

**HB**

**177**

FISCAL NOTE

No: 1

Bill Version: CSHB 177(HES)  
 (H) Publish Date: 4/19/99

STATE OF ALASKA  
 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: "An Act relating to foster parents..."  
 Sponsor: Representative Dyson  
 Requestor: (H)HES

Department Affected: Administration  
 BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services  
 Component: Public Defender Agency  
 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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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES ( ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|

FUND SOURCE:

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Federal Receipts         |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| GF Match                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 1004 GF                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| OTHER                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| TOTAL                    | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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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Approved by Commissioner: Robert Poe Jr.  
 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 4/12/99

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# FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: CSHB 177(HES)  
(H) Publish Date: 4/19/99

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          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CHANGES IN REVENUES ( ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

| FUND SOURCE              | FY2000     | FY2001     | FY2002     | FY2003     | FY2004     | FY2005     |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1004 GF                  |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Other (please specify)   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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

**POSITIONS:**

| POSITIONS | FY2000 | FY2001 | FY2002 | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| FULL-TIME |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| PART-TIME |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| TEMPORARY |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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

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

5/13/99
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 Approved by Commissioner: Karen Perdue *Karen Perdue* Date: 4/14/99  
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/6/99

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/12/99

Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 177(HES)

"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, 21, 23, and 25, Alaska Delinquency Rules."

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           | ADP                                 | OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS | NR | DNP | AM |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|-----|----|
| <i>[Signature]</i>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                       |    |     |    |
| <i>[Signature]</i>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                       |    |     |    |
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| CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CHAIR:                |    |     |    |

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

| Department | Date | Zero | Fiscal |
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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

| Department | Date | Zero | Fiscal |
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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill



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## REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON

### CSHB 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, 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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Please enter into the record my testimony to the

committee name

committee on HB 177

dated 4/15/99

bill # / subject

*As foster parents I agree with the department and the probation officer that this bill will provide assistance for the department and the foster parent in helping redirect the lives of children in the juvenile justice program.*

Signed:

*Christine A. Huterson*

Testifier

*Voices for the Children*

Representing (Optional)

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## REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON

### MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1999

To: Senator Robin Taylor, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Representative Fred Dyson *FJD*

Subject: Request to schedule HB 177

Please schedule a Judiciary Committee hearing on CSHB 177, "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, 21, 23, and 25, Alaska Delinquency Rules." HB 177 is a cleanup bill. Attached is a Sponsor Statement and backup material for your review.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 5, 1999

CONTACT: Rep. Fred Dyson (907) 465-2199

**House-passed Bill Helps Foster Parents**

**Foster Parents Would Have Access to Records, Voice at Proceedings**

(JUNEAU) -- The Alaska House of Representatives Wednesday unanimously passed House Bill 177, which 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. It also requires the State to provide them with information and records necessary for their foster child's proper care and protection.

"Because foster parents live with the child and are often experienced at dealing with troubled children, they are a valuable resource to overworked case workers and busy judges," said Representative Fred Dyson (R-Eagle River), sponsor of HB 177. "Often they must determine the condition and best interests of a foster child on the basis of very little information, information which foster parents can sometimes provide.

"During the last Legislature, we were able to pass legislation which allowed the disclosure of minors' records to foster parents in Child-In-Need-of-Aid (CINA) cases. It also permitted foster parents to be heard at CINA court proceedings, but not at delinquency hearings," Dyson said. "This bill completes the intent of that legislation, which was to allow foster parents a voice in court and information without regard to the process in which their foster children are involved."

HB 177 now moves to the Senate.

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