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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/2/97

FURTHER: ^{REPORT} SFC 5/06/97

DATE TURNED

IN TO OFFICE: 6 May 1997

Finance Committee considered

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(FIN)

"An Act relating to competency testing requirements for secondary students; and providing for an effective date."

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 change
- new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
		<i>Bob & Alice</i>	✓		
		<i>Kent Powell</i>	✓		
		<i>Alida</i>		X	
		<i>John Brown</i>	✓		
		<i>Wanda Wiley</i>	✓		
Co-Chair: <i>Deanne</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			
Co-Chair: <i>Bob King</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			

need to be amended

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Ed/Quality School	4/16/97		490.0

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

Dept. Affected EDUCATION

BRU: Teaching & Learning Support

Title: An Act relating to competency testing
requirement for secondary students

Sponsor: House HESS Committee

Requestor: _____

Components: Quali., Schools

Serial # 2147

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
Personal Services	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0
Travel	10.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Contractual	400.0	174.1	174.1	174.1	174.1	174.1
Supplies	4.0	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Equipment	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	5.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	490.0	263.5	256.5	256.5	266.5	261.5

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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REVENUE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	490.0	263.5	256.5	256.5	266.5	261.5
Federal Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	490.0	263.5	256.5	256.5	266.5	261.5

POSITIONS:

Full-Time	1	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	1	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)

see attached analysis

Prepared by:

House Finance Committee

Date: 4/16/97

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Fiscal Note

STATE OF ALASKA
1997 Legislative Session

Bill No. CS HB 146(FIN)

Updated Analysis (4/16/97)

This legislation will fiscally impact both the local school districts and the state. Districts will have increased costs in making testing available for students, in providing tracking and remedial assistance, in logistics associated with test security and administration. Other projected costs will include redoing district-level diploma format, providing testing for out-of-school students and loss of revenue due to higher dropout rates, which have been experienced in other states.

Anticipating all of the costs of an exit examination is very complex. Alaska has many unique conditions which make it extremely difficult to accurately predict the costs of developing and maintaining the test. Substantial legal challenges have resulted in establishing a standard which Alaska must meet.

The figures in this fiscal note represent the best information the department can extrapolate from other states and expert advice at this time. It has been adjusted for the numbers of students and other specifics, e.g., Alaska travel costs. The department believes that this is the minimum amount necessary to implement the requirements of this legislation. However, it will be necessary to revise future years as more information is made available.

Personal Services - \$66.0

This will include funding for a new full-time Education Assistant, Range 11, at \$37.0 and a part-time Administrative Clerk 11, Range 8, for ten months at \$29.0. This staffing level is based up the test being developed entirely by a contractor and the assessment budget, including the one existing assessment staff member being maintained.

Travel - \$10.0

Travel costs are associated with field testing and training sessions around the state. Field testing is an essential element in establishing the technical quality of all test items. Staff will be required to work with the contractor to establish the field test and be present to work with groups to validate items and establish parameters for testing.

Contractual - \$400.0

CS HB 146(FIN) will require an exit examination in three areas: reading, language arts and mathematics. Based on testimony, the three subject areas comprise two different test content areas (reading and language arts being developed as one test content area). Estimates of the cost of developing exit examinations in other states range from \$150,000 to \$250,000 per content area. This revised fiscal note is built on the average range of \$200,000 for two test content areas. These funds will cover the cost of developing the test, setting standards, developing scoring protocols, layout, scanning of answer sheets, reports and revision of the test through revision and renorming, equating studies, item bank development, or a combination of these. These costs also include any necessary revision and annual maintenance of the test or scoring. It also includes postage, printing, fax and long distance costs.

Supplies - \$4.0

Supplies include the purchase of testing materials and office supplies.

Equipment - \$10.0

These funds will be used to purchase the necessary computer equipment, including a scanner, to handle the data associated with the exit examination. Anticipated upgrade and replacement costs are reflected in future year anticipated costs.

AMENDMENT

TO: CSHB 146(FIN)

moved BY ADAMS

*failed 3-4 (Donley, Parnell,
Sharp, Peacock)*

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 1

Bill Number: HB 146

Sponsor: Adams, Date: 5/6/97

Logged In By: G. Sattani

1 Page 1, line 1, following "for":

2 Insert "elementary and"

3 Page 1, line 5:

4 Delete "Secondary pupil"

5 Insert "Pupil"

6 Page 1, line 14, following "under"

7 Insert "(a) of"

3 Page 2, following line 4:

9 Insert new subsections to read:

10 "(c) In addition to the exit examination required under (a) of this section, a
11 local school board shall require that pupils be measured against state performance
12 standards in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics at the grade levels
13 determined by the State Board of Education. The department shall provide sample
14 examinations which would measure a student's progress toward the competence
15 tested in the examination required under (a) of this section. A district will use
16 these or other measures determined by the department to be comparable, and shall
17 be responsible for scoring and reporting results. Each district shall report its
18 results in its annual Report Card to the public and submit results annually to the
19 department.

20 (d) A pupil who fails to demonstrate proficiency on district measures
21 required under this subsection shall receive remedial instruction in the areas tested.
22 A district shall develop intervention plans to assist students who require remedial
23 instruction.