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 Sponsor: Representative Beverly Masek Component: _____
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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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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Other (Specify Type)						
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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fees were recently increased for all residents using Alaska State Parks. The department was asked to supply the number of Seniors who purchased season or day park permits for the last three fiscal years, but was unable to supply that information. Since we can not determine how many Seniors currently purchase passes, we are unable to estimate how many will utilize this service.

Prepared by: Jennifer Yuhas, Committee Aide Phone (907) 465-3715

Representative Beverly Masek / Representative Drew Scalzi Date 04 01 01
 Committee Co-chairs

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB129
 () Publish Date: _____
 Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 BRU: Parks & Recreation Mgt.
 Component: Parks Management
 Component Number: 452

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Free Park Permits: Disabled Vets/Sr. Cit.
 Sponsor: Rep. Masek
 Requester: (H) RES

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						
Travel						
Contractual	33.7	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	33.7	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)	(165.0)	(170.0)	(175.0)	(180.0)	(185.0)	(190.0)
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	198.7	180.5	185.5	190.5	195.5	200.5
1005 GF/Program Receipts	(165.0)	(170.0)	(175.0)	(180.0)	(185.0)	(190.0)
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 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2002 budget proposal:

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Full-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

EXPENDITURES:

\$17.2 Onetime expenditure for printing permanent passes
 \$6.0 Onetime expense for designing and installing Database to track passes
 \$10.0 Estimated annual increase in Parks RSA to the Public Information Center
 \$0.5 Estimated annual increase for computer and programmer time for maintenance of database
 \$165.0 Estimate in first year of lost program receipts revenue to be replaced by general fund. The Parks budget is based on program receipt revenue. If the receipts are decreased, the funding must be replaced with general funds to maintain the same level of service.
REVENUE: Revenue reduction based on number of visitor nights by Alaskans over 60 previously using campground on a nightly or annual fee basis. Loss estimate increases in future years in alignment with population aging trends.

Prepared by: Jim Stratton, Director Phone 269-8701
 Division: Parks Date/Time 9-Apr-01
 Approved by: Pat Pourchot Date 9-Apr-01
 Agency: Natural Resources

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Testimony HB-129
2001

11 April,

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In regards to the fiscal note the department has attached, I will concede that we may not be able to obtain a zero fiscal on this bill. However, I do believe that these figures are more inflated than need be, and I would like an opportunity to explain why.

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Parks RSA and Public Information Center:

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Sponsor Statement House Bill 129

An act relating to lifetime state park developed campsite permits.

This bill was introduced to support out older Alaskans. Seniors have every right to enjoy the beauty of our great state. Many have made a long term contribution to Alaska's economy and community. Senior citizens generally find them selves on a fixed income. The Alaska Commission on Aging reports that the average annual income of an Alaskan senior citizen is \$8,097. Alaska has many other programs that recognize this. Persons sixty years and older are able to receive a hunting and fishing license at no charge. Renter's rebates are available for those sixty-five and over, as well as auto tax exemptions, exemptions for fees for property appraisals, food distribution, financial and medical assistance, energy assistance, rental assistance, and free college tuition. Giving our older Alaskans use of our parks would encourage their participation in wholesome outdoor activities that will enhance their quality of life. HB-129 is a reasonable recognition of our elders' contribution to our state.

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Bill gives seniors free camping passes

By DAVID WASHBURN
Senior Voice Managing Editor

Alaskans age 60 and older will be eligible for free camping passes to the state's parks, if a bill in the state legislature becomes law.

House Bill 129, sponsored by Rep. Beverly Masek, a Republican from Willow, would direct the state's Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to grant lifetime camping passes similar to the lifetime fishing and hunting licenses currently given to older residents at no charge.

The bill is a response to complaints regarding ongoing fee increases at state campgrounds, said Eddie Grasser, Masek's chief of staff.

"Some of our elderly constituents complained about it," Grasser said. "A lot of the seniors wanted to know why they had to pay more."

The state operates 75 campgrounds around Alaska, Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation director Jim Stratton said. Fees are \$10 per night for a camping spot, \$15 in some campgrounds, he said. Campers also can buy passes for \$100 that allow unlimited camping for a season.

"That works out to eighty cents a night, if you camp

every night from May to September," Stratton said.

Stratton said the cost of the season pass was raised to \$100 from \$75 last year, but noted it was the first increase in 10 years. He received very few complaints about the increase, he said. He also acknowledged the per-night fee has gone up quite a bit in the past 10 years, but said the fees pay about 35 percent of the cost of running the campgrounds.

Stratton said he is concerned the free senior passes will result in a drop in revenue, forcing the state to close down some campsites. He couldn't say for sure how many seniors use Alaska's campgrounds because the state doesn't ask for campers' ages. His office is surveying campsite rangers, analyzing RV ownership patterns and reviewing RV licenses through the Division of Motor Vehicles to try to put together "an educated guess," he said. "It's clearly going to have a fiscal impact."

