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Sponsor Statement
for
Senate Bill 177
An Act relating to the International Trade and Business
Endowment

This legislation establishes an International Trade and Business Endowment in the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. The principal and income of the endowment will be invested by the Permanent Fund Corporation, and net income from the endowment will be held in a separate account, subject to appropriation by the legislature.

The intended purpose of the endowment income is to cover a portion of the state's annual expenditure on international trade promotion. In the Senate version of the FY98 budget, it is envisioned that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Trade and Tourism's international trade staff and offices and the World Trade Center will receive support from the endowment income.

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April 21, 1997

The Honorable Drue Pearce, Co-chair
The Honorable Bert Sharp, Co-chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capital
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Dear Senator Pearce and Senator Sharp:

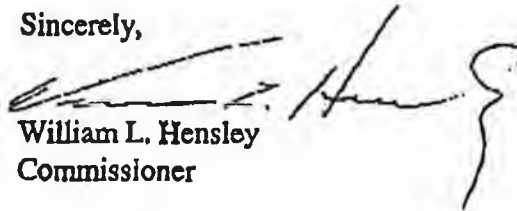
I am writing to voice our strong support of Senate Bill 177, which would use the current Alaska Center for International Business endowment to support a consolidated and more focused trade effort.

This bill will go a long way in giving the state the overall structure it needs to help Alaskans competing in the global marketplace. Currently, many talented individuals and well-run organizations work daily to assist Alaskans businesses and communities interested in attracting foreign investors or marketing their products and services abroad. Unfortunately, these efforts are not as coordinated or cost-effective as they might be, due to fractured lines of authority and split funding.

This bill puts a priority on coordination. Research now performed at the University of Alaska will be directly tied to trade initiatives undertaken by the state. It will be focused to meet the needs of exporters. By directing grants to the World Trade Center Alaska through my department, this bill will make sure this vitally important membership organization remains a healthy and key player in providing trade services to its private sector members. Finally, by keeping my department's trade specialists and overseas offices fully funded, this bill makes sure we maintain our longstanding links with key trading partners in Asia, the Russian Far East and elsewhere.

This is a good and important bill. I urge the Senate Finance Committee to support this bill.

Sincerely,



William L. Hensley
Commissioner

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April 21, 1997

Senator Druce Pearce
Room 518 State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Pearce:

ASTF has no objections to administering the transferred UA endowment funds to support trade and export activities beneficial to the state.

I have had conversations with the Permanent Fund about implementing draft bill SB 177. Basically the Permanent Fund would create a separate endowment fund whose earnings would be separated from the ASTF endowment and earnings reserve. The legislature would make an annual appropriations from those earnings on that separate endowment and ASTF would transfer funds on a quarterly or otherwise periodic basis in response to the request from the agency or organization with appropriation authority. It would be clear that the agency receiving these funds, not ASTF, has the responsibility for their proper expenditure.

This process would be consistent with ASTF administering legislative appropriated funds for other organizations with the only difference being the Permanent Fund maintaining a separate endowment for these activities.

If there are any questions on this please contact me.

Sincerely,

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endowment; and providing for an effective date. Component: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 Sponsor: Finance
 Requestor: (S) RLS COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 109

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	17.5	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.9	20.7
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	17.5	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.9	20.7

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-Corporate Receipts	17.5	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.9	20.7
TOTAL	17.5	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.9	20.7

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB177 provides for the management of the assets of the International Trade & Business Endowment by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC). The APFC would hold and invest the principal & income of the Endowment and provide audited annual reports. All earnings of the Endowment are available for distribution each year. Please note: This differs from the permanent fund dividend payout which is based on 21% of five years' income. The Endowment will pay the corporation a management fee to cover the costs of managing these assets.

The projected costs above are calculated based on a 3-4% inflation rate and a fund value of \$5 million. The management fee represents a pro-rata share of the APFC operating expenses which includes investment manager & custody fees and administrative costs for accounting, reporting, communications and other support.

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 and business endowment... Component: Trade and Development
 Sponsor: Senate Finance
 Requestor: Senate Finance COMPONENT SERIAL 2056

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						
CHANGE IN REVENUES	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 97) cost: \$ _____

POSITIONS						
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 This fiscal note assumes that the International Trade and Business Endowment will be capitalized with a \$4,950.0 reappropriation (SCS CS HB 75(FIN), Section 33). Using the Permanent Fund Corporation's projected FY 98 rate of return of 7.15%, the endowment will produce an annual income of approximately \$350.0. No expenditure information is included in this fiscal note since it is already incorporated in SCS CS HB 75(FIN).

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