

HB

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HB 177 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to foster parents; relating to the right of foster parents to have notice of, and testify at, delinquency hearings and to the disclosure of minors' records to foster parents; and amending Rules 3, 7, 10, 12, 15, 21, 23, and 25, Alaska Delinquency Rules."

Foster parents often are an inordinately valuable resource to the State of Alaska case workers and judges in respect to the condition and best interests of a foster child in state custody. This bill requires that foster parents be allowed to be present and have a voice at all proceedings dealing with the disposition and treatment of the child.

Because these foster parents live with the child continually, and are often very experienced at dealing with troubled children, most foster parents are an excellent resource for the overworked case workers and the busy judges who must make important decisions concerning children with very little information.

Last year, we introduced HB 456 which gave the right of foster parents to have notice of, and testify at, **child-in-need-of-aid (CINA)** and **delinquency** hearings and to the disclosure of minors' records to foster parents. In addition, HB 375, the Child Protection Bill which predominately focused on CINA proceedings, was introduced. Due to its subject, we were able to incorporate half of HB 456 into HB375.

Now law, HB 375 gives foster parents a right to be heard in CINA court proceedings, but not in delinquency hearings. HB 177 will essentially achieve my original intent and will allow foster parents a voice in court and information without regard to the process in which their foster children are involved.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 177

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Relating to foster parents rights at delinquency
proceedings.
 Sponsor: Rep. Dyson
 Requestor: House (HES)

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 BRU: Youth Corrections
 Component: Probation Services
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2134
 See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING	FY2000	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
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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CHANGES 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 (please specify)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY1999) cost: \$0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department if enacted.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 177

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to foster parents..."

Department Affected: Administration
BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services
Component: Public Defender Agency

Sponsor: Representative Dyson
Requestor: (H)HES

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
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

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Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

This bill has no fiscal impact on the Public Defender Agency.

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