

**HB**

**133**

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR WARD

TO: CSHB 133(FIN)(efd fld)

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2 Delete "This subsection does not apply to a fire service protection area."

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## MEMORANDUM

April 15, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Municipal service areas; sectional summary (CSHB 133(FIN))

**TO:** Representative Con Bunde  
Attn: Patti Swenson

**FROM:** Tamara Brandt Cook  
Director

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### CSHB 133

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STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs  
 Title: An Act relating to municipal service areas BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
and providing for voter approval ... Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Halcro  
 Requestor: House CRA Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
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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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:

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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<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>

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current (FY99) impact \$ none

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

This legislation provides for voter approval of the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain municipal service areas. This legislation would have no fiscal impact on the department.

Prepared by: Yvonne Chase, Acting Director *Yvonne Chase* Phone: 465-4709  
 Division: Division of Administrative Services Date: 4/22/99  
 Approved by Commissioner: *Julie Davis* Date: 4/22/99  
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

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# Bill may ease consolidation of borough service areas

By DOUGLAS FISCHER  
Staff Writer

JUNEAU—For Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Hank Hove, small government has grown too big over the years.

Of the state's 200 or so service areas—miniature governments within municipalities that handle everything from water delivery to road repair—the borough has 120. Keeping track of them gives Hove a headache.

The Legislature might change that. The House Finance Committee approved a bill Monday that removes two major obstacles to consolidation. It gives all sites a vote in any annexation, and it allows for disparate taxes within a service area if, say, road condi-

tions within it vary.

"We couldn't consolidate them before because no one would vote for it," Hove said. A lot of small service areas are inefficient, he added.

In a service area, local residents vote to tax themselves extra to pay for a particular service, like snow plowing and road maintenance from private contractors. Under current law, only residents in an area up for annexation may vote. Residents in the core service area may not.

That doesn't sit well with most residents, so what often happens are appeals to the assembly. Residents driving on smooth roads have little incentive to dip into their service

area's savings account so another neighborhood can upgrade rutted roads.

House Bill 133, sponsored by Rep. Con Bunde, R-Anchorage, removes that disincentive. Those two areas could merge, with the residents bumping over gravel roads paying a bit more to bring their infrastructure up to par with the others.

"Let's face it—areas outside of a service area want to join a service area because their roads are in lousy shape and they want to improve them," said Merle Jantz, a road service area commissioner for Peede Country Estates. "The difficulty we're having in annexation is that

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## SERVICE

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February 2, 1998  
Cordes Drive Service Area  
Service Area Commissioners  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

Thank-you for introducing Senate Bill #208. We support it and are contacting our representatives to let them know. We agree that the residents of existing service areas should have control of any proposed changes to their service areas.

Sincerely,

Francis O'Connor  
Francis O'Connor

Gean Leder  
Gean Leder

Bill Griffith  
Bill Griffith

Refused to support  
HB133 with permission  
of Cordes Drive SAC

Author: ffjha@aurora.alaska.edu (James H Anderson) at CC2MHS1  
Date: 2/12/98 1:29 PM  
Priority: Normal  
TO: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
CC: bdelana@polarnet.com at CC2MHS1, alaskarc@polarnet.com at CC2MHS1  
Subject: SB 208

Dear Senator Parnell,

Thank you for your letter of January 20 explaining your bill, SB 208.

I have discussed the matter addressed in your bill with the other members of the Spinach Creek Road Service Area Commission. We agree enthusiastically with the intent of the bill, and we extend to you our support of it.

I will send messages in support of SB 208 to John Davies and Gary Wilken.

Thank you for helping us to provide the best service to the residents of our service area.

Jim Anderson  
Chairman  
Spinach Creek Road Service Area Commission  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

907 455-6077

PO Box 84607  
Fairbanks AK 99708

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Board of Supervisors  
R.S.A. #25 Bogard  
P.O. Box 2274  
Palmer, AK. 99645

January 24, 1998

TO: Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

The board of supervisors for R.S.A. # 25 Bogard has discussed Senate Bill 208 and we enthusiastically support it. We believe it is still important to allow taxpayers to have a voice in the spending of their tax monies. Local control is important to the residents of this road service area. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining it.

Sincerely Yours,

Valen C. Bair  
Primary R.S.A. # 25

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William Larkin  
Board R.S.A. # 25

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Board R.S.A. # 25

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12 February, 1998

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Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: Senate Bill 208

Dear Senator Parnell;

Eagle River Community Council supports the passage of Senate Bill 208. We agree that the abolishment or alteration of service areas within a borough or municipality should be prohibited without first requiring a vote of the people residing in or owning a business within that service area.

