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FURTHER REFERRALS: HES

Date of Committee Action: 2/20/01

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN WWII VETS

"An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II veterans."

Recommends it be replaced with CS HB 98 (MLV) | ☒ Same Title | ☐ New Title
For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title | ☐ New Title: HCR

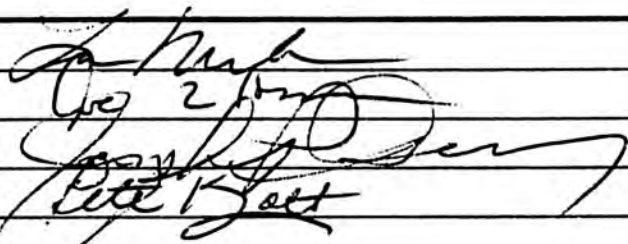
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Letter of Intent Committee

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Signing with recommendations		Printed Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Murkowski	✓				
	Hayes	✓				
	Green	✓				
	Kott	✓				
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number 1
Bill Version: HB 98
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Veterans Component: _____
Sponsor: Rules Committee
Requester: Governor Component Number: 173

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Land & Structures						
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1037 GF/Mental Health						
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Part-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Division: Teaching & Learning Support Date/Time 11/14/00 4:00 PM
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January 30, 2001

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Porter:

This bill I transmit today brings a long-overdue recognition to those World War II veterans who left Alaska's high schools before graduating in order to serve their country. These veterans would be awarded high school diplomas.

Alaska would join other states in the national "Operation Recognition" program designed as society's gesture of gratitude towards World War II veterans. Many of these veterans never received high school diplomas because they chose, rather, to serve in the military at a crucial time to ward off a genuine threat to world stability. When they returned home in the post-war economic and baby boom, they went straight to work and pursued careers rather than go back to school.

Under this bill, the Department of Education and Early Development would award a diploma upon application by, or on behalf of, a person who served in the military between August 7, 1940 and July 5, 1947. Those veterans with a Graduation Equivalency Diploma could also apply.

Out of respect and recognition of Alaska's World War II veterans, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 98(MLV)**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS****Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II
2 veterans."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.077. High school diploma for certain veterans. (a)**

6 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of ~~AS 14.03~~, the commissioner shall award a
7 high school diploma to a person who *the law*

8 (1) makes application under (b) of this section; if a person is deceased
9 or incapacitated, an immediate family member may apply on behalf of the person;

10 (2) attended high school and left that high school in order to join the
11 United States armed forces or the Alaska Territorial Guard;

12 (3) never received a high school diploma; and

13 (4) actively served in the United States armed forces or the Alaska
14 Territorial Guard during the period of August 7, 1940, through July 25, 1947, and

- 1 (A) died in active service;
2 (B) was honorably discharged; or
3 (C) was released from active duty because of a service-related
4 disability.
5 (b) The commissioner shall provide a form or electronic format for a person to
6 apply under this section. The commissioner may accept an affidavit to support the
7 award if documentation is not readily available from the military or other sources.

STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Mike Chenault, Chair
House Special Committee on Military
And Veterans Affairs
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

February 8, 2001

Dear Representative Chenault:

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs requests a hearing on HB 98 "An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II veterans."

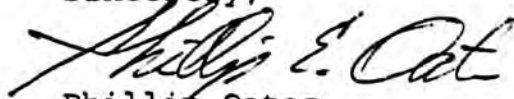
This bill recognizes that many 17 year-olds left school to join the United States armed forces or the Alaska Territorial Guard in order to fight in a war that threatened the stability of the world. When they returned home, many did not return to high school and did not receive a high school diploma.

In order to recognize their service to this country, many states have joined together to pass legislation similar to the bill now in your committee. This effort is aptly named "Operation Recognition".

We believe there are less than 150 veterans that would fall within the guidelines of this bill.

I look forward to working with you on this bill. If you have questions, please call Carol Carroll at 465-4730.

Sincerely,



Phillip Oates
Adjutant General