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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED DATE  
MAY 10 2002  
SENATE FINANCE

DATE: 5/9/02

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DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 10 May 2002

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 350(FIN) am  
HB 350 TERRORISTIC THREATS

"An Act relating to murder, conspiracy, criminal mischief, and terroristic threatening; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous S CS CS HB 350 (JUD)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- same title
- new title

**House Bill:**

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Corrections	2/20/02	*		#5
Admin	2/21/02	*		#4
Law	2/19/02	*		#3
Cart	2/20/02		✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Lyle Beer</i>			✓	
<i>John Hoff</i>			✓	
<i>Don Miller</i>	✓			
<i>Greg D. ...</i>	✓			
<i>Al ...</i>	✓			
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COCHAIR: <i>...</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Pete Kelly</i>			✓	

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LEGISLATIVE MANAGER

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 5  
Bill Version: CSHB 350(JUD)  
(H) Publish Date: 4/18/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Corrections  
Title: An Act relating to terrorist threatening BRU: Administration and Operations  
Component: All  
Sponsor: Rep. McGuire  
Requester: House Judiciary Committee Component No.: 694

**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						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

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)

This legislation expands the circumstances under which someone can be charged with Terroristic Threatening, a felony. This bill will add a provision to include knowingly making a false report that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist and causes evacuation of a public area, mode of public transportation or building or disrupts the schedule of an entity providing transportation services for persons or property. It additionally will include false reports of a circumstance exists or is about to exist regarding the safe or proper functioning of oil or gas pipeline or supporting facility, etc. Any addition of circumstances expanding felony prosecution will likely have a fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections. It is anticipated that the number of cases that apply in this legislation will be minimal, therefore, the Dept. of Corrections is submitting an indeterminate fiscal note.

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Approved by: Margaret Pugh, Commissioner Date: 2/26/02  
Agency: Dept. of Corrections

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
Bill Version: CSHB 350(JUD)  
(H) Publish Date: 4/18/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title "An Act relating to criminal mischief and terroristic threatening..." BRU Legal and Advocacy Services  
Component Public Defender Agency  
Sponsor Rep. McGuire  
Requester (H) Judiciary Component No. 1631

**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						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

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1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
See attached.

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Agency: Department of Administration

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Date 2/21/2002

FISCAL NOTE #4

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 350(JUD)

**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

This legislation would amend the crime of criminal mischief in the first degree (class B felony) to include tampering with a water supply with intent to cause physical injury. The crime currently prohibits tampering with other items with intent to cause physical injury (food, drugs, cosmetics). The bill also proposes to amend the crime of terroristic threatening (a class C felony) to include when a person knowingly makes a false report that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist that disrupts the schedule of a public transportation service or causes evacuation of a public area or public conveyance, or a false report that a circumstance exist or is about to exist that is dangerous to the safe functioning of an oil or gas pipeline or supporting facility, utility, or transportation or cargo facility.

The last provision in Section 2, subsection (a)(2) would likely have a fiscal impact on the Public Defender Agency. This subsection may cover a sizeable variety of situations not currently covered as felonies. It is not possible to determine the extent of that impact, however, because it is unknown how many potential cases would result from this broadly written proscriptive language. Since the Agency cannot predict how many more felony cases would result if this proposed legislation passed, an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 3  
Bill Version: CSHB 350(TRA)  
(H) Publish Date: 2/20/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Law  
Title "An Act relating to terroristic threatening." BRU Criminal Division  
Sponsor Representative McGuire Component 1st-4th Judicial Districts; Criminal  
Requester House Transportation Committee Component No. 2198-99;2201-03;61;79  
Appeals/Special Litigation

**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						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0  
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**POSITIONS**

POSITIONS	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*  
 HB 350 would expand the actions that could lead to a charge of terroristic threatening, a class C felony. Specifically, if an individual causes the evacuation of a public area, public conveyance, or building; disrupts the schedule of a public transportation entity; or threatens, even jokingly, a transportation service provider or transportation support services provider with physical injury, even if the person threatened was not placed in fear of physical injury, that individual could be charged with this crime.

The language in subsection (2) regarding threats to persons actually providing transportation services or support services would cover a very large variety of situations not currently considered felonies. Felony prosecutions are costly, but the Department of Law has no way of estimating how many new cases might be referred for prosecution if this bill becomes law, and cannot assign a potential fiscal impact.

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 Approved by: Kathryn Daughhatee for Bruce M. Botelho, Attorney General Date 2/19/2002  
 Agency Department of Law

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSHB 350(TRA)  
(H) Publish Date: 2/20/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Terroristic threatening BRU: Alaska Court System  
Component: Trial Courts  
Sponsor: Representative McGuire  
Requester: Representative McGuire Component No.: 768

**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						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0  
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Full-time						
Part-time						
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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The court system does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the passage of HB 350.

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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

### **HOUSE BILL 350**

#### **Criminal mischief and terroristic threatening**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 has changed the lives of Alaskan and Americans alike. What was once a concern for the safety of those living, working or visiting foreign destination from terroristic acts has painfully come home. Likewise, we have been warned of the dangers

Terrorism is not confined to public transportation, or the bombing of buildings or government offices. The added threat of chemical and biological warfare and weapons of mass destruction make it clear that we are in need of redefining our laws regarding terroristic acts.