We appreciate your sponsorship of this bill and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Kuhlman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Bill Kuhlman, President  
Eagle River Community Council

cc: Senator Rick Halford  
Senator Randy Phillips  
Representative Fred Dyson  
Representative Vic Kohring  
Representative Pete Kott

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of Bill Kuhlman

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cc:Mail for: Senator Sean Parnell

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Subject: SB208

From: vhoefler@mosquionet.com (Vaughan Hoefler) at CC2MHS1 1/28/98 11:18 AM

To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS

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Dear Senator Parnell,

On behalf of the road service area commissioners for the Ester Lump Service Area located near Fairbanks, we support your effort to implement SB 208.

Voter approval for the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain service areas would allow residents to more fairly decide on such changes. Our service area recently faced an annexation issue in which the Borough sought to add non-contiguous roads several miles distant to our road system. The condition of the roads proposed for annexation were significantly different than our own, built at different times, and subject to

slightly different weather conditions. Nevertheless, the North Star Borough

Rural Services Division presented this annexation issue as the only option to the residents of both areas. Many of our area's residents vented their frustration for not having any "say" in the ability to direct the future of our roads.

After two Assembly meetings, and following the testimony of many residents, the assembly moved for the creation of a separate service area.

Had AS 29.35.450 (voter approval of alteration or abolishment of service areas)

been in effect, our concerns would have been brought forth long before the Borough expended considerable time and funds developing this plan.

Thank you for taking the effort to make these changes, as they will provide service area residents the opportunity to more effectively govern the growth or change of their areas.

Carol Hoefler

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being reused to  
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with permission of  
sender



# Hillside East Community Council

March 13, 1998

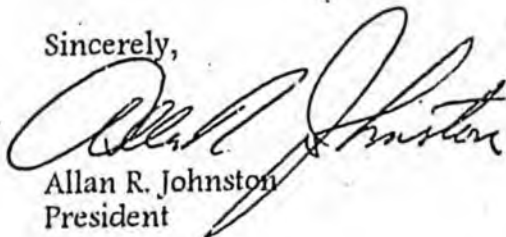
Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capital Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 208

Dear Senator Parnell:

Congratulations on your introduction and good work on Senate Bill 208. Please put Hillside East Community Council unanimously behind your bill.

Sincerely,



Allan R. Johnston  
President

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Allan R Johnston  
former President  
and

Ann Ballow  
President - Hillside East CC

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# Municipality of Anchorage

*Rick Mystrom, Mayor*



## Girdwood Board of Supervisors

P.O. Box 890 • Girdwood, Alaska 99587

February 25, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol  
Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Senate Bill 208

Dear Sen. Parnell,

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors unanimously supported a motion to endorse the passage of Senate Bill 208 at our last regular meeting, February 16, 1998. The board also supports Rep. Bunde's companion bill, HB 365.

The board strongly feels both bills strengthen the intent of the Municipal Charter as we understand it.

Sincerely,

*Keith Tryck*  
Keith Tryck  
Chairman

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Permission of  
Keith Tryck*

# Mid-Hillside Community Council

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Chris Birch, Board President

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February 13, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

**Subject: SB 208, An Act Relating to Municipal Service Areas**

Dear Senator Parnell;

**VIA FAX ONLY**

Thank you for providing a copy of the subject legislation for community review and comment.

The Mid-Hillside Community Council is forcefully on record supporting the community right of decision regarding self-determination in service area related annexations. I very much appreciate your efforts to affirm in statute what most would assume was well outlined in our municipal charter, the right of a community to vote their approval of additional proposed services and taxes.

**You have our full support in your efforts to advance this vital legislation.** You may even wish to consider a means of enabling existing Anchorage service areas an opportunity to competitively bid current neighborhood services. I have heard repeated complaints from the members of the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA), the service area providing municipal road maintenance, about the 3 day delay in snow removal and excessive costs for this service. Our Valli Vue Road Service Area contractor provides a much better quality of service for half the ARDSA mill rate. It would be wonderful if the residents of Anchorage could enjoy these same competitive advantages, kind a reverse annexation opportunity!

I hope to see you in Juneau next week or tomorrow at the Anchorage Caucus and District 18 Town Meetings.

Sincerely,

Chris Birch  
Board President

This letter is being  
reused to support  
HB 133 with the  
Permission of  
Chris Birch

XC: Mid Hillside Board of Directors  
Allan Johnston, President, Hillside East Board of Directors

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*Karen L. Hendrickson*

DESIGN OPTIONS CONSULTANT

February 12, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the Talus West Limited Road Service Area. The board wishes to express its support for Senate Bill 208. The legislation you have sponsored speaks directly to our ability as residents of a particular area to decide upon, and contract for, the services that best suit our particular needs. The recent forced annexation of the hillside to the Anchorage Police Departments jurisdiction, against the wishes and votes of the residents, has made it obvious the service areas lack protection from a local government takeover of those services they choose to administer for themselves. We urge you to vigorously pursue passage of protection for our service area.

