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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB's 103, 106, 107

The proposed package of bills enacts a major cleanup of nearly 30 inactive accounts from State Statutes. The legislation clearly reflects the mission of bringing about a "smaller, smarter" government through careful scrutiny of inefficient and unnecessary administrative functions.

During the past year, investigation by Representative Martin, the past Chairman of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, revealed that a large number of special accounts, established through the legislative process over the last thirty years, have been completely inactive since their creation.

Prior to introducing these bills, Representative Therriault and Representative Martin contacted the agencies responsible for the funds to insure their deletion would not be problematic. Without exception, the departments supported the elimination of the inactive accounts contained in these bills. In fact, it was discovered that in some cases, the departments were unaware of the accounts' existence.

A cooperative effort continued with the Administration, specifically the Office of Management and Budget, to develop a package of bills to repeal the non-operative statutes from the accounting process. In some cases, legislation does not actually repeal statutes, but rather changes the language to read "Program" rather than "Fund", in order to retain the integrity of the program without maintaining a separate account.

This package of bills does not impede the intent of or appropriation to any existing program, but rather is a series of housekeeping measures designed to save the State from unnecessary administrative expense.

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BILL SUMMARIES
HB's 103, 106, 107, 108

HB 103

"An Act repealing certain state funds and accounts and boards and programs related to those funds and accounts. . ."

Simple repeals of the following inactive accounts: Alaska Amateur Sports Fund; Cooperative Arrangement Grant Fund; Bilingual-Bicultural Education Fund; Alaska Student Leadership Development Fund; Alaska School Counseling Program Grant Fund; University Risk Management Fund; Community College Fund; Community Health Aide Grant Account; Veterans Service Fund; Alaska Municipal Land Account; Federal Transitional Grants Accounts; Mineral Resource Revolving Fund; Outdoor Recreational, Open Space, and Historic Properties Development Fund; Neighborhood Revitalization and Development Fund; Legal Assistance and Juvenile Justice Grant Fund; Fisheries Product Revolving Loan Guarantee Fund; Forest Products Business Loan Guarantee Fund; Community Action Against Substance Abuse Grant Fund; Alaska Longevity Bonus Fund; Self-Sufficiency Trust Fund; Alaska Pioneers' Home Trust Fund; Older Alaskans Service Programs Account; Community Schools Grant Fund; Handicap & Mental Illness Charitable Account; and Search and Rescue Fund.

HB 106

"An Act relating to the municipal assistance program and organization grant program..."

Although these programs remain operative, the municipal assistance and organization grant funds are inactive and empty. Legislation would clear the "fund"(s) from statutes, and refer only to the "program"(s).

HB 107

"An Act relating to water quality enhancement and water supply, waste water, and solid waste systems grants . . ."

This legislation removes from Statutes the Water Quality Enhancement and Water Supply, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems Fund. The fund is empty and is not used in making appropriations to the program.

HB 108

"An Act relating to the crime victim compensation program. . ."

The crime victim compensation program does not receive allocations from the fund established by statute. The inactive account is cleared by changing reference from "fund" to "program".

HB's 102 - 108
Inactive Funds and Accounts
 (Listed by Bill #)

Bill #	Agency	Fund/Account	Cite	Balance	Notes
HB 103	DCED	Alaska Amateur Sports Fund	05.35.150	\$0	
HB 103	DOE	Cooperative Arrangement Grant Fund	14.14.115(b)	\$0	
HB 103	DOE	Bilingual-Bicultural Education Fund	14.30.410(a)	\$0	
HB 103	DOE	Alaska Student Leadership Development Fund	14.30.510	\$0	
HB 103	DOE	Alaska School Counseling Program Grant Fund	14.30.750	\$0	
HB 103	UA	University Risk Management Fund	14.40.455	\$0	
HB 103	UA	Community College Fund	14.40.610(a)	\$0	
HB 103	DHSS	Community Health Aide Grant Account	18.28.030	\$0	
HB 103	DMVA	Veterans Service Fund	26.10.020	\$0	
HB 103	DNR	Alaska Municipal Land Account	29.65.080	\$0	
HB 103	DOA	Federal Transitional Grants Account	37.20.020	\$0	
HB 103	DNR	Mineral Resource Revolving Fund	41.98.015	\$0	
HB 103	DNR	Outdoor Recreation, Open Space, and Historic Properties Dev. Fund	41.98.170	\$0	
HB 103	DCED	Neighborhood Revitalization and Development Fund	44.33.436	\$0	
HB 103	DCRA	Legal Assistance and Juvenile Justice Grant Fund	44.47.200	\$0	
HB 103	DOR	Fishery Product Revolving Loan Guarantee Fund	45.92.010	\$0	
HB 103	DOR	Forest Products Business Loan Guarantee Fund	45.94.010	\$0	
HB 103	HSS	Community Action Against Substance Abuse Grant Fund	47.37.045	\$0	
HB 103	DOA	Alaska Longevity Bonus Fund	47.45.090	\$0	
HB 103	DHSS	Self-Sufficiency Trust Fund	47.80.200	\$0	
HB 103	DOA	Alaska Pioneers' Home Trust Fund	47.55.060	\$0	
HB 103	DOA	Older Alaskans Service Programs Account	47.65.010	\$0	
HB 103	DOE	Community Schools Grant Fund	14.36.020	\$0	
HB 103	DHSS	Handicap & Mental Illness Charitable Account	47.80.240(a)	\$0	
HB 103	DPS	Search and Rescue Fund	19.60.145	\$0	
HB 106	DCRA	Organization Grant Fund	29.05.200(a)	\$0	
HB 106	DCRA	Municipal Assistance Fund	29.60.350	\$0	
HB 107	DEC	Water Supply, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems Fund	46.03.030(c)	\$0	
HB 108	DPS	Crime Victims Compensation Fund	43.23.028(b)	\$0	

