

HCR

19

DATE: 5/8/97

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3/5/98

HESS Committee considered

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to the Alaska Council of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind.

and recommends:

be replaced with S CS HCR 19 (HES)

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#

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| <i>Loren A. Jensen</i> | ✓ | | | | |
| <i>Lylee Olsen</i> | ✓ | | | | |
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| CHAIR: <i>Constance</i> | ✓ | CHAIR: | | | |

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

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| <i>Leg Affairs Agency</i> | <i>2/3/98</i> | ✓ | |
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

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| <i>Leg Affairs Agency</i> | <i>4/25/97</i> | ✓ | |
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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. _____
BILL VERSION: HCR19
PUBLISH DATE: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: "Relating to the Alaska Council of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind."
Sponsor: Representative Bunde
Requestor: Senate HESS

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: All
Component: All

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING | FY 99 | FY 00 | FY 01 | FY 02 | FY 03 | FY 04 |
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| SUPPLIES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EQUIPMENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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POSITIONS:

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Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact to the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Prepared By: Karla Schofield, Deputy Director *Karla Schofield* Phone: 465-3852
Division: Administrative Services Date: 2/3/98

Approved By: Pamela A. Varni, Executive Director *Pamela Varni*
Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency Date: 2/3/98

Distribution (by preparer): Leg. Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, Gov. , & Impacted Agency(ies).

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Brice, Berkowitz, Dyson, Croft, Rokeberg, James, Ryan, Kemplen

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Council.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 WHEREAS Alaska has a long-standing commitment to serving its disabled citizens,
4 including the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind; and

5 WHEREAS, based on national average rates, Alaska's population probably includes
6 approximately 60,000 people who have hearing loss ranging from mild to severe; and

7 WHEREAS Alaska lifestyles include many activities that can cause hearing
**8 impairment, including travel by air and operation of four-wheelers, chain saws, snow
9 machines, and other equipment; and**

10 WHEREAS, although the hearing impaired represent the largest disability group in the
11 United States, they are one of the most misunderstood and least served disability groups; and

12 WHEREAS the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind require many types of services,
**13 including rehabilitation, education, deaf interpretation, independent living, correctional, and
14 mental health services; and**

15 WHEREAS many deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind Alaskans experience drug and
**16 alcohol problems and live in communities with limited or no access to appropriate services;
17 and**

1 **WHEREAS** the several agencies, offices, and councils that provide services to the
2 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind often develop policies and programs without adequate
3 input from professional providers of these services or their consumers; and

4 **WHEREAS** coordination of services for this disability group could result in more
5 efficient and effective service delivery; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Council (ADC) has been
7 operating unofficially for several years as a referral center and clearinghouse of information
8 for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind; and

9 **WHEREAS** several agencies that provide services to Alaska's deaf, hard of hearing,
10 and deafblind residents have expressed willingness to expand their financial support of the
11 ADC in order to extend its effectiveness; and

12 **WHEREAS** the ADC has obtained a business license ^{ADO} and is working to obtain tax-
13 ~~exempt status in the State of Alaska and to achieve certification as a nonprofit organization~~
14 ~~under sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; and~~

15 **WHEREAS** additional visibility in the community of the deaf, hard of hearing, and
16 deafblind, and the providers of professional services to these consumers, would help the ADC
17 attract additional funding through grants, private fund raising, and donations; and

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19 from state government;

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23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that private citizens, state agencies, schools, social service
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26 appropriate.

27 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and
28 Deafblind Council, 731 Gambell, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99501-3754.

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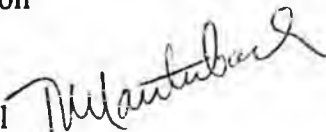
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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 1998

SUBJECT: Title change for a concurrent resolution

TO: Senator Gary Wilken, Chair
Health, Education and Social Services Committee
Attn: Sheila Peterson

FROM: Terri Lauterbach
Legislative Counsel 

You have asked whether the Senate may, without passing a special "title change" resolution, change the title of a concurrent resolution that originated in the House.

