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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/14/00

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Finance Committee considered

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 37(FIN)

"An Act relating to restricting sale of cigarettes, to enforcement of certain laws relating to sales of cigarettes, and to smoking education and cessation programs administered by the Department of Health and Social Services."

and recommends:

- be replaced with ✓ CS CS/HB 37 (Fin)
- adopt previous CS - Forthcoming ()
- attached amendment(s) CS
- adopt Letter of Intent by
- further referral to the Committee

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

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

DHS	4/15/00	✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

REPORTED OUT OF FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 Legislative Session

SFC 4/18/00

BILL NO. SCS CS HB 37(JUD)

Revision Date: 04/15/00
Title: Relating to Smoking Education and Cessation

Dept. Affected Health and Social Services
BRU Health Services
Component Community Health and EMS

Sponsor: Rokeberg
Requester: Senate (FIN)

Component Serial No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
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Miscellaneous	0.0					
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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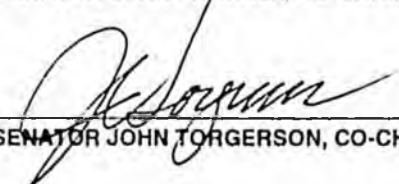
ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Funding for tobacco prevention and control program is appropriated in the operating budget.

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Representative Norman Rokeberg

Sponsor Statement

SCS CSHB 37 (JUD)

“An Act relating to restricting sale of cigarettes and to smoking education programs administered by the Department of Health and Social Services”

SCS CSHB 37 AUTHORIZES: A comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention and tobacco control program. ENSURES that the tobacco education, prevention and control programs will be administered by non-State contractor(s). Approximately \$816 million in tobacco settlement monies will come to the State of Alaska. The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services will monitor private tobacco settlement contracts. This is not intended to add to the State of Alaska bureaucracy. It also contains provisions to bolster tobacco control enforcement efforts in Alaska. This legislation was introduced to ensure a fair allocation of the estimated \$669 million tobacco settlement monies (subsequently revised to \$816 million) that Alaska will receive under the tobacco settlement.

According to the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance, SMOKING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN ALASKA, about 500 Alaskans die every year from smoking-related illnesses. Alaska has one of the highest smoking rates in the country-110,000 smokers-and more than 80 percent of Alaskans who smoke report that they want to quit. We need to lend a hand to those who want to quit, and prevent people-our youth, in particular-from starting this potentially deadly habit.

CSHB37 outlines a comprehensive tobacco control program based on the Center for Disease Control's guidelines. Similar programs in California and Massachusetts have yielded remarkable results: cigarette consumption in California has declined 40% overall, and smoking in Massachusetts has decreased by 31%. Alaska is long overdue for such a program. The sooner we implement it, the sooner we can save lives and reduce the costs to individuals and the State for smoking-related illnesses.

Additionally, this bill prohibits sales of cigarettes in groups of less than 20, not in their original packaging, and not properly labeled for sale in the United States. By strengthening tobacco control enforcement, proscribing sale of "loosies" and by providing that violation may be either a class B misdemeanor or an unfair trade practice violation, it helps support the comprehensive tobacco control program.

It is the sponsor's intention, that upon passage of this bill, contractual agreements will be made with organizations such as the American Lung Association of Alaska, the American Cancer Society, and the Alaska Native Health Board to implement the program. The Department of Health and Social Services will be responsible for oversight; we do not need to contribute to government bureaucracy by burdening the State with additional programmatic duties.

This bill will be a valuable tool in shaping the future of all Alaskans-whether they be young or old, smokers or not-by improving their overall health, decreasing smoking-related medical costs, protecting our future generations from the negative effects of smoking, and even saving lives.

I urge you to support this legislation.

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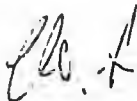
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MEMORANDUM

April 13, 2000

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SCSCSHB 37(JUD)

TO: Representative Norman Rokeberg
Attn: Tom

FROM: Michael F. Ford 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Adds provisions relating to regulation of sale or distribution of cigarettes. Under Sec. 43.50.400 packaging, importation, labeling and warning restrictions are imposed on cigarette sales in this state. Under Sec. 43.50.410 cigarettes manufactured outside the United States are subject to certain reporting requirements. Sec. 43.50.420 allows the commissioner of revenue to share information for enforcement purposes. Under Sec. 43.50.430 certain types of cigarettes are excluded from the provisions of AS 43.50.400 - 43.50.450. Under Sec. 43.50.450 certain terms are defined.

