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SENATOR KIM ELTON

SB 50

Extending the Termination Date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners

Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 50 extends the sunset date on the Board of Veterinary Examiners for another four years. The board serves the State of Alaska by ensuring the quality of those who practice as veterinarians. Alaskans rely on veterinary services for care of our beloved pets, sled dogs that provide transportation, and livestock that are farmers' and ranchers' livelihood.

A recent audit by the Division of Legislative Audit concluded that "the board is operating in an efficient and effective manner and should continue to regulate veterinarians. We believe the board is safeguarding the public interest..."

Under current statute, the board will cease to exist on June 30, 2001. Extending this sunset date will allow the legislature to review the board again in four years' time.

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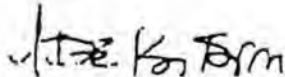
Dear Senator Elton:

As a licensed, practicing veterinarian in the Juneau-Douglas area, I recognize the importance of formal peer review to maintain high quality animal and public health services. I support your bill to extend the sunset date on the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

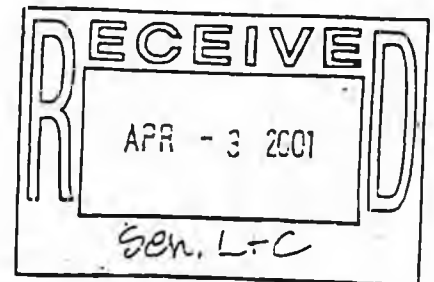
Because all veterinarians must pass the National Board Examination and Clinical Competency Examination, reformers advocate elimination of redundant state veterinary examinations and institution of national or regional (rather than state) licensure. The Board of Veterinary Examiners is the best public and professional voice to express Alaskan views of this change.

The health and well being of my patients is important to me and to their families. I keep my knowledge current and my skills sharp out of honor and professional responsibility, not because a board of inquisitors is breathing down my neck. However, public confidence rests on quality assurance. If my qualifications or standard of care is to be evaluated, I trust my peers and their interest in preserving the integrity of the profession over television's "Animal Court."

Best,



Lesley DeKrey, DVM



FISCAL NOTE

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Board of Veterinary Examiners Component: Occupational Licensing
 Sponsor: Senator Elton
 Requester: Senate Labor & Commerce Component Number: 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services		35.6	35.6	35.6	35.6	
Travel		5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	
Contractual		9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	
Supplies		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Equipment		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	

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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1156 RSS)	0.0	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (1156 RSS)		51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	
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Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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