He said the legislature would have to decide how to offset the loss. "They either could tell us to eat the loss, in which case we'd have to close some facilities; give us money from the general fund, or we'd have to raise fees on everyone else."

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SENIOR BILL DIGEST

Senior-related bills introduced

Here are some of the bills introduced so far this session of the Alaska State Legislature.

HB 88 (Rules Committee by request of Gov. Knowles) Pioneers' and Veterans' Home and Advisory Board. Changes name of the Alaska Pioneers' Home to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Home. Also changes the name of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Homes Advisory Board. Sets aside a certain number of beds in the Pioneers' Homes statewide for use by veterans. Veterans would be given admissions preference for these beds. Modifies the membership of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board to include at least two veterans, with one seat reserved for the

chair of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council. Currently in House MLV.

HB 124 (Halcro, R-Anchorage) Hiring at nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Prohibits licensed nursing homes and assisted-living facilities from hiring anyone ever convicted of an offense where the victim was a resident of a nursing home or assisted-living facility. Also prohibits hiring anyone convicted for an unclassified or class A felony; convicted within the past 10 years of a class B felony; convicted within the past five years of a class C felony, class A misdemeanor, or comparable offenses. Currently in House Health, Education & Social Services committee.

HB 129 (Masek, R-Willow) Free state park permits. Establishes a free, lifetime

pass to the state's campgrounds for Alaska residents age 60 and older. Currently in House Resources committee.

SB 112 (Sen. Health, Education and Social Services Committee) The Alaska Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Mental Health Trust Authority. Places the hiring of the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman under the jurisdiction of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Currently in the Senate Health, Education and Social Services committee.

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Tuition

TUITION COSTS:

Lower Division - Undergraduate (Course Numbers 050 - 299)

Resident \$75.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$234.00 per credit hour

Upper Division - Undergraduate (Course Numbers 300 - 499)

Resident \$84.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$243.00 per credit hour

Professional Development (Course Numbers 500-599)

Tuition costs vary.

Graduate (Course Numbers 600 - 699)

Resident \$167.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$326.00 per credit hour

** Non-resident students who restrict their enrollment to no more than three credits each semester are charged resident tuition.*

** Non-resident students are assessed non-resident fees on all academic credits including self-support.*

If your address will change or has changed, submit a Change of Address Form to Enrollment Services. Billings will be mailed to your address of record.

Alaska Residency

You are eligible for Alaska resident tuition if you have been physically present in Alaska for the past 12 consecutive months (except for temporary absences with intent to return). U.S. service members on active duty and their dependents, members of the Alaska National Guard and their dependents, and residents of the Canadian Northwest and Yukon Territories are considered residents for tuition purposes. The following are NOT eligible for Alaska resident tuition:

- Persons who have declared legal residency in another state within the last year
- Persons who have registered to vote in another state
- Students with non-immigrant visas

For complete information, refer to the Residency section of the UAA Catalog.

Senior Citizens

Alaska Residents 60 years or older may enroll for most UAA credit classes and have tuition

waived. Enrollment is on a space available basis only. Use of senior citizen tuition waivers is governed accordingly:

1. Tuition is not waived for non-credit, CEU, or self-support classes. Senior citizens must pay all additional course fees. To waive tuition, senior citizens must register and present a completed tuition waiver with proof of age during late registration. Tuition Waivers are available at late registration from Accounting Services and Enrollment Services, both located in the Administration Building.

Note: The student government fee, student activity fee, and student media fee are waived for senior citizens. Senior citizens wanting use of the PE Facility must pay the PE Facility Use Fee. The Student Health Center Fee is mandatory for all students taking six or more credits.


2. Registration using a senior citizen tuition waiver for payment is permitted only during late registration (no late fee will be assessed when students register late with a senior citizen tuition waiver).

3. Senior citizens may elect to register before the late registration period; however, they must pay full tuition and fees (use of senior citizen tuition waiver will not be accepted). Senior citizens electing to register and pay full tuition are subject to all payment deadlines. Students who do not either pay or drop before the published deadline will be subject to drop for non-payment. Refunds will NOT be available to senior citizens who drop classes and then re-enroll into the same classes using a tuition waiver during late registration.

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

(furnished by Leanne Reed at the Anchorage Senior Center)

1300 E. 19th Avenue

258-7823

AUTO TAX EXEMPTIONS

Division of Motor Vehicles

2150 E Dowling Rd

Anchorage AK. 99507

Seniors 65 by Jan. 1 of the application year are eligible for the registration fee exemption. Notary and proof of age are required for first-time applicants. Good only for non-commercial vehicles. One exemption per household. Forms & Notary available at the Anchorage Senior Center Information & Assistance Office.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

333 Raspberry Rd.

Anchorage, AK. 99518-1599

267-2155

Free license for seniors 60 years old who have lived in Alaska for at least one year. Disabled veterans with at least a 50% military related disability may apply at any age. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center Information & Assistance Office.