Section 2. Imposes restrictions on retail sales of cigarettes, including packaging and labeling. Makes a violation of this section both an unfair trade practice and a class B misdemeanor.

Section 3. Requires the Department of Health and Social Services to administer a comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention, and tobacco control program. Specifies certain components of the program.

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 Amendment Number: #1
 Bill Number: CSHB 37
 Sponsor: Parred Date: 4/12/00
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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
 TO: SCS CSHB 37(JUD)

- 1 Page 5, line 5:
- 2 Delete "more than one organization"
- 3 Insert "one or more organizations"

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Senator Loren Leman	y
Senator Al Adams	y
Senator Gary Wilken	y
Senator Pete Kelly	X
Senator Lyda Green	X
Senator Randy Phillips	y
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	y
Co-Chair John Torgerson	y
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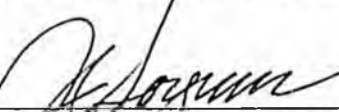
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Representative Norman Rokeberg

Many organizations and individuals support the use of tobacco funds for the program outlined in House Bill 37. The following is a list of those who have sent messages and letters of support:

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- Alaska Native Health Board
- Alaska Safety Advisory Council
- American Industrial Hygiene Association, Midnight Sun Section
- Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants
- Alaska Dental Society
- Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association
- Rena Anderson, RDH
- Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals
- Alaska Women's Resource Center
- Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
- Native Village of Gambell
- Office of Health Nations
- Recovery Center, Ketchikan General Hospital
- "Haa Gaaw aat lax-ee" (The Drum Dancers)
- Juneau Tobacco Prevention Network
- Anchorage School Board
- Cordova Public Schools
- Alaska Federation of Republican Women
- Teens Against Tobacco Use
- Judy Downs, RN, Safe and Drug Free Schools
- Jane Combs, PHN (for Barrow's public health nurses and self)
- Dr. Hal Post, UAA, retired
- Judith Bendersky, Public Health Educator
- Christina Reagle
- Evelyn Williams
- Paul Barrett

My office has also received numerous POMs from individuals favoring the use of tobacco settlement funds for tobacco control and cessation programs.

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March 30, 2000

The Honorable Representative Norm Rokeberg
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Rokeberg:

Once again, we want to express our appreciation for your continuing commitment to tobacco control efforts. Since the meeting last Friday, efforts have been made to update statewide members of the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance regarding ~~House Bill 37~~ and developments since it has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. As you know, the American Lung Association of Alaska is acting on behalf of the larger coalition and it is essential that we keep the coalition members apprised of key developments.

It would be difficult to overstate the concern regarding the emergence of the tobacco industry sponsored language in the work drafts under consideration. As you know, when originally introduced HB 37 consisted of a six word addition to the authorities of the Department of Health and Social Services ("including smoking education and cessation programs"). This simple change would have accomplished the basic objective of ensuring that the department had an affirmative obligation to address tobacco control while also maintaining flexibility to implement an effective program that appropriately addresses the needs of both youth and adults.

More recently, provisions in the Senate Judiciary Committee work drafts we have seen have been taken directly from legislation drafted by Philip Morris that would narrowly focus tobacco control efforts on youth. Also included were industry recommended provisions that would establish intentionally cumbersome and needlessly bureaucratic planning provisions that would effectively cripple tobacco control efforts. This is clearly the industry's intent, even while they have managed to "package" this deceit quite cleverly within something with superficial appeal.

Philip Morris's efforts to cripple effective state tobacco control efforts have emerged in other states as well and it is not surprising that this should occur in Alaska. Central to this effort is the company's claim that they do not market to kids, are working hard to reduce underage smoking and have no interest in the youth market. But they are lying. No matter what the cigarette companies may say or do, they know they cannot stay in business unless kids smoke. Adults only rarely initiate smoking as acknowledged in Philip Morris' own documents discovered through litigation: "Today's teenager is tomorrow's potential regular customer, and the overwhelming majority of smokers begin to smoke while in their teens." (PM document #1000390803/55).

