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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: May 14, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/15/99

The FINANCE Committee considered:

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

LONG-TERM CARE TASK FORCE OF 1999

Creating the Long Term Care Task Force of 1999.

recommends it be replaced the same title
with the following committee substitute _____ a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____

fiscal note(s) _____

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zero fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Car Beube</i>	✓			
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<i>Carl E. Fosse</i>			X	

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Car Beube Vic Hoover*

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. _____
BILL VER. No. 1
PUBLISHED Bill Version: SCR 8
(S) Publish Date: 4-21-99

Revision Date: _____
Title: "Creating the Long-Term Care
Task Force."

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council

Sponsor: Senator Wilken
Requestor: Senator Wilken

Component: Council & Subcommittees

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	11.7	6.0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	4.0	2.0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	15.7	8.0	0	0	0	0

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	15.7	8.0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
TOTAL	15.7	8.0	0	0	0	0

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 8 establishes a nine member Long-Term Care Task Force consisting of three members of the House, three members of the Senate, and three public members. The task force will review the recommendations of the 1998 Long-Term Care Task Force and prepare a plan for establishment of an actuarially sound system of long-term care and proposed funding options. Senator Wilken has proposed a reappropriation amendment which would make funds from the previous task force available to this task force. If the amendment passes, funds from this fiscal note will not be needed.

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CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE: SCR

SCR #1

Travel

Travel costs for public members and the legislative members of the Long-Term Care Task Force are included in this fiscal note. Travel for non voting members from the Executive Branch will be paid for by the Executive Branch.

The Long-Term Care Task Force is expected to meet twice in FY00 and once in FY01. All other meetings will be conducted by teleconference.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, the public members of the task force are assumed to be 1 from Fairbanks, 1 from Anchorage and 1 from Ketchikan. The Legislators are assumed to be 1 from Anchorage, 1 from Fairbanks, and 1 from Juneau. Three days of per diem are calculated for each meeting.

	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Travel</u>	
<u>1 Anchorage Meeting</u>			
Anchorage - 1 public member/1 Legislator	-	-	
Fairbanks - 1 public member/1 Legislator	1,344	1,604	
Ketchikan - 1 public member	672	618	
Juneau - 1 Legislator/1 staff	1,344	932	
<u>1 Juneau Meeting</u>			
Anchorage - 1 public member/1 Legislator	1,038	932	
Fairbanks - 1 public member/1 Legislator	1,038	1,348	
Ketchikan - 1 public member	519	274	
Juneau - 1 Legislator	-	-	
			TOTAL
Total FY00 Travel	5,955	5,708	11,663
Total FY01 Travel	3,000	2,500	5,500
<u>Contractual</u>			
	Phones 110/month	Postage 60/month	Advertising 1,000/mtg
			TOTAL
FY00	1,320	720	2,000
FY01	600	300	1,000

Teleconference charges and expenses for printing will be absorbed by the Legislative Affairs Agency.

GARY WILKEN

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Sponsor Statement

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8

"Creating the Long-Term Task Force of 1999"

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 establishes a nine-member Long-Term Care Task Force of 1999 to provide a focal point for further discussion and action concerning the needs of Alaskans for equitable and affordable long-term care options. This new task force will be in a position to provide leadership and guidance to ensure careful consideration of the 1998 Long-Term Care Force's suggestions and recommendations.

The work of the 1998 task force was only the first step in meeting the ultimate goal of developing a suitable and equitable plan for providing access to long-term care for all Alaskans. Additional work needs to be done, including further analysis of current long-term care options and further exploration of new options.

The creation of a new Long-Term Care Task Force will provide an opportunity for a formally recognized group of legislators, state officials, and interested public members to continue the review and monitoring of long-term care in Alaska. I urge your support for SCR 8.

