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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL VERSION: SCR 1  
PUBLISH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency  
Title: Proposing amendments to the Uniform BRU: Legislative Council  
Rules...relating to certain committee meetings held outside.....  
Sponsor: Senator Duncan Component: Session Expenses  
Requestor: Senate Judiciary

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
CONTRACTUAL	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SCR 1 amends the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature. It requires that each standing committee hold a meeting at a location outside the Capital between the 61st and 70th day of a regular session. There are 18 standing committees.

This fiscal note assumes

- (1) Only Legislators who are members of a standing committee would travel to the meeting.

(see next page)

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CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE: SCR 1

- (2) One staff person would travel to each committee meeting.
- (3) Meeting schedules would be coordinated as much as possible to minimize travel costs.  
For example: If four committee meetings were scheduled in Anchorage, the meetings would be scheduled within a two day period. This would require only one trip to Anchorage per Legislator for four meetings instead of four individual trips.
- (4) Meeting places would be provided by Legislative Information Offices where available. If Legislative space is not large enough to accomodate a standing committee meeting, local communities will provide space.

Travel costs for 18 standing committees to conduct one meeting per committee in locations other than Juneau would be \$85,000. Travel costs are based on coach airfare to various locations around the state and federal per diem rates. Legislators attending meetings in their place of permanent residence would not receive the federal per diem rate.

Travel costs could be as high as \$108,026 if meetings could not be coordinated due to conflicts. If committees decided to have more than one meeting, the costs could be substantially higher.

Contractual

Advertising to announce committee meeting.

18 meetings X \$750/meeting

13.5

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

## First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/13/97

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/23/97  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 1/29/97

Judiciary Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to certain committee meetings held outside of the state capital and to recess of the legislature during the period the meetings are held; 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 title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
Mike Miller	✓	True Justice			✓
J. Ellis	✓				
		Alan Starnell	✓		
CHAIR: <i>Christ Taylor</i>		CHAIR:			

AM, not necessary uniform rules already all

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	1/29		X

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*Include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill



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**SPONSOR STATEMENT**

**SCR 1**

**Requiring Legislative Committee Hearings to be Held Outside the State Capital during the 61st to 70th day of the Legislative Session.**

SCR 1 requires that formal committee hearings be held in locations outside the state capital during the period beginning with the 61st day of each regular session up to and including the 70th day.

Allowing the Legislature to hold hearings in other parts of the state during the session will improve access to the Legislature.

A change to Uniform Rule 52 will require that before the 40th day of the session, each body consider the question of concurring in a recess in excess of three days for the purpose of holding committee meetings outside the state capital between the 61st and 70th day.

Uniform Rule 23A (new) will require these hearings at other locations within the state and that notice of such meetings be provided by the 50th day of the legislative session.

Committee members must actually be present physically to vote to report legislation out of committee, although members can attend by teleconference.

This resolution has the support of those who seek to make state government more accessible to its constituents.

It will take effect upon the convening of the Second Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature in January 1998.

1/28/97



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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 15, 1997

**TO:** Senator Robin Taylor, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Senator Jim Duncan  
Minority Leader

**SUBJECT:** Hearing on SCR 1

I urge you to schedule a hearing on SCR 1, which proposes amendments to the Uniform Rules to allow the legislature to recess during the session to hold hearings outside of Juneau.

Allowing the legislature to hold hearings in other parts of the state during the legislative session will improve access to the legislature. The resolution has the support of those who seek to make state government more accessible to its constituents.

I am attaching SCR 1, which you will find to be self-explanatory.

Attachment