It is our opinion that the rules prohibiting a change in title of a bill by the second house after the bill is passed by the house of origin do not apply to concurrent resolutions. Uniform Rule 24(c), 35, 41, and 42, addressing the title change question, each apply specifically to bills and do not mention resolutions. Rule 49(a)(3) sets out the method for adopting a concurrent resolution and does not require the formalities used in adopting a bill. Because the rules dealing with title changes specifically apply to bills and because a concurrent resolution is not treated like a bill under the Uniform Rules, the rules dealing with title changes do not apply to concurrent resolutions.

On the other hand, a joint resolution is ". . . treated in all respects as a bill . . ." under Uniform Rule 49(5), so the rules dealing with title changes do apply to joint resolutions. In order to change the title of a joint resolution those rules would need to be suspended, just as is done in the case of a bill.

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Version Submitted

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Brice, Berkowitz, Dyson, Croft, Rokeberg, James, Ryan, Kemplen

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Evidently the national average, ^{of those} who have a hearing loss is approximately 10%. SCS HCR 19(HES)

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Alaska State Legislature

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SPONSOR STATEMENT House Concurrent Resolution 19

HCR 19 is designed to offer recognition and encouragement to a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of services available to assist Alaska's deaf, hard-of-hearing and deafblind citizens.

The Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Council has already operated for three years. Its members are drawn from several non-profit organizations operating in Southeast, Interior and Southcentral Alaska, and from representatives of state councils dealing with this community.

They established this Council to address the need for a central clearinghouse of information on the services available to and needed by the community of deaf, hard-of-hearing and deafblind Alaskans. The Council is not so much a warehouse providing services, as a library and forum where information about these services is available for consumers and providers to share.

While many individuals, agencies and institutions serving this community have good intentions, they are hampered by their isolation from the large body of knowledge on deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind issues available elsewhere.

The deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind comprise a distinct cultural and linguistic minority, different from the mainstream linguistic and cultural population. Resources for these Alaskans are limited and fragmented. Qualified professionals are rare. Standards of performance do not exist for most of those attempting to provide human services to them.

Up to 60,000 Alaskans have some kind of hearing loss. While some hearing loss is caused by the effects of snowmachines, chainsaws or industrial noise, most deafness in Alaska is rooted in genetics, or in the effects of childhood ear infections.

At least 40 states have recognized councils, commissions or task forces relating to the deaf. This resolution will provide the Alaska Council the increased prominence in our state that will encourage various individuals, organizations and agencies to utilize its services. It will also encourage non-profits to continue offering this Council their financial and organizational support.

It is important to note several things this resolution does not do. It does not create any new state council, agency, or panel. It does not establish this Council as the sole voice of the Alaska's deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind. It does not bar any other organization from providing any services it might want to provide to any or all elements of this community. And, significantly, it does not cost the state a penny.

I encourage you to support this resolution to recognize and encourage the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Council to continue its work, sharing information and fostering understanding to improve the quality of services available to these Alaskans.

Provided by



TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR
State of Alaska

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April 28, 1997

Representative Con Bunde
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801 - 1182

Dear Representative Bunde:

SUBJECT: Support for HCR 19

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (Council) supports the passage of HCR 19. We are pleased that the State Legislature recognizes the concerns of Alaskans who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Under state law, the Council has a responsibility to plan, evaluate, and promote services for people with developmental disabilities who are deaf. However, many people who are deaf or hard of hearing may not have a developmental disability.

Should HCR 19 pass, we will be pleased to work with the Alaska Council of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind (ACDHHDB) on matters of public policy that affect people who are deaf or hard of hearing. An organization such as the ACDHHDB that works to resolve differences among the leadership in the deaf community and that will continue to focus on strategies to meet the needs of people who are deaf can play an important role in public policy.