Smoking is nearly always initiated in the teenage years; however, successful efforts to reduce youth smoking depend upon broad-based comprehensive efforts that address both youth and adult populations. In fact, a youth focus can reliably be expected to backfire by positioning tobacco as a "forbidden fruit" and reinforcing smoking as "only for adults." This message is routinely promoted by the tobacco industry with its consistent official comment: "We believe smoking is an adult decision." They know that the facts are otherwise and the comment is little more than a taunt to youth.

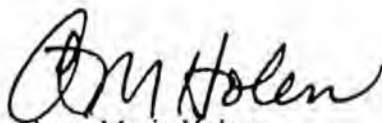
Experience in other states has demonstrated that a narrow focus on youth would be a great mistake. California has led the way in successful efforts to reduce tobacco use. As reported by the California Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee, a narrow focus on youth is detrimental to a successful comprehensive program which must also be directed at adults to promote cessation and include efforts to eliminate exposure of non-smokers to second-hand smoke (involuntary smoking). The California Department of Health Services states:

"[I]t is tempting to focus tobacco control efforts primarily on youth. However, this is not the answer... the next generation cannot be 'saved' without changing the generations who have already reached adulthood. Youth smoking will decline when more adults stop smoking." (*A Model for Change: the California Experience in Tobacco Control*, October 1998)

With all of these very substantial concerns in mind, we have reviewed the latest working draft of HB 37 in order to provide some suggestions that we hope will prove useful to you while also ensuring that tobacco control efforts in Alaska will not be compromised by the industry's subterfuge. Please note that the attached comments are only directed at the tobacco control program elements of HB 37.

At the same time, we remain skeptical that the tobacco industry will relent in its efforts. Because of our very serious concerns, we believe that the public health would be better served with no bill rather than one that undermines the tobacco control program efforts we all recognize as so important. As was also discussed last Friday, if the industry persists in trying to sabotage HB 37, we trust that you will withdraw the bill rather than to allow it to proceed any further.

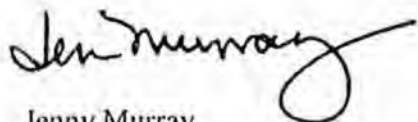
Thank you again for all your hard work on tobacco control issues.



Anne Marie Holen
Alaska Native Health Board



Peggy Spittler
American Heart Association - Alaska Affiliate



Jenny Murray
American Cancer Society,
Northwest Division



Christie McIntire
American Lung Association of Alaska

cc: Commissioner Karen Perdue



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
 FUNDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE,
 SUSTAINED TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM
 FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

- Funding a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program should be the *first priority* for use of the funds Alaska will receive from the tobacco industry under the national multi-state settlement. Settlement funds should be used to prevent and treat the tobacco-caused disease and death that gave rise to the litigation in the first instance.
- The Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance, a statewide coalition of health organizations, has identified the *need for \$8.2 million as the minimum level of funding needed* for a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program based on national "best practices" guidelines and experience from other highly successful state programs such as California and Massachusetts. (*The Alaska Tobacco Control Program: A Plan for the Future*, March 1999.) The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a minimum level of funding for Alaska at \$8.1 million/year and a 'high end' recommendation of more than twice that amount.
- Alaska is projected to receive about \$30 million/year from the settlement over the next 25 years (\$816 million). A statewide poll shows **strong support among Alaskans for use of settlement funds for tobacco control – 84% of Alaskans favoring use of at least thirty percent the settlement funds for tobacco control efforts.** State tobacco taxes generate another \$47 million per year.
- Funding of \$8.2 million/year would amount to investing only about *one third* of the State's average annual tobacco settlement payments and roughly *one tenth* of the state's combined annual settlement plus state tobacco tax revenue.
- **Smoking is by far the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. (420,000 deaths per year) as well as in Alaska.** More than 400 Alaskans die each year from tobacco-related causes. Tobacco-caused disease is especially high among Alaska Natives who suffer 23.2% of smoking related deaths, even while Natives comprise only 16.5% of the state's population. The disproportionate impact of tobacco use on Natives is due to extremely high rates of tobacco use in the Native population (45.1%).
- Even with reduced tobacco use as a result of the increased state tobacco tax, some **14,000 Alaska youth under the age of 18 alive today will become addicted to and die from tobacco-caused illnesses** if efforts are not made to reduce tobacco use.
- **At least one-third of all cancer deaths are due to cigarette smoking.** Respiratory and cardiovascular diseases account for nearly two thirds of tobacco-caused deaths. 7% of perinatal deaths (i.e., infants less than 12 months) are due to smoking from causes including spontaneous abortion, low birth weight and SIDS.
- In Alaska, total *medical expenditures attributable to smoking are estimated at \$154 million per year.* The total *state and federal tax burden* from tobacco-caused health costs in Alaska are estimated at \$70 million per year – a hidden tax of about \$320 per household. These costs are 100% preventable.



