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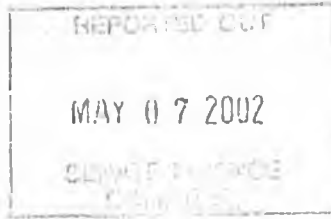
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/19/02



FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 05/07/02

Finance Committee considered

HOUSE BILL NO. 162

HB 162 ABSENCES UNDER LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

"An Act relating to absences from the state under the longevity bonus program."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous S CS H.B. 1102 (STA)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

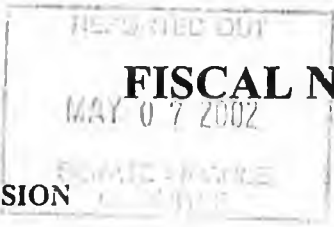
Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DDA	4/24/02	(146.7)		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Lyde Green</i>		✓			
<i>John Custer</i>				✓	
<i>Gregory Walker</i>		✓			
<i>Loren D. Kemman</i>		✓			
COCHAIR:	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SCS HB 162(STA)
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title: "An Act relating to absences under BRU Longevity Bonus
the longevity bonus program..." Component: Longevity Bonus Grants
 Sponsor: (H)HES
 Requester: (S)FIN Component No. 26

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	(146.7)	(136.8)	(127.5)	(118.9)	(110.8)	(103.3)
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	(146.7)	(136.8)	(127.5)	(118.9)	(110.8)	(103.3)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 CF Match						
1004 CF	(146.7)	(136.8)	(127.5)	(118.9)	(110.8)	(103.3)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	(146.7)	(136.8)	(127.5)	(118.9)	(110.8)	(103.3)

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Page 2 for bill Analysis

Prepared by: James L. Kohn, Director Phone 465-2159
 Division: Alaska Longevity Programs Date/Time 4/24/02 11:52 AM
 Approved by: Jim Duncan, Commissioner Date 4/24/2002
 Agency: Department of Administration

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCS HB 162 (STA)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Section 1:

The average Longevity Bonus (ALB) check is \$221. There were 1,305 ALB recipient absences between 31 and 60 days in CY 2000. If the program issued a check for each of those absences, the additional cost would be \$288.4. This is the cost associated with Section 1 of the bill.

Section 2:

If 10 percent of ALB recipients were absent for 30 days more than the current allowable absence, they would forego one additional check and the program would save an estimated \$435.1.

Underlying Assumption:

The cost of ALB payments between calendar years 1997 - 2000 decreased an average of 6.767 percent annually. This percentage decrease has been applied to the FY 2003 estimated increment and to each of the out years.

Section 1 Cost = \$288,405 (1,305 recipients x \$221 average payment)

Section 2 Savings = (\$435,149) (19,690 x .10 x \$221)

Net Year 2003 = (\$146,744)



Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives

**HB 162—ABSENCES UNDER LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM
SPONSOR STATEMENT**

“An Act relating to absences from the state under the longevity bonus program.”

PURPOSE

HB 162 changes two longevity bonus date clauses. First, it increases the allowable paid absence from 30 to 60 consecutive days. Second, it extends the unpaid sabbatical from 90 consecutive days to three years.

BACKGROUND

Recipients of the longevity bonus are people who were at least 65 years of age and resided in the state for at least one year immediately preceding application for a longevity bonus no later than December 31, 1996. By increasing the allowable paid absence from 30 to 60 days, seniors would be able to leave the state for up to 60 days while continuing to receive their longevity bonus. We have heard from many seniors who want to drive out of state to visit their family or need to leave to care for family but cannot because of the current 30-day restriction.

Extending the unpaid sabbatical from 90 days to three years would respond to another senior concern. Often, either because of the winters, medical treatment, or extended trips to care for family, longevity bonus recipients leave the state for extended periods of time. Currently, they lose their eligibility for the program if they leave for more than a total of 180 days out of the year or 90 days at one time. Due to this restriction, many seniors fly back every 90 days to keep their eligibility. Extending the unpaid leave to three years would allow seniors to leave the state for up to three years without being dropped from the program.

SUMMARY

The longevity bonus is extremely important to many of its recipients, especially those who are low income. By extending the allowable paid absence to 60 days and by extending the unpaid sabbatical to three years, seniors would be able to leave the state without a penalty.



Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
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**HB 162—ABSENCES UNDER LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM
SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

“An Act relating to absences from the state under the longevity bonus program.”

Section 1:

Amends AS 47.45.030(a) by increasing the allowable paid absence from 30 to 60 days. Longevity bonus recipients would be required to report absences exceeding 60 days.

Section 2:

Amends AS 47.45.030 by adding a new subsection (c), which would permanently disqualify a recipient who remains absent from the state for a continuous period exceeding three years.

Section 3:

Amends AS 47.45.070(a)(4) by eliminating the 90-day consecutive rule and altering requirements to three years, which would qualify or permanently disqualify a recipient under AS 47.45.030(c).

AS 47.45.070(a)(6) is amended to read an unqualified person is one who was found qualified to receive a longevity bonus and was subsequently permanently disqualified under former AS 47.45.030(b) or former AS 47.45.045 (those sections are repealed).

AS 47.45.070(a)(6) eliminates the disqualification of a recipient who left the state for 12 consecutive months or more, and who did not reapply before January 1, 1997.

Section 4:

Repeals AS 47.45.030(b), 47.45.035, and 47.45.045.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

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<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
<i>Bobby D. Davis</i>	✓			
<i>Robert D. Roman</i>	✓			
<i>Gary Lee</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Lyle Green</i>	✓			

HB 162-ABSENCES UNDER LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

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