Quite frankly, we all know how important it is to gain efficiencies in state operations and improve cooperation among local organizations. However, the legislature must go beyond this resolution and support people who are deaf by adequately appropriating funds for the hearing services such as those provided by Medicaid, special education, or through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Again, thank you for recognizing a group of hard working Alaskans who attempt to work collaboratively to improve the lives of others. If you have any questions, please call the Council's Executive Director, David Maltman, at 907 269 8990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Dodge".

Nancy Dodge
Chairperson



Rep. Con Bunde, Chair
 HESS Committee
 State Capitol
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Bunde,

The Board of Directors for the Alaska Center for Blind and Deaf Adults want to support the resolution that you are planning to sponsor recognizing the Alaska Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind Council (ADC) as a statewide advisory council.

This council is of great significance to our consumers since it will represent the voice of the communities for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind citizens of Alaska. The council will provide vital information concerning issues and statistics of our population. This council is of no expense to the state government since the agencies serving these individuals share the costs to operate the council.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jeri Powers
 Secretary/Treasurer
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April 29, 1997

To: House HESS Committee Members (C. Bunde, Chair)

Subject: House Concurrent Resolution 19

As Executive Director of Southeast Alaska Independent Living, I am writing this letter to both support the intentions of the above-referenced Concurrent Resolution and to encourage the House HESS Committee to recommend adoption of the resolutions as written.

This resolution will, for the first time, officially recognize the unique and specialized needs of a significant portion of Alaska's disabled population who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf/blind. Information available from the Alaska Department of Education documents significant numbers of children with hearing disabilities (including children who are both deaf and blind) who will benefit from adoption of these resolutions. In addition, as the population of Alaska ages, significant hearing loss, sometimes combined with vision loss, can and does occur. This results in greater numbers of people who experience hearing disabilities and consequently require many types of specialized services such as: vocational, rehabilitative, educational, communication, independent living, correctional, substance abuse, and mental health.

The Alaska Council of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind is willing to provide services as a referral center and clearinghouse of information for and about the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind, and **does not require or expect to require funding from state government.** It is clear that coordination of services for the designated disability groups will result in more efficient and effective service delivery statewide, ensuring accurate facilitation of policy and program development.

April 28, 1997

Adoption of the resolution can have only positive results.

Legislative encouragement of private citizens, state agencies, schools, social service providers, private foundations and all other parties working with or providing services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and/or deaf/blind to support the ACDHHDB and to use its services whenever appropriate will certainly be a significant milestone. It is also notable that other agencies, offices, and councils that provide services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind support this resolution. SAIL is one example; SAIL staff provide independent living services to people with disabilities throughout its service area. SAIL demonstrates consumer-driven and consumer-focused programs for people from all disability groups, some of whom are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind. This consumer-focused orientation is the exception, however, rather than the rule in organizational service delivery statewide. Adoption of the resolution will encourage and redirect service agencies and other service providers to available resources from consumers and professionals who can insure that service delivery recipients have their needs met on an ongoing basis.

Your conscientious actions toward adoption of this resolution are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Constance E. Anderson
Executive Director



DEAF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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February 27, 1997

Representative Con Bunde, Chair
HESS Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Con Bunde,

We want to express our deep appreciation and support for the resolution which we discussed with you during our visits in Juneau on February 12th, 1997. This resolution will establish the recognition of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind Council, (ADC) as a statewide advisory council which will function to coordinate services and identify needs and funding at the national level.

This council is of great importance to individuals who are Deaf, Deaf/Blind or Hard of Hearing. It will represent the one voice of a community of diverse individuals and professionals who are most familiar with and qualified to provide vital services and information concerning issues about our population. The state will bear no expense, as the agencies involved in these services already share the cost of operating this Council. Too often decisions and policies regarding services for Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing people are made by administrators and state employees who have little knowledge or training in this very specific field. We, as concerned citizens living in the state of Alaska, urge your support and prompt development of this resolution. We will be more than eager to assist you in any way we can to facilitate this process.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Daniel A. LaBrosse', written in dark ink.