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March 10, 2000

Dear Representative Rokeberg:

As a provider of a continuum of substance abuse services ranging from education to prevention to treatment, Akeela understands the importance of strong tobacco control programs. Therefore, I am writing to strongly support not just continued but increased tobacco settlement appropriations for a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program. Funding for this program should be the Legislature's first priority for the state's tobacco settlement funds, with a generous balance available for other important state programs.

In essence, Alaska received settlement funds to reimburse the state's cost of providing health related services for people affected tobacco. Imagine the extra funds our state would have if we used this settlement money to prevent addiction or to assist with cessation before those costly healthcare issues arise. *Spending money to prevent disease is much more cost effective than spending money to cure disease.*

The medical costs for treating tobacco related illnesses totals \$154 million, yet the state's level of funding is only \$1.6 million. Therefore, Akeela strongly supports the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance's request for \$2.8 million to fund tobacco related programs for fiscal year 2001. This amount should slowly increase to the requested \$8.2 million recommended by ATCA and supported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We can help the youth of our state who are not yet addicted to tobacco. Alaskan adults who are already addicted deserve our help in breaking that addiction. And how appropriate it is to use tobacco industry money – the money made off of these victims of that industry – to help our people.

Above all, Alaskans should strive to reduce the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please help your fellow Alaskans achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

Crystal Ross
Prevention Coordinator

Cc: Rep. Con Bunde



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March 8, 2000

Representative Eldon Mulder
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Mulder:

I am writing in strong support of continued and increased Tobacco Settlement appropriations for a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program. Funding the tobacco control program should be the first priority for use of these funds. The Legislature could then appropriate the remaining balance to any program it deems necessary.

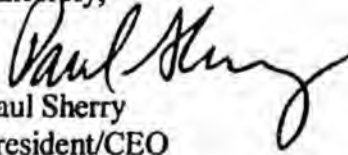
Settlement funds should be used for exactly what they were intended: to reduce and prevent tobacco-related suffering and disease among Alaskans. We need to continue funding this important program. However, \$1.6 million is not adequate funding.

We support the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance's \$2.8 million request for FY2001. We hope this will slowly allow for an increase in program funding to the \$8.2 million that is recommended by the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance and supported by the Centers for Disease Control.

When given a legitimate chance, these type of programs work. They have proven to work in California, Oregon, Florida and Massachusetts. They can work in Alaska.

The youth who are not yet addicted and the adult smokers who are addicted to tobacco products deserve to receive tobacco prevention and cessation programs that Settlement money can fund. Medical costs for treating tobacco-related illnesses in Alaska total \$154 million. However, the state's level of funding is only \$1.6 million. The Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance strives to reduce the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please help them help Alaskans to prevent and break their tobacco addiction.

Sincerely,


Paul Sherry
President/CEO

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Cc: Rep. Gene Therriault
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Rep. Alan Austerman
Rep. Gary Davis

Rep. John Davies
Rep. Ben Grussendorf
Rep. Carl Moses
Rep. Gail Phillips

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Members of the House Finance Committee:
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Members, Con Bunde, Alan Austerman, Gary Davis, Richard Foster
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Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee Member:

This letter is on behalf of the Alaska Health Education Consortium to express our consistent support for a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program funded by the Tobacco Settlement. We support the Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance's \$2.8 million request for FY 2001, which is still far less than the \$8.2 million recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Last year the Legislature appropriated start-up funds for activities to reduce and prevent tobacco-related suffering and disease in Alaska. However, \$1.4 million is not enough to adequately fund sustained programs throughout the state. Examples of current activities include cessation demonstration projects, public media/education, the development of a quit kit, and training for health care professionals, to name a few. With time, these and other strategies will work, just as they have in California, Oregon, Florida and Massachusetts.

