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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/19/99

FURTHER: 3/9/99

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 3/9/99

Finance Committee considered                      SENATE BILL NO. 50

"An Act relating to certain boiler and pressure vessel inspections and inspectors; and providing for an effective date."

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
<i>Al Adams</i>	X	<i>Lynne Gray</i>	✓		
<i>Dan Dole</i>	X	<i>Pete Kelly</i>	✓		
		<i>William L. ...</i>	✓		
		<i>Kevin D. ...</i>	✓		
Co-Chair: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			
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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department                      Date                      Zero                      Fiscal


**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department                      Date                      Zero                      Fiscal

Labor	2/3/99		(410.0)

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

3/9/99

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

No. L  
**BILL** Bill Version: SB50  
 (S) Publish Date: 2/19/99

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspections  
 Sponsor: Senate Labor and Commerce  
 Requester: Senate Labor and Commerce

Department Affected: Labor  
 BRU: Labor Standards and Safety  
 Component: Mechanical Inspection  
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 346

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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CHANGE IN REVENUE	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
FUND SOURCE #	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005

**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipt						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY99) impact: \$ None

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This change will allow the department to increase efficiency by better utilizing the skills of our existing inspector personnel. These individuals are competent, by virtue of their special training, to perform annual inspections of cast iron boilers and domestic hot water heaters. Those vessels account for an estimated one-half of the current backlog of boilers overdue for inspection. By having certain state employees perform limited boiler inspections on a part-time basis, the current rate of growth in inspection backlog should be stopped and a positive reduction of the existing backlog can be achieved. Inspections performed by these inspectors is expected to generate additional receipts.

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 Division: Labor Standards and Safety Date/Time: 2/3/99 1:41 PM  
 Approved by Commissioner: Ed Flanagan, Commissioner *EF*  
 Agency: Department of Labor Date: 2/3/99

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February 22, 1999

The Honorable John Torgerson  
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Commerce  
State of Alaska  
Room 516, Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Torgerson:

I respectfully ask that you schedule a committee hearing for SB 50, An Act Relating to Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspections.

The Department is currently severely backlogged in its inspections of boilers and pressure vessels. Of the 6,000+ vessels that are overdue for inspection, a large percentage, over half, are of this type. This legislation will allow the Commissioner to identify certain state employees as approved inspectors for the purpose of performing routine annual inspections on this type of overdue vessel. For example, our state plumbing inspectors are journeymen plumbers trained to install and service this type of equipment and could, with a minimal amount of training from a Board certified boiler inspector, be trained to perform annual inspections on this type of equipment.

This will free up the National Board approved boiler inspectors to address those vessels that are of a larger, more complex nature, such as high capacity pressure vessels, and large capacity commercial and industrial boilers. This strategy should greatly assist the Department in addressing the backlog of boilers and pressure vessels that are overdue for inspection. This legislation will allow cross training and more efficient utilization of existing staff to the benefit of the public.

Sincerely,



Ed Flanagan  
Commissioner

EF/DP:ets

cc: Dwight Perkins, Deputy Commissioner  
Al Dwyer, LS&S Director  
Randy Carr, LS&S Chief

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 50-BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTIONS

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you wish to testify? <sup>if necessary</sup>  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

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