.633(e), may be reinstated under AS 10.06.633(e) within one year of June 29, 1994. The reinstated corporation and its shareholders have all of the rights, privileges, liabilities, and obligations that would have applied to them if the corporation had not been dissolved, and all corporate and shareholder actions taken during the period of dissolution are considered to be as valid as if dissolution had not occurred.

(j) If a corporation is formed before June 29, 1994 to replace a Native corporation that has been involuntarily dissolved under AS 10.06.633, and if the replacing corporation has the same name as the dissolved corporation, the replacing corporation and its shareholders succeed, upon payment of any amounts that would have been required for the reinstatement of the dissolved corporation under AS 10.06.633(e), to all of the rights, privileges, liabilities, and obligations that would have applied to the dissolved corporation and its shareholders if the dissolved corporation had been reinstated under AS 10.06.633(e).

(k) Notwithstanding (i) of this section and AS 10.06.633(e), a corporation that is organized as a Native village corporation under the act, that has been involuntarily dissolved by the commissioner under AS 10.06.633, and that has failed to apply for reinstatement during the period established under AS 10.06.633(e) may be reinstated under AS 10.06.633(e) within one year after August 7, 1996. The reinstated corporation and its shareholders have all of the rights, privileges, liabilities, and obligations that would have applied to them if the corporation had not been dissolved, and all corporate and shareholder actions taken during the period of dissolution are considered to be as valid as if dissolution had not occurred.

(l) [Renumbered as AS 10.06.504(d)].

(m) [Renumbered as AS 10.06.504(e)].

(n) Notwithstanding AS 10.06.504(d), an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a corporation organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1628 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) and incorporated under former AS 10.05.005 to add a provision eliminating or limiting the personal

liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages under AS 10.06.210(1)(N) may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy.

(o) Notwithstanding AS 10.06.455(b) and 10.06.504(d), an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a village corporation organized under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629e (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) and incorporated under former AS 10.05.005 to add a provision authorizing the classification of directors under AS 10.06.455 may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy.

(p) In this section,

(1) "act" means 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1641 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act);

(2) "Native corporation" has the meaning given in 43 U.S.C. 1602(m).

History -

(Sec. 1 ch 166 SLA 1988; am Sec. 53, 54 ch 82 SLA 1989; am Sec. 21 ch 6 SLA 1993; am Sec. 1, 2 ch 120 SLA 1994; am Sec. 1, 2 ch 24 SLA 1996)

Revisors Notes -

In 1989, the word "and" was inserted preceding "the corporation may take" in the first sentence of subsection (f).

Subsections (i) and (j) were enacted as (j) and (k) respectively. Relettered in 1994, at which time former (i) was relettered as (k). Subsection (k) was enacted as (l) and relettered in 1996. Former subsections (l) and (m) were enacted as Sec. 10(a) and (b), ch. 166, SLA 1988 and codified in 1996, and were renumbered as AS 10.06.504(d) and (e) in 1997, at which time internal references in subsections (n) and (o) were conformed. Subsection (n) was enacted in Sec. 57, ch. 50, SLA 1989 and codified in 1996, at which time an internal reference was conformed. Subsection (o) was enacted in Sec. 2, ch. 24, SLA 1996 and codified in 1996, at which time an internal reference was conformed, and former subsection (k) was relettered as (p)

Amendment Notes -

The 1989 amendment, effective July 1, 1989, substituted "43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629e as amended" for "43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629a" near the beginning of subsection (a); substituted "the act" for "43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1629a" throughout subsections (a) - (d); and added subsections (e) - (i).

The 1993 amendment, effective April 14, 1993, repealed subsection (d).

The 1994 amendment, effective June 29, 1994, added present subsections (i) and (j), added the paragraph (p)(1) (formerly (k)(1)) designation and made a section reference substitution therein, and added paragraph (p)(2) (formerly (k)(2)) and made a related stylistic change.

The 1996 amendment, effective August 7, 1996, added subsections (k) and (o).

Decisions -

Prohibition against discriminatory distributions preempted by federal law. - Disbursement of funds to elder shareholders from a settlement trust established by a Native regional corporation was not illegal as a discriminatory distribution under AS 10.06.305(b) since that provision was preempted by Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. cert. denied, - U.S. -, 117 S. Ct. 768, 136 L. Ed. 2d 714 (1997). Broad v. Sealaska Corp., 85 F.3d 422 (9th Cir. 1996 ).

Sec. 18.55.996. Creation of authorities.

(a) The following associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this section:

- (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope);
- (2) Bering Straits Association (Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet, St. Lawrence Island);
- (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue);
- (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest coast of Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all villages on the Lower Yukon River and Lower Kuskokwim River);
- (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper Yukon River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages);
- (6) Cook Inlet Tribal Council (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna and Seldovia);
- (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska Peninsula);
- (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands and that part of the Alaska Peninsula that is in the Aleut League);
- (9) North Pacific Rim Native Corp. (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port Graham, English Bay, Valdez, Seward, Eyak and Chenega);
- (10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brotherhood (Southeastern Alaska);
- (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and around Kodiak Island);
- (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glennallen, Chitina and Mentasta);
- (13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.;
- (14) Sitka Community Association (Baranof and Japonski Island);
- (15) Metlakatla Indian Community (Metlakatla).