Daniel A. LaBrosse
Executive Director

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April 29, 1997

Representative Con Bunde
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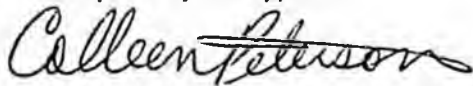
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This council is of no expense to the state government being that the agencies serving these individuals share the costs to operate the council. I am a concerned citizen living in the state of Alaska, one of manyicipating the prompt adoption of this resolution.

Thank you for your support.



Colleen Peterson
AK RID President

April 30, 1997

Representative Con Bunde
House HFSS Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Con Bunde:

I'm writing this letter in support of House Concurrent Resolution 19, which will be discussed by the House HFSS Committee on April 30th. I would like to support the resolution that you are currently sponsoring, recognizing the Alaska Council of Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Blind, as a statewide organization.

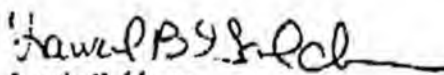
As a service provider for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind population here in Alaska, I have hands on experience with these disabilities and have a good understanding of the significance of having centralized representation. Alaska has such a large expanse that services sometimes become fragmented in their delivery to those most in need of services. The Council will not only provide information on vital issues, but will also represent a voice of the communities for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf blind citizens of our state.

The Council is not asking for financial support from the state government. The Council is only asking for the Alaska State Legislature to give recognition to the Council as a centralized information and service referral center for issues affecting the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf blind Alaskans.

As a concerned citizen of Alaska, I hope you will give this resolution serious consideration and adopt this resolution during this legislative session.

Thank you for your support

Sincerely,



Laurie Goldman
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THE ALASKA COUNCIL OF DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF/BLIND

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February 3, 1997

Representative Con Bunde
716 West 4th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501-2133

Re: Legislative recognition for the establishment of the Alaska Council of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind (ACDHHDB).

Dear Representative Bunde:

On December 19, 1996 we met with your legislative aid, Dan Saddler. At that time we were to meet with you but Mr. Saddler stated you had a conflict and could not be present. We would like to thank Mr. Saddler for taking the time to meet with us. Mr. Saddler asked us to write a letter to you outlining our issues and why we are requesting your support and assistance.

The ACDHHDB has been operating unofficially for over two years on a statewide basis. We have come together because we would like to assist any organization statewide in developing and or defining services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Alaskans. Over the years, many policies and procedures for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind have been developed without any statewide input from professionals and or consumers. This has resulted in fragmented and uncoordinated services for these disability groups. The uniqueness of these populations are often not understood, and the professional skills required to meet these populations are often not adequate.

Of the three disability groups identified above Deaf and Deaf Blind people constitute a linguistic and cultural minority distinct from the mainstream linguistic and cultural population. Deaf have a unique language that is actually considered a foreign language requirement with some universities. Many organizations referred to hearing loss as a Hearing Impairment. With this in mind much research has been done to document that the number one disability group in America today is Hearing Impairments. However it is one of the most misunderstood disability groups and one of the least served.

Resources for these disability groups are limited and fragmented. Qualified professionals capable of serving these disability groups are rare and/or underfunded. Standards of performance do not exist for most providers attempting to serve these disability groups within the human service delivery system. Deaf and or Hard of Hearing trained Professionals are rarely hired to

serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers. A large percentage of Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers experience drug and alcohol problems and services to address this are marginal and or incorrect. Natives who experience these disabilities in rural Alaska receive little to no services and/or have no idea where to go. Professionals in the rural community are not familiar with the services needed to address these disability groups. Persons experiencing a hearing loss is the fastest growing group of persons experiencing disability and they receive minimum services. Because of all these concerns the ACDHHDB was unfocally developed. Many professionals from an assortment of agencies have attended this Council. Representatives from non profit organizations in Southeast, the Interior, and Southcentral have participated in this group as well as consumers who experience Deafness, Hearing loss, and/or Deaf Blindness. State professionals have participated as well. Many ideas have been discussed and suggestions have been made. One thing for sure many members/participants know that legislative funding for services is next to impossible. That is why we want to seek out our own funding through grants, fund raisers, and donations.

