

HB

71

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Halcro, Co-Chair
Rep. Harris, Co-Chair
House Committee on Community & Regional Affairs

From: Rep. Richard Foster

Re: Bill Scheduling

Date: February 3, 1999

I would respectfully request that the House Committee on Community & Regional Affairs schedule HB 71 for a committee hearing.

I understand that some concern has been expressed about the breadth of the title. I have no objections to the title being made more restrictive.

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House Bill 71

"An Act relating to regional housing authorities."

Sponsors Statement

House Bill 71 makes a technical change in AS 18.55.996, changing the name of the association given authority to appoint the Board of Commissioners for the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority.

Kawerak Inc. is the legal successor to the Bering Straits Native Association which is granted this authority under AS 18.55.996(a)(2)

The request for this legislation came from Kawerak Inc. and a letter of non-objection was received from the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority. Both letters are available for review.

Line 7 contains the only language change in the Bill.



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December 23, 1998

Representative Richard Foster
 Alaska House of Representatives
 State Capitol, Room 410
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Amendment to AS 18.55.996 regarding Regional Native Housing
 Authorities

Dear Representative Foster:

Kawerak seeks your help in obtaining a housekeeping amendment to the state law governing Native Housing Authorities. As you may know, Kawerak in its guise as the "Bering Straits Native Association" appoints the Board of Commissioners of the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority. This is because AS 18.55.996 names the "Bering Straits Association" as the appointing authority.

We request an amendment to 18.55.996(a)(2) substituting "Kawerak, Inc." for "Bering Straits Association."

Although you probably know the history better than I, by way of background AS 18.55.996 was enacted in 1971. It established the regional housing authorities "in association with" the various regional Native non-profit associations which existed at the time. The Bering Straits Association was the pre-ANCSA Native rights organization for this region. It changed its name to the "Bering Straits Native Association" (BSNA) sometime in 1971.

When Kawerak was incorporated in 1973 it took over the finances and all assets of BSNA, but no action was taken to formally dissolve BSNA. Since then, Kawerak and BSNA have always had the same board of directors. For many years BSNA's only function has been to appoint the BSRHA commissioners. When this duty is required, the Kawerak board adjourns its

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meeting and reconvenes as BSNA. Because BSNA is not incorporated it is not clear it even exists in any meaningful sense other than as an alternative name for Kawerak's board. It's an anachronism kept alive solely because of AS 18.15.996. Kawerak has been the de facto successor in interest to BSNA for many years.

At its December meeting, the Kawerak Board of Directors decided to clean shop by abolishing certain organizational remnants which no longer serve a purpose. They wish to dissolve BSNA, and would prefer that AS 18.55.996 be amended to name Kawerak.

We view this as purely an in-region housekeeping matter which would not change anything substantive about the housing authority or its relationship to Kawerak. If there is some bigger picture concern with AS 18.55.996, please let us know. You or your staff may call Loretta Bullard or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance, and good luck with the coming legislative session.

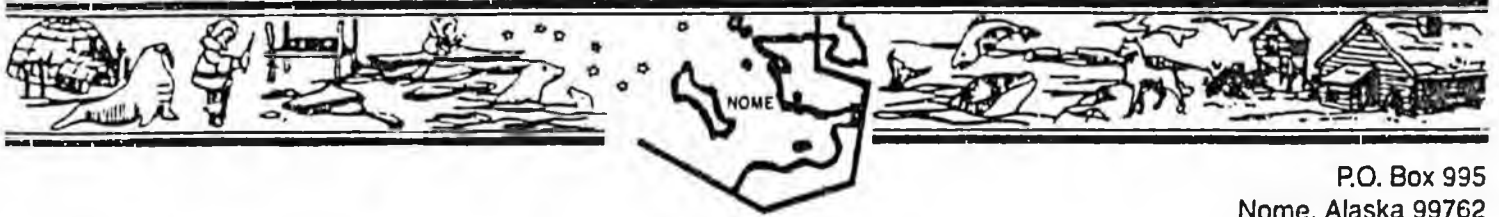
Sincerely,

KAWERAK, INC.



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cc Richard Foster at Nome address
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority



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BERING STRAITS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

January 5, 1999

Representative Richard Foster
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State Capitol, Room 410
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Amendment to AS 18.55.996. Regarding Regional Housing Authorities

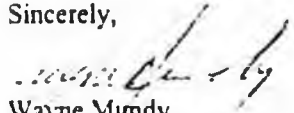
Dear Representative Foster:

You should have in your possession a letter dated December 23, 1998 from Kawerak, Inc. on the reference topic. The proposed amendment to AS 18.55.996 is to change the verbiage from the "Bering Straits Native Association" to "Kawerak, Inc." as they are the legal successor to the Bering Straits Native Association".

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority supports this technical change. Such a change will not adversely impact the Authority or the Region as a whole.

If you have any questions regarding our support of this request, please call me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,


Wayne Mundy
Executive Director

c: Bruce Baltar, Attorney, Kawerak, Inc.
Loretta Bullard, CEO, Kawerak, Inc.
Association of Alaska Housing Authorities.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing Kawerak, Inc., as the regional housing authority for the area
2 that includes the Seward Peninsula, Unalakleet, and St. Lawrence Island."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 18.55.996(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The following associations are given the authority specified in (b) of this
6 section:

7 (1) Arctic Slope Native Association (Barrow and Point Hope);

8 (2) Kawerak, Inc. [BERING STRAITS ASSOCIATION] (Seward
9 Peninsula, Unalakleet, St. Lawrence Island);

10 (3) Northwest Alaska Native Association (Kotzebue);

11 (4) Association of Village Council Presidents (southwest coast of
12 Alaska including all villages in the Bethel area and all villages on the Lower Yukon
13 River and Lower Kuskokwim River);

14 (5) Tanana Chiefs Conference (Koyukuk, the middle and upper Yukon

- 1 River villages and the upper Kuskokwim and Tanana River villages);
- 2 (6) Cook Inlet Tribal Council (Kenai, Tyonek, Eklutna and Seldovia);
- 3 (7) Bristol Bay Native Association (Dillingham, Upper Alaska
- 4 Peninsula);
- 5 (8) Aleut League (Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands and that part of the
- 6 Alaska Peninsula that is in the Aleut League);
- 7 (9) North Pacific Rim Native Corp. (Cordova, Tatitlek, Port Graham,
- 8 English Bay, Valdez, Seward, Eyak and Chenega);
- 9 (10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council or Alaska Native Brotherhood
- 10 (Southeastern Alaska);
- 11 (11) Kodiak Area Native Association (all villages on and around
- 12 Kodiak Island);
- 13 (12) Copper River Native Association (Copper Center, Glennallen,
- 14 Chitina and Mentasta);
- 15 (13) Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc.;
- 16 (14) Sitka Community Association (Baranof and Japonski Island);
- 17 (15) Metlakatla Indian Community (Metlakatla).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 71

Revision Date: 2/11/99
Title: An Act Relative to Regional Housing Authorities
Sponsor: Foster
Requester: CRA

Dept. Affected _____
BRU _____
Component _____
Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues		(Thousands of Dollars)				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: _____

POSITIONS						
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No Fiscal Impact

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