(b) There is created with respect to each of the associations named in (a) of this section a public body corporate and politic to function in the operating area of the individual associations to be known as the regional housing authority of the associations possessing all powers, rights, and functions now or subsequently specified under AS 18.55.100 - 18.55.290, except those specified with respect to the construction and acquisition of public buildings for lease to the state or any authority that is inconsistent with AS 18.55.995. A regional housing authority may enter into agreements with local government, other political subdivisions of the state, the state or the federal government for the exercise of a function or power relating to construction, operation, and maintenance of public facilities or public utilities. Upon execution of an agreement and for the period of the agreement the regional housing authority shall have the same powers and functions relating to the subject matter of the agreement as those that may legally be exercised by the governmental unit with whom the agreement is made including the authority to separately or together with the other unit borrow money and issue notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness to finance a project within the scope of the agreement subject to the express limitations, if any, contained in the agreement. All obligations or liabilities of the regional housing authority shall remain their own and are not obligations or liabilities of the state.

(c) A housing authority created by this section may not transact business or exercise powers granted to it until the governing body of the named association has, by proper resolution, declared that there is a need for the authority to function, gives it the authority to function and has named its commissioners as provided under (d) of this section.

(d) The governing body of the association in question shall, after determining that it

wishes to have a regional native housing authority, appoint five persons to serve as the board of commissioners of the authority. The term of office of each member is for three years except that, of the commissioners first appointed, one shall serve for a term of one year and two shall serve for a term of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by the governing body of the association in question.

(e) Questions arising as to jurisdiction and boundary disputes as a result of the jurisdictional lines set out by (a) of this section shall be resolved by the governing board of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

(f) The authority shall have the power to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain group homes, multipurpose community centers, child care centers, and other community facilities.

(g) If an activity associated with the planning, financing, construction, or operation of a project by a regional housing authority established in this section and authorized under AS 18.55.100 - 18.55.290 conflicts with an activity of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the governing body of the municipality in which the project is located shall resolve the conflict.

(h) Before a contract for the construction, alteration, or repair of a housing unit constructed under a federal or state funded housing program is awarded, the regional housing authority shall require the contractors to comply with the bond provisions specified in AS 36.25.010 (a) and (b).

(i) A housing authority created under this section shall have its financial records audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. The legislative auditor may prescribe the form and content of the financial records of the housing authority and shall have access to these records at any time.

#### History -

(Sec. 1 ch 123 SLA 1971; am Sec. 3, 6 ch 151 SLA 1975; am Sec. 1 ch 274 SLA 1976; am Sec. 1 ch 12 SLA 1977; Sec. 6 ch 86 SLA 1981; am Sec. 1 ch 102 SLA 1983; am Sec. 1 ch 128 SLA 1984; am Sec. 1 ch 100 SLA 1985; am Sec. 1 ch 51 SLA 1986; am Sec. 75, 76 ch 4 FSSLA 1992)  
Amendment Notes -

The 1992 amendment, effective July 1, 1992, in subsection (b), rewrote the first sentence and, in the second and third sentences, inserted "regional housing"; and, in subsection (g), inserted "and authorized under AS 18.55.100 - 18.55.290" and substituted "Alaska Housing Finance Corporation" for "Alaska State Housing Authority."

#### AG Opinions -

Regional housing authorities created under this section are neither political subdivisions of the state nor state agencies. June 8, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

While various specified Native associations are given authority to establish regional housing authorities under this section, and may receive donations of land from municipalities, the programs administered by those associations must be racially neutral. May 6, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

It seems clear that the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is not charged with enforcing the audit requirement of subsection (i); and it is not clear who, if anyone, is so charged. August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

The Department of Community and Regional Affairs can, under AS 18.55.998, condition its grants to the regional authorities on the authorities' compliance with subsection (i). August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

It is quite clear that the annual audits of regional housing authorities mandated by subsection (i) cannot be funded by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs with the

housing supplemental development fund moneys; and it must be concluded that department fund should not be used for post-project cost certification. August 2, 1982 Op. Att'y Gen.

The Pacific Rim Housing Authority appropriately may be considered a political subdivision of the state or other "related public entity" for purposes of Subpart F (15 CFR Sec. 930.90) for the limited purpose of its receipt of federal grants for housing projects; and, thus, Pacific Rim is subject to the coastal management consistency review required by Subpart F for federal assistance programs to the extent that grants are used to fund housing and related programs which affect the coastal zone. April 30, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

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April 27, 1998

*Alaska Housing  
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Community and Regional Affairs Committee*Alutian  
Housing Authority*Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)*Association of Village  
Council Presidents Regional  
Housing Authority*

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 471 - Regional Housing Authorities*Bronof Island  
Housing Authority*

Dear Senator Mackie,

*Bering Straits Regional  
Housing Authority*

The Association of Alaska Housing Authorities has taken the time afforded by the Senate and House CRA Committees to consider the issue of HB 471 which allows for the increase in the number of Commissioners which govern the Regional Housing Authorities. At a regular meeting of the Association's Board of Directors on April 23 in Juneau, HB 471 was carefully considered and the following motion was adopted by a 6 yeas, 3 nays, 2 abstain vote:

*Bristol Bay  
Housing Authority**Cook Inlet  
Housing Authority**Copper River Basin  
Regional Housing Authority*

To recommend to the Senate Committee to postpone action on HB 471 until the next legislative session.

*Interior Regional  
Housing Authority**Kodiak Island  
Housing Authority*

We appreciate the efforts you and the staff are making on our behalf, and if you have any questions or require additional information about the Association's position on this bill, please know you will have our full cooperation.

*Metlakatla  
Housing Authority**North Pacific Rim  
Housing Authority*

Sincerely,

*Northwest Inupiat  
Housing Authority**Togiak  
Nunavut (FNHA)*
  
Bruce Kovarik  
Executive Director
*Tlingit-Haida Regional  
Housing Authority*

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