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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/21/99

FURTHER: 5/04/99

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5/04/99

Finance Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Creating the Long-Term Care Task Force of 1999.

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# _____

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
LAA Lcg. Council	4/16/99		15.7

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

FISCAL NOTE

REPORTED DATE OF
5/04/99

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Revision Date: _____
Title: "Creating the Long-Term Care Task Force."
Sponsor: Senator Wilken
Requestor: Senator Wilken

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: Legislative Council
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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Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency Date: 4/16/99

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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	372	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 FY00 Travel	5,955	5,708	TOTAL
Total FY01 Travel	3,000	2,500	11,663
Contractual			5,500

	Phones 110/month	Postage 60/month	Advertising 1,000/mtg		TOTAL
FY00	1,320	720	2,000		4,040
FY01	600	300	1,000		1,900

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

GARY WILKEN

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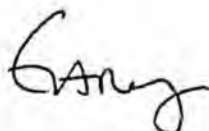
April 29, 1999

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To My Colleagues:

This year the legislature and administration are doing good things for our six Pioneer Homes spread across Alaska. I think we are all proud of being a part of that effort.

Mr. Joe Walsh, a constituent, a father of a good friend, and my dad's meal-mate at the Fairbanks' Pioneer Home, wrote the attached letter to the Governor and, among others, copied me. Reading this note gave me renewed purpose to support our outstanding Pioneer Home system and the elderly Alaskan residents that call "our" Homes their home.



Gary Wilken

Co-chair - 1998 Long Term Care Task Force

APRIL 14, 1999

JOE WALSH
FAIRBANKS PIONEER HOME
2221 EAGAN AVENUE
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

DEAR GOVERNOR KNOWLES,

YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY HEARD THAT MY WIFE OF 53 PLUS YEARS PEACEFULLY SUCCEMDED TO ALZHEIMER'S AND HEART COMPLICATIONS ON APRIL 2ND AFTER 5 YEARS OF RESIDENCE IN THE HOME, 4 OF THOSE YEARS IN THE ALZHEIMER'S SECTION.

DURING THOSE YEARS I SPENT MANY HOURS EVERY DAY IN THAT SECTION WITH HER AND I WOULD BE VERY MUCH AMISS IF I DIDN'T TAKE THE TIME TO LET OTHERS KNOW HOW WELL THOSE GIRLS CARED, NOT ONLY FOR HER, BUT ALSO FOR FOR ALL THOSE POOR AFFLICTED PEOPLE IN THAT SECTION. MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE HARMLESS. SOME WANDER ABOUT ALMOST LIKE A CAGED ANIMAL. OTHERS ARE GIVEN TO BE VIOLENT AT TIMES. OTHERS HAVE TO BE HAND FED AND VERY PERSONALLY CARED FOR . I HAVE SEEN THOSE GIRLS BEING SPIT UPON, CURSED AT, PUNCHED AND SWUNG AT BY HUSKY MEN.

I ASKED ONE OF THEM ONCE HOW THEY COULD TAKE THAT KIND OF STUFF AND HER ANSWER WAS THAT SHE SOMETIMES WONDERED HERSELF BUT ALWAYS CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION NAMELY, 'THEY CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES.'

I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY THAT WE ARE MOST FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE CREW IN THAT SECTION THAT WE HAVE. MY WIFE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD BETTER CARE IF THEY WERE CARING FOR THEIR OWN MOTHERS. ADJECTIVES FAIL ME WHEN I TRY TO DESCRIBE THE DEVOTION AND CARE THAT THEY OFFER. IT IS SO SINCERE AND ALWAYS WITH A SMILE, NO MATTER THE OFTEN STRESSFUL CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN FACT THE WHOLE STAFF OF THE HOME IS MORE LIKE A FAMILY THAN THE INSTITUTION THAT IT IS. THERE IS NOTHING FANCY ABOUT THE PLACE BUT IT IS ALWAYS NEAT AND CLEAN . I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FUNDING BUT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, MONEY SPENT HERE COULDN'T BE BETTER SPENT ANYWHERE ELSE. FROM A RESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW I DON'T SEE ANY WASTE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOE WALSH



CC: PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER
✓ SENATOR WILKEN
REPRESENTATIVE BRICE
REPRESENTATIVE JOULE
DIRECTOR, PIONEER HOMES



Joe and Mabel Walsh go their separate ways after having lunch together recently at the Fairbanks Pioneers' Home. Joe usually walks, but is using a wheelchair while recovering from minor surgery.

in whose care?

DEMENTIA: Alaska's long-term problem

DAY 20 OF 40

Alaska is aging. The baby boomers who built the Last Frontier face an uncertain future as their parents and their own ranks grow old and dementia becomes an increasing threat.

Over six months, reporter Jeff Richardson and photographer Eric Engman learned the stories of Fairbanksans facing dementia. Today through Wednesday they share the stories of dementia patients and those who care for them. They also explore the frightening boom in Alaska's aged population and ask who will be there to care in the future.

Kelly Bostian
Managing editor



Joe, left, and Mabel Walsh spend a lot of time near the aviary at the pioneers' home. The Walshes both live at the home, but Mabel suffers from mild Alzheimer's and lives in a special wing. Though they stay in separate rooms, the couple spends as much time together as possible.

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