Sincerely,

*Karen L. Hendrickson*

Karen L. Hendrickson  
Member - Talus West LRSA Board of Supervisors  
4731 Talus Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99516

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Karen L. Hendrickson

**Subject: hb133**

**Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 12:04:50 -0900**

**From: "Scott Sell" <sosell@alaskalife.net>**

**To: Senator\_Jerry\_Ward@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Sen. Ward

I hear that is bill is in your committee

This bill has had the support of the Rabbit Creek Community Council since it was first started by Con.

We also supported the bill that was started by Sen. Parrnell that was HB133 counter part

We would like to see this move forward and pass both houses so that the city can not force services on us like the police issue on the hillside again or like taking away services that the Assembly this thinks of (ie: Limited Road Service Areas, LRSA)

Thank You

Scott O. Sell

Past President Rabbit Creek Community Council

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2000

TO: Senator Jerry Ward  
Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Con Bunde

RE: CSHB 133 (FIN)

The purpose of this memo is to request a Senate State Affairs Committee hearing for CSHB 133 (FIN). This packet includes a sponsor statement, the legislation, and additional back-up material.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call my office, ext. 6824.  
Thank you for your cooperation with this hearing request.

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DATE: May 6, 1999

TO: Senator Jerry Ward  
Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Con Bunde

RE: CSHB 133

The purpose of this memo is to request the House Rules Committee to calendar CSHB 133. A copy of the sponsor statement and CSHB 133 are attached to this request. Additional information will be submitted for use in the packet when a hearing date has been established.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please call my office at your convenience.

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By DOUGLAS FISCHER  
Staff Writer

JUNEAU—For Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Hank Hove, small government has grown too big over the years.

Of the state's 200 or so service areas—miniature governments within municipalities that handle everything from water delivery to road repair—the borough has 120. Keeping track of them gives Hove a headache.

The Legislature might change that. The House Finance Committee approved a bill Monday that removes two major obstacles to consolidation. It gives all sides a vote in any annexation, and it allows for disparate taxes within a service area if, say, road condi-

tions within it vary.

"We couldn't consolidate them before because no one would vote for it," Hove said. A lot of small service areas are inefficient, he added.

In a service area, local residents vote to tax themselves extra to pay for a particular service, like snow plowing and road maintenance from private contractors. Under current law, only residents in an area up for annexation may vote. Residents in the core service area may not.

That doesn't sit well with most residents, so what often happens are appeals to the assembly. Residents driving on smooth roads have little incentive to dip into their service

area's savings account so another neighborhood can upgrade rutted roads.

House Bill 133, sponsored by Rep. Con Bunde, R-Anchorage, removes that disincentive. Those two areas could merge, with the residents bumping over gravel roads paying a bit more to bring their infrastructure up to par with the others.

"Let's face it—areas outside of a service area want to join a service area because their roads are in lousy shape and they want to improve them," said Merle Jantz, a road service area commissioner for Peede Country Estates. "The difficulty we're having in annexation is that

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February 2, 1998  
Cordes Drive Service Area  
Service Area Commissioners  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

Thank-you for introducing Senate Bill #208. We support it and are contacting our representatives to let them know. We agree that the residents of existing service areas should have control of any proposed changes to their service areas.

Sincerely,

Francis O'Connor  
Francis O'Connor

Jean Leder  
Jean Leder

Bill Griffith  
Bill Griffith

Refused to support  
HB 133 with permission  
of Cordes Drive SAC

Author: ffjha@aurora.alaska.edu (James H Anderson) at CC2MHS1  
Date: 2/12/98 1:29 PM  
Priority: Normal  
TO: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
CC: bdelana@polarnet.com at CC2MHS1, alaskarc@polarnet.com at CC2MHS1  
Subject: SB 208

Dear Senator Parnell,

Thank you for your letter of January 20 explaining your bill, SB 208.

I have discussed the matter addressed in your bill with the other members of the Spinach Creek Road Service Area Commission. We agree enthusiastically with the intent of the bill, and we extend to you our support of it.

I will send messages in support of SB 208 to John Davies and Gary Wilken.

Thank you for helping us to provide the best service to the residents of our service area.

Jim Anderson  
Chairman  
Spinach Creek Road Service Area Commission  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

907 455-6077

PO Box 84607  
Fairbanks AK 99708

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Board of Supervisors  
R.S.A. #25 Bogard  
P.O. Box 2274  
Palmer, AK. 99645

January 24, 1998

TO: Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Senator Parnell,

The board of supervisors for R.S.A. # 25 Bogard has discussed Senate Bill 208 and we enthusiastically support it. We believe it is still important to allow taxpayers to have a voice in the spending of their tax monies. Local control is important to the residents of this road service area. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining it.