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April 16, 1999

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LTC **TASK FORCE**
Long-Term Care Task Force



FINAL REPORT
January 1999

Representative Con Bunde, Co-chairman
Senator Gary Wilken, Co-chairman

State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

CREATION OF A NEW TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION

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The Task Force requests the Senate and House Health, Education and Social Services Committees, in consultation with the legislative leadership, strongly consider the creation of a new task force to continue the review and monitoring of long-term care in Alaska.

“Oversight by a group of legislators, state officials, and the public interested in long-term health care is important.”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 created the Long-Term Care Task Force, but also terminated the task force upon the convening of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature, January 19, 1999.

As acknowledged throughout this report, the study and review conducted by this Task Force is only the first step in meeting its ultimate goal in developing a suitable and equitable plan for providing access to long-term care for all Alaskans. Additional work needs to be done; current long-term care options must be further analyzed and new options explored.

The Task Force recognizes that oversight by a group of legislators, state officials, and the public interested in long-term health care is important. Such a commission, if appointed, would be in a position to monitor the state's long-term care programs as they evolve to meet the needs of all Alaskans. This group would provide the necessary leadership and guidance to ensure success of the Task Force's suggestions and recommendations.

The representatives of the public may include people who are receiving long-term care, have relatives who are receiving long-term care, are from an organization that represents the interests of people in need of long-term care, are health care providers whose services include long-term care, or have had experience with an Alaska Native organization that delivers long-term care services in a rural area of the state.

The Task Force requests the Senate and House Health, Education and Social Services Committees, in consultation with the legislative leadership, strongly consider the creation of a new task force to continue the review and monitoring of long-term care in Alaska.



Alaska Commission on Aging

Resolution 99-1

In support of renewal of the Legislative Long Term Care Taskforce

Whereas the Long Term Care Task Force created by the Twentieth Alaskan Legislature terminated upon convening of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-First Alaska State Legislature on January 19, 1999; and

Whereas the Legislative Long Term Care Task Force Report of January, 1999, concluded that the identification of central issues concerning long-term care, and crafting of 31 recommendations was "only the first step in meeting the ultimate goal in developing a suitable and equitable plan for providing access to long-term care for all Alaskans," and

Whereas the Task Force found that a new oversight group "would be in a position to monitor the state's long term care programs as they evolve to meet the needs of all Alaskans," and that "additional work needs to be done; current long-term care options must be further analyzed and new options explored," and

Whereas the January, 1999 Legislative Long Term Care Task Force Report effectively introduces, summarizes and links together many of the issues central to appropriate and cost-effective long-term care in Alaska, and identifies necessary research, analysis, public education, and service development now needed across the public and private sector to shape a coherent and comprehensive approach to the state's involvement in long-term care,

Now therefore the Alaska Commission on Aging strongly encourages the Twenty-First Alaska Legislature to create a standing Legislative Long-Term Care Task Force.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 1999.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alaire E. Stanton".

Alaire Stanton
Chair

U.S. Department of Justice
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DEA Congressional Testimony

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Before the:

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Regarding:

The California & Arizona Medical Drug Use Initiatives

Location:

Senate Hart Office Building
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Date:

December 2, 1996

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee: I appreciate this opportunity to appear before the Committee today and discuss the issues surrounding the two recently-passed ballot initiatives in California and Arizona which, in essence, legalize the possession of marijuana, and in Arizona, all Schedule I drugs, such as heroin and LSD for medical purposes by "seriously or terminally ill patients." I also wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling this hearing in such a timely manner. Most Americans have not yet grasped the consequences of what happened last month in California and Arizona, and it is critical that Congress provide factual information about these initiatives. It is also critical that Americans understand that these legalization initiatives were not local, grass-roots efforts, but part of a well-orchestrated, well-financed national movement, not for the compassionate medical use of marijuana, but to legalize drugs. These efforts will have a profound impact on our children, as they struggle to grow up against the backdrop of increased drug use among young people.

Today we are faced with more questions than answers as we examine the impact of these initiatives. It is fair to say that both propositions were well-crafted and well-thought out, and their authors fully intended to mask their true agenda in the guise of drug "medicalization," while keeping the medical conditions for