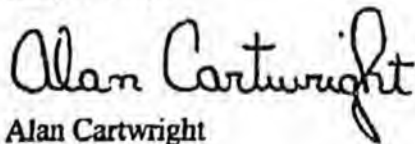
Ideas that have been discussed and will be pursued to improve services are similar in other states. We have identified at least 40 states that have recognized councils/commissions/taskforces and some are funded through their state governments. These are just some ideas that need to be addressed if and when we are given legislative recognition:

1. Deaf people who use American Sign Language (ASL) be recognized as a cultural minority with the same privileges, rights, authorities and responsibilities as other cultural and linguistic minorities.
2. Agencies statewide be encouraged to hire competent and qualified professionals serving Deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind. Also, agencies will be encourage to hire people with disabilities who have the necessary qualifications.
3. Services for Alcohol and Drug treatment outpatient and inpatient programs be improved along with the employment of qualified professionals skilled in ASL.
4. The formal establishment of a "Information and Referral" center staffed by qualified professionals skilled in deafness, hard of hearing, and deaf blind.
5. Support be given for the development of standards of care for professional service providers serving deaf, hard of hearing , and deaf blind clientele. Areas of competence for which standards must be developed include: socio-cultural aspects of deafness, American Sign Language fluency and competency, rehabilitation services, ASL interpreting, deaf education, residential services, alcohol and substance abuse, crisis intervention, knowledge of community resources, confidentiality and ethical behavior, continuing professional training and development of hearing loss prevention.

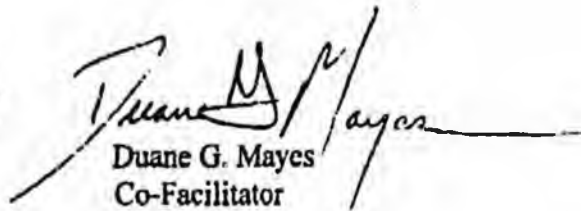
6. Establish a formal licencing procedure through the Division of Occupational Licencing for providers of professional services to deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind people in the following areas: Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, General Counseling, Academic Counseling, Family Therapy, Vocational Rehabilitation and ASL interpreting.

We believe that most of the above can be accomplished through the establishment of the ACDHHDB. We believe it can be done without funding from legislation. However it cannot be done unless the Alaska Legislation gives us the formal recognition we need to work with the variety of agencies statewide. Many members/participants have been and are willing to continue with this cause at their own personal expense because it is long over due. Too much suffering and oppression has occurred and it is time to put a stop to it.

Respectfully:



Alan Cartwright
Co-Facilitator
Center for Deaf Adults



Duane G. Mayes
Co-Facilitator

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HESS Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Keith Wann
AKRID Secretary

INTERPRETOR REFERRAL LINE

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Alan Slagle
(SISTER, MOTHER ARE DEAF.)

Alan Slagle

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337-5299 (TTY)

Deann Thorn

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Elizabeth Yager

337-3024 (TTY)

Elizabeth Yager

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Michael DeLucino
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344-9038 (TDD)

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Thank you for your support.

Mary R. Bartels
1711 Lore Rd #214
Anch. Ak. 99507
344-6324

Mary Bartels

March 4, 1997
2921 Hogan Bay Circle
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

Senator Con Bunde, Chair
HESS Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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I have a Masters Degree in Deaf Education and have worked in the field in Alaska since 1980. Throughout the years I have seen the great need for a collaborative effort and a state-wide advisory panel. The needs are great. We have not nearly approximated addressing the needs of individuals with these disabilities. An advisory council can begin work on the myriad of issues that face our state concerning the citizens in these three disability groups.