Sincerely Yours,

Valen C. Bair  
Primary R.S.A. # 25

Valen C. Bair

William Larkin  
Board R.S.A. # 25

William Larkin

Wrex Diem  
Board R.S.A. # 25

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EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99577

12 February, 1998

FEB 20 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: Senate Bill 208

Dear Senator Parnell;

Eagle River Community Council supports the passage of Senate Bill 208. We agree that the abolishment or alteration of service areas within a borough or municipality should be prohibited without first requiring a vote of the people residing in or owning a business within that service area.

We appreciate your sponsorship of this bill and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

Bill Kuhlman, President  
Eagle River Community Council

cc: Senator Rick Halford  
Senator Randy Phillips  
Representative Fred Dyson  
Representative Vic Kohring  
Representative Pete Kott

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of Bill Kuhlman

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cc:Mail for: Senator Sean Parnell

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Subject: SB208

From: vhoefler@mosquionet.com (Vaughan Hoefler) at CC2MHS1 1/28/98 11:18 AM

To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS

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Dear Senator Parnell,

On behalf of the road service area commissioners for the Ester Lump Service Area located near Fairbanks, we support your effort to implement SB 208.

Voter approval for the formation, alteration, or abolishment of certain service areas would allow residents to more fairly decide on such changes. Our service area recently faced an annexation issue in which the Borough sought to add non-contiguous roads several miles distant to our road system. The condition of the roads proposed for annexation were significantly different than our own, built at different times, and subject to

slightly different weather conditions. Nevertheless, the North Star Borough Rural Services Division presented this annexation issue as the only option to the residents of both areas. Many of our area's residents vented their frustration for not having any "say" in the ability to direct the future of our roads.

After two Assembly meetings, and following the testimony of many residents, the assembly moved for the creat'on of a separate service area.

Had AS 29.35.450 (voter approval of alteration or abolishment of service areas)

been in effect, our concerns would have been brought forth long before the Borough expended considerable time and funds developing this plan.

Thank you for taking the effort to make these changes, as they will provide service area residents the opportunity to more effectively govern the growth or change of their areas.

Carol Hoefler

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being reused to  
support HB 133  
with permission of  
sender



# Hillside East Community Council

March 13, 1998

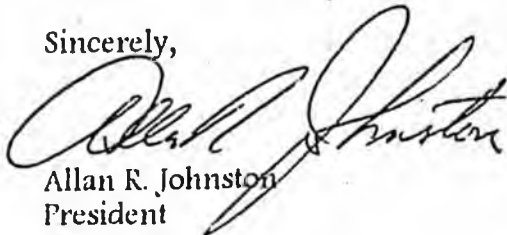
Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capital Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 208

Dear Senator Parnell:

Congratulations on your introduction and good work on Senate Bill 208. Please put Hillside East Community Council unanimously behind your bill.

Sincerely,



Allan R. Johnston  
President

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reused for HB 133  
with permission of  
Allan R Johnston  
former President  
and  
Ann Ballaw  
President - Hillside East CC

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# Municipality of Anchorage

*Rick Mystrom, Mayor*



## Girdwood Board of Supervisors

P.O. Box 890 • Girdwood, Alaska 99587

February 25, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol  
Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Senate Bill 208

Dear Sen. Parnell,

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors unanimously supported a motion to endorse the passage of Senate Bill 208 at our last regular meeting, February 16, 1998. The board also supports Rep. Bunde's companion bill, HB 365.

The board strongly feels both bills strengthen the intent of the Municipal Charter as we understand it.

Sincerely,

*Keith Tryck*  
Keith Tryck  
Chairman

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HB 133 with  
Permission of  
Keith Tryck*

# Mid-Hillside Community Council

10005 Main Tree Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99516-6430  
Chris Birch, Board President  
907 346-3265 (home)  
907 346-3197 (fax)



February 13, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: **SB 208, An Act Relating to Municipal Service Areas**

Dear Senator Parnell;

VIA FAX ONLY

Thank you for providing a copy of the subject legislation for community review and comment.

The Mid-Hillside Community Council is forcefully on record supporting the community right of decision regarding self-determination in service area related annexations. I very much appreciate your efforts to affirm in statute what most would assume was well outlined in our municipal charter, the right of a community to vote their approval of additional proposed services and taxes.

**You have our full support in your efforts to advance this vital legislation.** You may even wish to consider a means of enabling existing Anchorage service areas an opportunity to competitively bid current neighborhood services. I have heard repeated complaints from the members of the Anchorage Road and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA), the service area providing municipal road maintenance, about the 3 day delay in snow removal and excessive costs for this service. Our Valli Vue Road Service Area contractor provides a much better quality of service for half the ARDSA mill rate. It would be wonderful if the residents of Anchorage could enjoy these same competitive advantages, kind a reverse annexation opportunity!

I hope to see you in Juneau next week or tomorrow at the Anchorage Caucus and District 18 Town Meetings.