RENTER'S REBATE

Office of State Assessor

333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 220

Anchorage, AK. 99501-2341

269-4581

Seniors 65 before January 1, 1998 are eligible for the 1998 rebate. This applies to rental property that is subject to property tax. Mobile home owners may apply for a rebate on the rent paid for trailer park space. Applications available in the Information & Assistance Office Dec. 1 - Jan.15.

Programs

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Department of Finance: Property Appraisal Office

P.O.Box 196650

Anchorage, AK. 99501

343-6770

Seniors, 65 years old before Jan. 1 in the year they are applying for exemption, may apply if they own and live in their home. This exemption applies to the first \$150,000 assessed value. Applications are available in the Information & Assistance Office Nov. 15- March 15.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

400 W. Willoughby, Suite 301

Juneau, AK. 99801-1731

465-3058

No age restrictions. Help with energy bills for owners or renters that meet income requirements set each year if utilities are included in your rent, you may still be eligible for this yearly energy grant. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center, Public Assistance Office, or mailed to your home from the Juneau office. Application period: Oct. 1-May 15.

Food Distribution

The Anchorage Senior Center is a USDA Commodities Food Bank location. Each month eligible seniors can pick up USDA commodities, such as rice, pasta, beans, salmon, applesauce, vegetables, canned meat, or frozen hamburger. Amount and type of food varies from month to month. This program has very strict income requirements. All applicants must provide printed proof of yearly income to determine eligibility. Apply at the Information and Assistance Office.

Old Age Assistance and Medicaid

Division of Public Assistance

527 E 4th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501

269-6599

Low income seniors, 65 years of age or older, may apply for financial and medical assistance. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center, Information & Assistance Office. Bring

verification of income, assets, rent, and savings accounts in order to fill out the application.

Title V. Employment

Seniors 55 and over who meet income requirements may apply for part-time employment. Wages do not affect Social Security, or housing assistance benefits. Call the Information & Assistance office for details and new job listings.

Rental Assistance for Senior Housing

Qualifying applicants pay 30% of adjusted income for rent. Applications and assistance available at:

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

620 East 10th Avenue Suite 202; 272-1457

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Administered through the Anchorage Senior Center, 258-7823

Senior Rap

Anchorage Senior Center

1300 E. 19th

Ongoing Friday morning group. Meets at 9:00 each week for fun conversation, morning coffee, juice and snacks. Door prizes, and monthly party. Hosted by Hazel Klein, Anchorage Senior Center Health Services Coordinator, and Leanne Reed, Information & Assistance Coordinator.

Health & Wellness Programs

Free blood Pressure checks weekdays from noon - 1 p.m.

Blood glucose checked weekdays at 9 a.m. by appointment. \$1 :00 donation is suggested. Please call Hazel Klein at 257-7823 for details.

The Anchorage Senior Center Offers a wide variety of fitness programs, please call Jennifer at

258-7823 about joining one of the classes offered.

Support Groups

Arthritis- Call the Arthritis Support Group at 269-3206 for time and date.

Parkinson's -Contact Betty Berry at 277-3384 for current information.

Diabetes- For information contact Arlene at 258-7823

Senior Center membership is \$25/year for singles, and \$40/year for couples. Individuals with a monthly

income of \$1000 or less, please contact Leanne Reed for membership and fitness waivers.





Senior Citizens Programs

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The Anchorage Senior Center is a bustling activity center that provides meals, health services, information and referral services, arts and crafts, educational and recreational programs. The Center is well used by its 2,000+ members. Community groups also rent space for meetings, socials, weddings, receptions, and other events. Presentations and meetings are often held to inform seniors of issues relevant to their well-being. To find out more about the activities at the Center, call (907) 258-7823.

Chugiak Senior Center

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Chugiak Alaska 99567
Executive Director
(907) 688-2677

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Chugiak Senior Center provides services to people 55 years of age and older who live in the greater Chugiak/Eagle River/Birchwood and Eklutna areas. The facility has 43 independent living apartments and 20 assisted living apartments. It offers programs and services to both residents and non-residents. The services offered by the Center are all geared toward helping seniors remain in their chosen community. These services include: Adult Day Care for Seniors with Alzheimer's disease and dementia who need a place to go during the day; meal service on site, as well as delivered to home-bound seniors who cannot go to the Center; nutrition education; outreach and referrals; transportation and escort services as needed; and programs and support services. Aerobics classes, art classes, various support group meetings, bingo, a beauty shop, slide shows and movies, pet therapy, and musical presentations are regularly available on site.

To find out more about the programs and activities of the Chugiak Senior Center, call (907) 688-2677.

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