This council is of no expense to the state government being that agencies serving these individuals share the costs to operate the council. Thank you for working toward prompt adoption of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Anna Mayra
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Thank you for your support.

Jacqui Harris

*Interpreter for the Deaf
Anchorage School Dist.*

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Lynne
FYI

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Raguel Bowen

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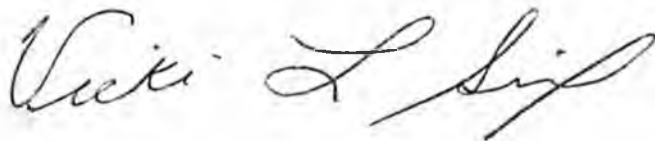
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Robert L. Six
Vicki L. Six
Box 52184
Big Lake, AK

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Big Lake, AK 99652

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Linda Suter
Linda Suter
Interpreter Referral Specialist
AK. Center for Blind and Deaf Adults
731 Gambell, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK. 99501-3754
(907) 277-3323

February 26, 1997

Representative Con Bunde, Chair
H.E.S.S. Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Con Bunde,

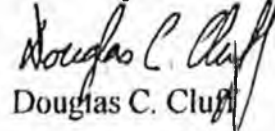
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Sincerely,


Douglas C. Cluff

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Julie A. Dwan

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Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Merrill F. Holloway". The signature is written in dark ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal flourish at the end.



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February 27, 1997

Senator Gary Wilkins, Chair
HESS Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Representative Con Bonde, Chair
HESS Committee

Dear Senator Wilkins and Representative Bonde,

We want to express our deep appreciation and support for the resolution which we discussed with you during our visits in Juneau on February 12th, 1997. This resolution will establish the recognition of the Alaska Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf/Blind Council, (ADC) as a statewide advisory council which will function to coordinate services and identify needs and funding at the national level.

This council is of great importance to individuals who are Deaf, Deaf/Blind or Hard of Hearing since it will represent the one voice of a community of diverse individuals and professionals who are most familiar with and qualified to provide vital services and information concerning issues about our population. The state will bear no expense as the agencies involved in these services already share the cost of operating this council. Too often decisions and policies regarding services for Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing people are made by administrators and state employees who have little knowledge or training in this very specific field. We as concerned citizens living in the state of Alaska urge your support and prompt development of this resolution. We will be more than eager to assist you in any way we can to facilitate this process.

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Daniel A. LaBrosse, Executive Director

And others concerned with the welfare of all Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing people in Alaska:

Magdalena H. Mator
Jose L. Silva
Mary Cecelia Davis
Victor Martin
Eugene Edwin

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Stephen J. Cannon
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Richard K. Crawford
Richard K. Crawford
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"THE JAMMER" OWNER
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Kathy Allen

KATHY ALLEN
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Anchorage AK
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"The Jammer" Electronics for Hearing Loss
Sales Representative
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Karen S. Willa
INTERPRETER/TUTOR

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ALTERNATIVE CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM
2650 E. NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD.
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508-4170

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Steve Fisher

1350 W. 72nd circle

Anch, Ak 99518

344-5094 (TDD)

Civilian Employee

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(11) Susan Motylinski
1350 W. 72nd Cir.
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Deaf. Education Teacher

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Anissa Haywood
Teacher - 4th, 5th, 6th grade
Alaska State School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
4420 E. 20th St.
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337-2525

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Angela Morgan
Teacher of HOH

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Shermain E. Clatt

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Shari Maser

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Teacher Assistant for the Deaf

Clark Middle School

Anchorage

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Daisy Cartwright

(I am Deaf.)

School Counselor

AK School for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students

2220 Nichols St.

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Barbara Penrose

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Robert D. Cantwell, Teacher of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children
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Robert D. Cantwell, M.Ed.
Alaska Early Intervention Hearing Resource

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Karen G. Hunt (Parent of Deaf child)
P.O. Box 100791
Anchorage, AK 99510-0791

Rep. Con Bunde, Chair
HESS Committee
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