Sincerely,

Chris Birch  
Board President

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reused to support  
HB 133 with the  
Permission of  
Chris Birch

XC: Mid Hillside Board of Directors  
Allan Johnston, President, Hillside East Board of Directors

FEB 18 1998



*Karen L. Hendrickson*

DESIGN OPTIONS CONSULTANT

February 12, 1998

Senator Sean Parnell  
State Capitol Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Parnell:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the Talus West Limited Road Service Area. The board wishes to express its support for Senate Bill 208. The legislation you have sponsored speaks directly to our ability as residents of a particular area to decide upon, and contract for, the services that best suit our particular needs. The recent forced annexation of the hillside to the Anchorage Police Departments jurisdiction, against the wishes and votes of the residents, has made it obvious the service areas lack protection from a local government takeover of those services they choose to administer for themselves. We urge you to vigorously pursue passage of protection for our service area.

Sincerely,

*Karen L. Hendrickson*

Karen L. Hendrickson  
Member - Talus West LRSA Board of Supervisors  
4731 Talus Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99516

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being reused to  
support HB 133  
with permission of  
Karen L. Hendrickson

**Subject: hb133**

**Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 12:04:50 -0900**

**From: "Scott Sell" <sosell@alaskalife.net>**

**To: Senator\_Jerry\_Ward@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Sen. Ward

I hear that is bill is in your committee

This bill has had the support of the Rabbit Creek Community Council since it was first started by Con.

We also supported the bill that was started by Sen. Parnell that was HB133 counter part

We would like to see this move forward and pass both houses so that the city can not force services on us like the police issue on the hillside again or like taking away services that the Assembly this thinks of (ie: Limited Road Service Areas, LRSA)

Thank You

Scott O. Sell

Past President Rabbit Creek Community Council

345-8512

**Subject: CSHB 133**

**Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2000 14:54:46 -0900**

**From: "Charlie Franz" <CCF@sphosp.com>**

**To: <Loretta\_Brown@legis.state.ak.us>**

Honorable Senator Ward,

Thank you very much for providing me a copy of CSHB 133, "An Act relating to municipal service areas and providing for voter approval of the formation, alteration or abolishment of certain service areas; and providing for an effective date."

As the administrator of South Peninsula Hospital, a hospital that has operated with a service area since 1969, I fully support the changes to Alaska Statute 29.35.450 as proposed in this bill.

Our hospital service area board of directors had operated for years under the assumption that the provisions of CSHB 133 were the way that changes to a service area were to be handled - only with approval of the voters in the affected areas. However, we learned that was not the case this past year when a group of citizens lobbied their Assemblyman to introduce an ordinance to reapportion the service area to suit their needs.

CSHB 133 corrects a gaping hole in the current legislation by keeping the power to govern where it belongs - in the hands of the people being governed. Currently, the people have the ability to establish a service area, but once formed, they have little or no control over changes that can be made to the service area. A significant problem with this lack of control is that once the service areas are created, they can be treated as pawns by the Borough Assembly. The Assembly can say, in effect, do it our way or we will abolish the service area or reapportion the service area boundaries to control you.

CSHB 133 also corrects another major problem with the current legislation, which is the ability of residents to "service area shop." If residents of a service area want access to different services or want to pay a different tax rate, there is nothing in the current legislation that prevents them from opting out of a service area and joining another. This can currently be done without agreement of the remaining residents of the service area who would then potentially be left with the financial burden of supporting services spread over a smaller group of people.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to testify at the hearing February 24, due to a schedule conflict. Please accept this message as my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Franz  
Chief Executive Officer  
South Peninsula Hospital  
(907) 235-0326  
ccf@sphosp.com

Scott:

Thank you for the input. I have added this information to the file and I will make sure all committee members get a copy.

Sincerely,  
Senator Jerry Ward

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Thank You

Scott O. Sell

Past President Rabbit Creek Community Council

345-8512

*State Affairs  
HB 133  
file*

Dear Mr. Williams:

I wanted you to know that I had scheduled HB 133 before the council meeting on 2/17/00. I am sorry my staff did not inform you of the notice of meeting which will be on 2/24/00 at 3:30 pm. There will be teleconference capabilities available if anyone is interested.