The Alaska Health Education Consortium, a statewide organization committed to promoting health and preventing disease, urges you to fund tobacco prevention and control efforts at the \$2.8 million level.

Sincerely,

Rocky Motnick, Past-President

CC: Representatives Con Bunde and Norm Rokeberg

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PeaceHealth

Ketchikan
General Hospital

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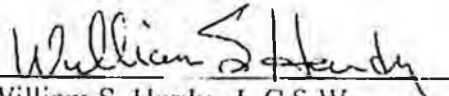
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If there is one thing that we strive to achieve it is to reducing the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please help us help Alaskans to prevent and break their tobacco addiction.

Sincerely,


William S. Hardy, L.C.S.W
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Cc: Rep. Con Bunde

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Bering Strait Coalition for Prevention
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Northwestern Regional Tobacco Prevention & Control Program

March 8, 2000

Dear Representative Eldon Mulder:

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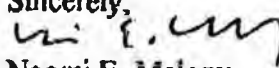
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Sincerely,


 Naomi E. Malony
 Program Director

Cc: Representative Con Bunde
 Representative Norm Rokeberg

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If there is one thing that we strive to achieve, it is to reduce the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please assist us in helping Alaska Natives to prevent and break nicotine addiction.

Sincerely,
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Cathy Flavin
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Rep. Norman Rokeberg
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Rokeberg,

As a coordinator for Juneau Teens Against Tobacco Use, I am writing in strong support of continued and increased Tobacco Settlement appropriations for a comprehensive, sustained tobacco control program. Funding this program should be the first priority for use of these funds. The Legislature could then appropriate the remaining balance to any program it desires.

Settlement funds should be used for exactly what they were intended: to reduce and prevent tobacco-related suffering and disease among Alaskans. T.A.T.U is working hard to help prevent tobacco use, but we need continue to need funding.

T.A.T.U. needs financial support to continue our activities, such as The Great Alaskan Smoke Scream, Kick Butts Day Camel Chase, and numerous radio interviews and local health fairs. As well as being involved with the community we also find time to go and teach elementary school kids about the harms of tobacco, and just how to say no to the pressures of smoking.

When given a legitimate chance, these types of programs have shown to be effective. They have proven to work in California, Oregon, Florida, and Massachusetts. They can work here. Please give us the money to do the things that we know will make a difference.

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Sincerely,


Vanessa Glanzer

Teens Against Tobacco Use Representative

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Representative Norman Rokeberg

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator John Torgerson,
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Norman Rokeberg

DATE: April 13, 2000

RE: Scheduling Request: SCS CS HB37B (JUD)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman Rokeberg", written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

I am requesting that SCS CS HB37B (JUD), "An Act relating to restricting sale of cigarettes, to enforcement of certain laws relating to sales of cigarettes, and to smoking education and cessation programs administered by the Department of Health and Social Services," be heard before the Senate Finance Committee .

Attached please find the following:

1. Current SCS CS HB37B (JUD) version of the bill.
2. Sponsor Statement
3. Sectional Analysis
4. Fiscal note
5. List of supporters.
6. March 30, 2000, joint support letter from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association and Alaskan Native Health Board.
7. February 11, 2000, American Cancer Society paper, "Funding For Comprehensive Sustained Tobacco Control Program From The Tobacco Settlement."
8. March 10, 2000 support letter from Akeela Treatment Services, Inc. & Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol & Drug Abuse.
9. March 8, 2000 Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium support letter.
10. March 8, 2000 Support letter from Alaska Health Consortium.
11. March 8, 2000 Support letter from Ketchikan General Hospital Recovery Center.
12. March 8, 2000 Bering Strait Coalition for Prevention support letter.
13. March 7, 2000 Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation support letter.
14. March 14, 2000 South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium, support letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Tom Manninen in my office.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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HB 37-SMOKING CESSATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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