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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/20/00

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Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 289

"An Act relating to transportation of members of the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, and the Alaska State Defense Force by the Alaska marine highway system and the Alaska Railroad; and relating to the Alaska State Defense Force."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:
- same title
 - new title
- House Bill:
- same title
 - technical title
 - new: SCR# _____

| SIGNING DO PASS | DP | OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS | NR | DNP | AM |
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

| Department | Date | Zero | Fiscal |
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| ARCC | 2/5/00 | ✓ | |
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

| Department | Date | Zero | Fiscal |
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| DCED | 2/5/00 | ✓ | |
| DOT & PE | 2/5/00 | ✓ | |
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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

HB 289 "An Act relating to transportation of members of the Alaska National Guard,"
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

This bill would provide free transportation, on a space available basis, aboard Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) vessels to members of the state militia while en route to or from drills, training, or other official activities.

Expenditure Impact

There would be some additional work at AMHS terminals for terminal staff to verify the military orders of those seeking free passage. Since the volume of travel is not anticipated to be that great, this additional workload is assumed not to be significant.

Revenue Impact

State militia travel aboard AMHS vessels currently generates approximately \$5,000 per year. The financial impact, therefore, would be a reduction in revenue of \$5,000 to the AMHS. With free travel, it is possible even more militia members would choose to travel on the ferry system. This could result in some lost revenue opportunities in the future.

Assumptions

1. Free travel is for militia members and vehicles only. This does not include cabins, food, or family member passage.
2. Passage is on a space available basis on the day of travel only. If the passage is through multiple ports, paying passengers/vehicles could "bump" the free passengers/vehicles.
3. Specific procedures for the free passage will be developed and incorporated into the AMHS traffic manual.

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: 2/11/00
Title: Military Transport

Sponsor: Representative John Harris
Requester: (H) Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

Dept. Affected Community & Economic I
BRU _____
Component _____
Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 01 | FY 02 | FY 03 | FY 04 | FY 05 | FY 06 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

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| 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


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|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 289 provides for space available travel for designated military and para military personnel. Applying the transportation industry common practice of not displacing revenue passengers with space available passengers as provided for within the legislation, HB 289 will have a zero dollar impact on the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

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Date 2/9/00

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 289

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected ARRC
 Title Military Transport BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Representative John Harris
 Requester (H) Spec Cmte Military/Vet Affs Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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 |

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| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

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Sponsor Statement

HB 289

"An Act relating to transportation of members of the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, and the Alaska State Defense Force by the Alaska marine highway system and the Alaska Railroad; and relating to the Alaska State Defense Force."

The purpose of HB 289 is to provide a vehicle to get members of our volunteer defense forces to and from military training. In the current climate of downsizing and defense budget cuts, funding for transportation of members of some units is tight.

The State of Alaska, as the owner and operator of a passenger railroad and marine ferry system, is in the position to offer transportation for these military personnel, who are involved in training to defend our state and our freedoms.

House Bill 289 would simply mandate that the ferry system and the railroad provide free transportation, on a space available basis, for members of the above-referenced state defense organizations who are en route to or from drill, training, or other official militia activities.

The bill also changes "Alaska State Militia" to "Alaska State Defense Force" in several occurrences in the statutes. This change was made operationally several years ago, so as to distinguish the state's volunteer defense force from citizens' militias that are frequently in the news. The changes in HB 289 simply bring the statutes up-to-date.

HB 289 is a simple, straightforward initiative to help our volunteer, citizen soldiers get to and from their training.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

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