Sincerely,  
Senator Jerry Ward

"Williams, Don" wrote:

**DRAFT OF THE 2/17/00 MINUTES. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY CORRECTIONS:**

Note: All motions were moved and seconded by steering committee members. Minutes are organized by topic, and are not necessarily in order of occurrence during meeting. See end for abbreviations.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Betty Evans (345-3219), Chairperson, at 7:07 PM. Approximately 24 people in attendance including:  
Officers: Tim Stevens, Vice Chair.(345-6467) Don Williams, Secty.  
Sherry Hoover, Treas.  
Steering Committee: Marium Clare, Wayne Crayton, Ken Evans, Jack Klingbeil, Emily Lamoreaux, Jesse Martin, Steve Minatani, and Daisy Strong.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING and TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Minutes of previous meeting were presented, and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report - Balance is \$598.50

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** (meeting notes concerning the resolutions follow below)  
NONE

**Fed of Comm Councils MEETING REPORT.** Tim Stevens presented - ASD presented a bond issue fact sheet. Bonds are for area wide projects totaling \$77.9 million, and the Assembly added a separate bond for a new Eagle River school for \$ 42 million. The ASD has revised regulations to allow employees to run for the School Board. However if they are elected, they must quit their employment with the school district. A Survey of Algebra class has been added as a substitute to regular algebra classes and will qualify for the required math credits needed to graduate. Bob Christal is now going to pay for his lawsuit against T. Obermeyer.

Karen Mathis presented the Comprehensive Plan public meeting schedule - public meetings are to be held on March 20, 23 and April 6, 12, and 17. The Plan then goes to the P&Z and then to the Assembly.  
Lance Wilbur of AMATS discussed the process and a few projects - none of which are in the HOCC area. The FCC Neighbor To Neighbor newsletter will be published in PULSE saving the FCC \$4000.

**STATE LEGISLATOR and MOA ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES**

State Senators: Jerry Ward, District E: by telecon  
 Sean Parnell, District I: by telecon  
 State Representatives: Con Bunde, District 18: Absent Joe  
 Green, District 10: Absent  
 MOA Assembly-Member Pat Abney: Absent Dick  
 Tremaine: Present

Teleconference with Legislator's Aids in Juneau:  
 Angela representing Parnell and Patty representing Ward answered questions. Session limit bill was amended to 90 days. Is going forward to Senate floor. Has not gone to house yet. The legislature has not discussed the rumored State employee pay raise agreement. They are waiting for the administration to provide the agreement to the legislature. Bill 133 regarding Limited Road Service Areas (LSRA) is stuck in Ward's committee. This bill eliminates threats to having LRSA's annexed to other jurisdictions. It would not be possible to combine, start, etc. a LSRA without an approval vote by the people affected. If you support this, send letters to the legislature. The HOCC was asked to pass a resolution on this bill. It was decided to discuss this next month, when the text of the bill could be made available. Lots of support has been received from Fairbanks, Eagle River and the Hillside.

Dick Tremaine -

Assembly passed a 8% rental car tax that may raise \$3,000,000 per year. It goes to the voters for approval - 60% is required for passage. Rockridge Street maintenance was added to the Upper O'Malley LRSA. The LRSA will vote on this. If it doesn't pass, \$250,000 in State road money to improve the street will be lost. The funding expires in July 2000. Lots of bond issues were discussed in the last three meetings - two school bonds, road bonds, water and sewer and parks and rec. bonds. The assembly added \$20 million for phase 2 and 3 of the Chugach HS project to the bond requested by the ASD. They also added a second bond for the construction of another school in Eagle River costing \$42 million. 50% state reimbursement may be possible on the ER project only. The ANC Comprehensive Plan will be issued in March. This will provide new data on population growth patterns in the greater bowl area. This may show how much growth is occurring in Eagle River.

Hilltop ski area long-term lease ordinance passed and will be placed on the ballot. The issue is whether to allow the MOA to give the Ski Area a 20-30 year lease, and change the boundary to allow a second downhill ski run to the north of the existing one - to reduce lift lines. The new ski area would require 30 acres of tree clearing and the realignment of the Spencer Loop cross-county ski trail. If the vote fails, the ski area will be granted a renewable 5 year lease that will prevent a new ski run without further MOA approvals. A \$1.4 million Base Lodge is being funded with Ted Stevens free federal money and will not be affected by the vote.

Mr Teshe's ordinance to revise the code as to how/what the Mayor can veto in a budget amended and passed by the Assembly was defeated 7-4. Last year

the Mayor vetoed the budget revised by the Assembly and the current budget is now the original one sent to the Assembly by the Mayor. Since it takes 8 Assembly votes to override a veto, this means the Mayor and just 4 Assembly members can control the spending for the MOA.

Dick would not discuss whom he might be supporting for Mayor. Don't ask!

#### REPORTS:

Census Bureau Speaker - Cancelled due to personal conflicts.  
There are openings for enumerators - part time work at \$18.75 per hour.  
EOE. call 271-1281.

Betty encouraged everyone to send in the Census paperwork - this will minimized the efforts requiring enumerators.

Sue Rodman, Director of Anchorage district in the Alaska Association of Conservation Districts

Sue is funded by a federal grant via the Federal Natural Resource Conservation Service. There are 11 districts in the state. The mission is to promote water and soil conservation. She provides Spruce Beetle control workshops, Soil conservation education in schools, Watershed studies (currently one at Elmendorf AFB), stormwater runoff studies, soil quality education for builders, etc. She can be contacted at 271-2424 ext 107.