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HB 103
Repealing Funds and Accounts

Sectional Analysis

Section 1

Section 1 amends AS 14.36.020, which establishes a separate **Community Schools Grant Fund** within the General Fund. The fund is currently empty and inactive. The Department of Education concurred that the account is unnecessary. As provided under Section 13 of the proposed legislation, any moneys received by the State intended for Community School Grants would be deposited into the General Fund.

Section 2

Eliminates from Statutes reference to the **Veterans Service Fund**, created as a separate account in the Treasury by AS 26.10.020. The Statute creating the account is repealed in Section 12 of the proposed legislation. As provided in Section 13, on or after the enactment of this legislation, any moneys received by the State for the dedicated purposes of Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be deposited into the General Fund and "used in accordance with the donor's instructions" (AS 26.10.030). According to the Department, the account is inactive and can be deleted.

Section 3

Amends AS 28.10.421(f) to eliminate reference to the **Alaska Amateur Sports Fund**, as created by AS 05.35.150. The Statute which establishes the separate account within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development is repealed in Section 12. The account is inactive and empty and the Department recommends deletion.

Sections 4 & 5

Eliminates language which refers to the **Alaska Municipal Land Account**, established as a separate account in the General Fund under AS 29.65.080. The statute creating the account is repealed in Section 12 of the legislation. Again, the account not only is inactive and empty, but has never been activated since its creation (17 ch. 74 SLA 1985).

Section 6

Eliminates reference to the **Federal Transitional Grants Account**, established under AS 37.20.020. This special account in the General Fund is empty and inactive and according to the Department of Administration, can be eliminated. The Statute establishing the account is repealed in Section 12 of the proposed legislation.

Section 7

The amendments to AS 47.45.110 eliminate reference to the **Alaska Longevity Bonus Fund**, created under AS 47.45.090. The statute is repealed in Section 12, as well as other references to the Fund. The account is currently inactive and empty and can be deleted without any effect to the Program.

Section 8

Amends AS 47.55.060, which designates a special fund called **The Alaska Pioneers' Home Trust Fund**. It was established to be used by the Department of Administration as a repository for funds bequeathed to the Pioneers' Home. The Fund is empty and inactive and the Department suggests we clear the account from Statutes. Section 13 provides that any subsequent donations be deposited into the General Fund and then appropriated to the Department for the Pioneers' Home in accordance with the donors' instructions.

Section 9

Amends AS 47.65.010 to remove reference to the "account" reserved for the **Older Alaskans Program Service Programs**. Appropriations for the Program are currently made directly from the General Fund by the Legislature and distributed by the Alaska Commission on Aging.

Sections 10 & 11

Amends AS 47.65.020, and 47.65.030(a) to remove reference to the account established in 47.65.010 (Section 9).

Section 12

Contains straight Repeals of Statutes which establish, or make reference to, the following inactive, empty accounts: Cooperative Arrangement Grant Fund (DOE); Bilingual-Bicultural Education Fund (DOE); Alaska Student Leadership Development Fund (DOE); Alaska School Counseling Program Grant Fund (DOE); Community College Fund of University of Alaska (UA); University of Alaska Risk Management Fund (UA); Community Health Aide Grant Account (DHSS); Mineral Resource Revolving Fund (DNR); Outdoor Recreation, Open Space and Historical Property Development Fund (DNR); Neighborhood Revitalization and Development Fund (DCED); Community Legal Assistance Grant Fund (DCRA); Fishery Production Revolving Loan Guarantee Fund (DOR); Forest Product Business Loan Guarantee Fund (DOR); Community Action Against Substance Abuse Grant Fund (DHSS); Self Sufficiency Trust Fund (DHSS); Search and Rescue Fund (DPS); and Handicap & Mental Illness Charitable Account (DHSS).

Section 13

The final section in the Bill pertains to all of the accounts eliminated through the proposed repeal of statutes. Section 13 directs any moneys accruing to a fund or account repealed by this act to be deposited into the General Fund.

If moneys accrue to a dedicated fund, trust fund, or account of a dedicated fund or trust fund that is repealed by this Act, they shall be subject to disposition in accordance with the dedication or the terms of the trust.

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title Repealing Funds and Accounts BRU _____
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Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES []						
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FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
 This bill eliminates several inactive accounts and funds, which are no longer needed. There is no fiscal impact on the departments.

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