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To: Senator Jerry Ward, Chair  
State Affairs

From: Senator Mike Miller, Chair  
Legislative Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Miller".

Re: Bill Hearing Request

Date: April 26, 1999

Attached is a Sponsor Statement for Senate Bill 155, "An Act relating to methods of payments of and reports concerning certain state salaries and business expenses."

The bill would require the Administration, the court system and executive heads of public corporations to follow the same annual reporting requirements for travel and compensation that the legislature is subjected to.

The bill is a priority of the Legislative Council for passage this year. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gore in my office.



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## Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 155

**"An Act relating to methods of payments of and reports concerning certain state salaries and business expenses."**

This bill would expand the number of state entities, in addition to the legislature, required to report travel and compensation annually. Detailed information for the previous calendar year of the salaries, per diem, travel expenses, relocation expenses and any additional allowances received would be the required from the following people:

- governor;
- lt. governor;
- chiefs of staff of the governor and lieutenant governor;
- supreme court justices;
- court of appeals judges;
- administrative director of the court;
- legislative affairs executive director;
- president and vice president of the University and the chancellors of the individual campuses of the university;
- commissioners and deputy commissioners and division directors;
- and the executive heads of public corporations created by law.

The reports will be sent to the legislature by January 31 each year for the previous calendar year coinciding with the date the legislative fiscal officer is required to file an annual travel and compensation report on members of the legislature.

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**Suggested changes to SB 155**

AS 37.05.210 is amended to read:

**(a) The Department of Administration shall**

(1) file with the governor and with the legislative auditor before December 16 a report of the financial transactions of the preceding fiscal year and of the financial condition of the state as of the end of that year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and audited by the legislative auditor in accordance with generally accepted audit standards, with comments and supplementary data that the Department of Administration considers necessary; this report shall be printed for the information of the legislature and the public;

(2) compile statistics necessary for the budget and other statistics required by the governor;

**(3) file a travel and compensation report with the legislature by January 31 of each year containing detailed information for the previous calendar year of the salaries, per diem, travel expenses, relocation expenses, and any additional allowances for**

**(A) the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the chiefs of staff of the governor and lieutenant governor; and**

**(B) the commissioners or other executive heads of the principal departments in the executive branch of state government, and the deputy commissioners and division directors in those departments.**

**(b) The University of Alaska shall file a travel and compensation report with the legislature by January 31 of each year containing detailed information for the previous calendar year of the salaries, per diem, travel expenses, relocation expenses, and any additional allowances for the president and vice-president of the University of Alaska and the chancellors of the individual campuses of the university.**

**(c) Each public corporation created by law shall file a travel and compensation report with the legislature by January 31 of each year containing detailed information for the previous calendar year of the salaries, per diem, travel expenses, relocation expenses, and any additional allowances for the executive head of the public corporation.**