Check out public outreach events on the web site -- [ak.nacdn.net.org/anchorage](http://ak.nacdn.net.org/anchorage). Her email is [anchorage@ak.nacdn.net.org](mailto:anchorage@ak.nacdn.net.org). The new drywell at Killey Street installed by the MOA last summer was discussed. It seems to overflow onto an adjacent property with a domestic water well. She said she would look into the situation.

APD Officer D.G. Smith.

Officer Smith relayed traffic concerns discussed at the last meeting at Huffman and Pintail and on Huffman in front of the St Elizabeth Church to superiors. An officer has been stationed in the area at times. He reported that there were two accidents reported in 1999, and three so far in 2000 at Pintail and Huffman.

#### PRESENTATIONS: MAYOR CANDIDATES

(What about) BOB BELL:

Bob was the South Anchorage Assemblyman between 1993 and 1999. He is not interested in a political career, and plans to serve as Mayor, and then return to his private profession as an Engineering consultant. He feels he will be able to make decisions based on what is best for Anchorage, and not because of what might help him in a future political career. He has lived in Anchorage for 30 years. Bob fought the annexation of the Hillside into the MOA police district while he was our Assemblyman.

Bob's main focus is: Clean Industry for Anchorage, Partnering with State for Economic Opportunities, Maintain Character of Neighborhoods, Consolidation of Services, Domestic Violence, Partnering with Civic groups, Keep crime

rate dropping.

Bob feels that Anchorage can decide what new business we want in the future in Anchorage - a clean industry with high paid workers - the computer industry. He will go out and market the quality of life in Anchorage to industry leaders, such as Apple, Microsoft, Sony. He would partner with the State and use the stock holdings of the Permanent Fund to talk to high level representatives of these companies. Another idea for a new industry is an international equipment repair industry to capitalize on the "air crossroads of the world" and expansion of the air freight carriers.

Bob wants to preserve and improve the unique character of our neighborhoods - for example Girdwood, Eagle River, Turnagain and Hillside. People choose areas because of their unique characteristics, thus rezoning for smaller lots in the Hillside such as that done in the Rabbit Creek area should be prevented. He would develop a strong comprehensive plan updated every few years so that the business community and citizens know what types and where developments are available in Anchorage.

Bob would assemble a committee of business people and muni employees to recommend ways to consolidate services between the ASD, MOA, and the State. He would take a lead on consolidation in areas such as snow plowing, vehicle repair, accounting, engineering, etc.

Bob wants to study the problem of domestic violence to find a better way to deal with this problem. He wants to create partnerships with civic groups and the APD to augment surveillance of communities and parks. He wants to also create partnerships with the city rec department and private sports groups.

Bob was asked to comment on the ASD. He said that the ASD is ranked at 83% nationally in per student costs, but the money is not getting to the classroom. He wants to transfer school construction away from the ASD. He would consolidate construction with the MOA public works. The school district currently has 38 employees managing construction. Bob feels that the MOA could do the work with 8 employees. They overrun the project costs an average of 12%, compared to a national average of 1-5%. State regulations however limit the Mayors power over the ASD. He encouraged citizens to elect School Board members with these ideas to effect change in the ASD.

Bob's position on the Bragaw extension is that he would support the conclusions of the study currently underway regarding the north south traffic problem city-wide. Bob was asked about the lack of quality child care - he didn't have an answer but suggested the partnership approach discussed previously.

#### RACE JONES:

Race was born in Alaska. From 1971 to 1989 he left Alaska, and returned during the Valdez oil spill. He has previously work in the oil patch, and since 1995 has operated a business that provides and maintains litter receptacles in downtown Anchorage, sponsored by private businesses. Race advocated a strong Open Government policy with public records available for all meetings, including labor contract negotiations utility sales, and

land sales. He favors the 10 mill tax cap as a starting point to rethink government services from the bottom up. He does not know how to fill the gap at this time. He would meet with workers to try to reduce the apathy and distrust, and rebuild the "can-do" spirit and enthusiasm that the Alaskan pioneers had. Race feels that lots of small savings add up to large savings.

Race was asked to comment on the ASD. He feels it is too powerful and over budget. He would use the leadership position of the Mayor's office to pressure the ASD to cut expenditures.

#### TERESA OBERMEYER:

Teresa is the 10th of 12 children in her family. Her father was a judge, and many of her siblings are attorneys. Her background is in education and she was a member of the ASD Board between 1990 and 1994. She has three children ages 13 thru 17.

The foundation of her platform for Mayor is the love of the Anchorage community and her enthusiasm. She will always tell the truth. She is also for an Open Government policy similar to Race Jones. She asks the voters to focus on the character of the candidates. She asks us to evaluate the performance of the "professional" politicians - what have they done. Perhaps a "rookie" may be a better choice.

When asked about her ongoing interface with Bob Christal she is not embarrassed by all the "press" and legal actions against her. She feels that if she is elected, it will be a strong message sent to Mr. Christal. She would replace the Chief of APD if elected. She distributed a letter to the Anchorage Ombudsman regarding her lasted lawsuit filed by Bob Christal arguing that his use of heavily discounted legal services of ASD lawyers Jermain, Dunnagan and Owens is violation of the State statutes regarding conflict of interest.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

HOCC Boundaries - Betty displayed a CC district map and proposed that the HOCC annex a small portion of the Mid-Hillside and Abbot Loop between 100th and Abbot road, and Lake Otis to Birch. Betty thought that the lack of MOA water and sewer in these areas is similar to the HOCC area and our concerns on issues would be similar. There was concern voiced that the landowners would not be aware of the chance. It was suggested that a survey be mailed to the affected people.

35 Day Public Notice Period. Dick Tremaine was asked to investigate the status of this resolution passed by the FCC.

SAHS subcommittee report by Jesse Martin - no meeting have been held. The ASD project manager is not answering Jesse's correspondence so he had nothing to report. The SAHS plot plan is available on the ASD web site. A printout was passed around.

HOCC Committee reports: Wayne C attended the Waste Reduction and Recycle Committee Meeting. See the Compass article in the ADN on Friday 2/18 for details and contacts. Comments are requested. Transportation - Tim S attended the transportation meeting - major hillside projects are inactive - they are all waiting for the traffic study to be complete in March. Go to

www.hillsideroads.com for lots of good information on the projects. Betty has requested traffic counters to be placed at Rockridge, Lorraine, and Elmore north of Huffman prior to the end of the school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Betty announced that the HOCC annual meeting and office elections will be in April this year. A survey will be sent out prior to the meeting.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA::** NONE

**MAIL:** NONE

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** at 9:45 P.M.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** CC: Community Councils P&Z: Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOA: Municipality of Anchorage ASD: Anchorage School District

APD: Anchorage Police Department HOCC: Huffman-O'Malley Community Council

AMATS: Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Study SHS: Service High School

SAHS: South Anchorage High School CEA: Chugach Electric Association

ACFRG: Anchorage Citizens for Responsible Government

LSRA: Limited Road Service Area ARTSA: Anchorage Road and Transportation Service Area

Regards, Don Williams

phone:345-8060 e-mail:don\_williams@natchiq.com

**Subject: SB No. 262**

**Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2000 16:41:37 -0900**

**From: "Edgar W. Sipple, Jr." <edsipple@ptialaska.net>**

**To: Senator\_Jerry\_Ward@legis.state.ak.us**

Dear Senator,

I am writing you in regards to the SB 262. Which involves the Disability handicap liscense plates on Leased vehicles.

Thank you for introducing this bill before the Senate. Something really needs to be done about this situation.

Thank you for listening to your constituent's on this problem. We need more men like you on the job for us.

Thank You

Edgar Sipple  
(907)262-9513  
edsipple@ptialaska.net

**Subject: CSHB 133**

**Date:** Wed, 23 Feb 2000 14:54:46 -0900

**From:** "Charlie Franz" <CCF@sphosp.com>

**To:** <Loretta\_Brown@legis.state.ak.us>

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Thank you very much for providing me a copy of CSHB 133, "An Act relating to municipal service areas and providing for voter approval of the formation, alteration or abolishment of certain service areas; and providing for an effective date."

As the administrator of South Peninsula Hospital, a hospital that has operated with a service area since 1969, I fully support the changes to Alaska Statute 29.35.450 as proposed in this bill.

Our hospital service area board of directors had operated for years under the assumption that the provisions of CSHB 133 were the way that changes to a service area were to be handled - only with approval of the voters in the affected areas. However, we learned that was not the case this past year when a group of citizens lobbied their Assemblyman to introduce an ordinance to reapportion the service area to suit their needs.

CSHB 133 corrects a gaping hole in the current legislation by keeping the power to govern where it belongs - in the hands of the people being governed. Currently, the people have the ability to establish a service area, but once formed, they have little or no control over changes that can be made to the service area. A significant problem with this lack of control is that once the service areas are created, they can be treated as pawns by the Borough Assembly. The Assembly can say, in effect, do it our way or we will abolish the service area or reapportion the service area boundaries to control you.

CSHB 133 also corrects another major problem with the current legislation, which is the ability of residents to "service area shop." If residents of a service area want access to different services or want to pay a different tax rate, there is nothing in the current legislation that prevents them from opting out of a service area and joining another. This can currently be done without agreement of the remaining residents of the service area who would then potentially be left with the financial burden of supporting services spread over a smaller group of people.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to testify at the hearing February 24, due to a schedule conflict. Please accept this message as my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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