The threat alone of a terroristic act can cripple a community. Imagine the chaos that would occur if someone said that they had just contaminated the public water utility with a deadly chemical agent. Citizens would panic, schools and businesses would close, and in general the community would come to standstill.

House Bill 350 would increase criminal penalties for certain acts of terrorism and would prohibit terroristic threats intended to frighten or cause specific harm to citizens. House Bill 350 also increases penalties of threats to our air, water and food supplies, utilities and pipelines.

House Bill 350 will provide law enforcement the necessary tools to arrest, detain and ultimately prosecute an individual who threatens public areas or conveyances.

A threat in this day and age must be taken seriously. House Bill 350 increases criminal penalties for certain acts of terrorism, terroristic threats and criminal mischief and punishes these criminals in accordance with the law.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL 350(FIN)am

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

**Section 1** is a conforming amendment. It adds criminal mischief in the fourth degree to those offenses that allow for full, reasonable attorney fees to a victim or the estate of a victim in a civil lawsuit to recover damages based on the criminal conduct.

**Section 2** adds criminal mischief in the first degree (raised in this bill from a class B to a class A felony) and terroristic threatening in the first degree (a class B felony adopted in this bill) to those offenses for which a person can be charged with conspiracy to commit the offense.

**Section 3** amends murder in the first degree to include conduct where a person commits or attempts to commit criminal mischief in the first degree and, in furtherance of the offense or in immediate flight, any person causes the death of a person other than a participant in the crime. **Section 3** also adds to murder in the first degree conduct where a person commits terroristic threatening in the first degree and, in the furtherance of the offense or in immediate flight, any person causes death of a person other than one of the participants.

**Section 4** is a conforming amendment that adds the conviction for terroristic threatening in the first degree as a predicate offense that would raise the offense of stalking in the second degree to stalking in the first degree.

**Sections 5** changes criminal mischief in the first degree from a class B felony in current law (maximum period of incarceration 10 years) to a class A felony (maximum period of incarceration 20 years). The conduct prohibited includes intentionally damaging an oil or gas pipeline, causing damage to a utility or emergency responder resulting in substantial interruption in service to the public, and damaging property in an amount over \$100,000 by widely dangerous means such as an explosion.

**Sections 6 and 7** add tampering with water or air to the prohibition of tampering with food or cosmetics, with intent to cause physical injury, to criminal mischief in the second degree. This conduct remains a class B felony. These sections also add to criminal mischief in the second degree tampering with an oil or gas pipeline or supporting facility, an airplane, or a helicopter with reckless disregard for the risk to property. This conduct would be a class B felony, and is prohibited in current law as a class C felony.

**Section 8** makes conforming amendments to the definitions of "deliver" and "distribute" for criminal mischief in the second degree, by adding the delivery or distribution of air or water to the definitions.

**Sections 9, 10, and 11** make conforming amendments that change criminal mischief in the second degree to third degree. This conduct remains a class C felony.

**Sections 12 and 13** make conforming amendments that change what is currently criminal mischief in the third degree to criminal mischief in the fourth degree. This conduct remains a class A misdemeanor.

**Section 14** is a conforming amendment that changes what is currently criminal mischief in the fourth degree to criminal mischief in the fifth degree. This conduct remains a class B misdemeanor.

**Section 15** is a conforming amendment to criminal mischief in the fourth degree, by renumbering a statutory reference.

**Section 16** makes a conforming amendment to making a false information or report in violation of AS 11.56.800(a) to exclude conduct that would be prohibited by terroristic threatening in the second degree.

**Section 17** adopts the crime of terroristic threatening in the first degree. It prohibits sending or delivering a bacteriological, biological, chemical, or radiological substance or an imitation bacteriological, biological, chemical, or radiological substance, and, as a result, place another in reasonable fear of physical injury to any person, cause the evacuation of a building or other facility, or cause serious public inconvenience. This conduct is a class B felony.

**Section 18** changes the current terroristic threatening to the second degree offense, and adds the prohibition of making a false report with the intent to cause an evacuation of a public place, business premises, or means of public transportation. It also adds the prohibitions of making a false report that claims that a bacteriological, biological, chemical, or radiological substance has been sent or is present in specified places, or that threatens damage to an oil or gas pipeline or supporting facility. This conduct remains a class C felony.

**Section 19** is a conforming amendment that adds terroristic threatening in the first degree to those crimes that allow for the victim's or witness's address and telephone number to be kept confidential from the defendant if the court finds that the defendant may be a continuing threat to the victim or witness.

**Section 20** makes a conforming amendment to the definition of crime involving domestic violence by adding terroristic threatening in the first degree and criminal mischief in the first degree to those crimes that may potentially be a crime involving domestic violence.

**Sections 21 and 22** set forth applicability and effective date clauses.

# Bill History/Action Display



**BILL:** HB 350 **SHORT TITLE:** TERRORISTIC THREATS  
**BILL VERSION:** CSHB 350(FIN) AM  
**SPONSOR(S):** REPRESENTATIVE(S)MCGUIRE, Hudson  
**CURRENT STATUS:** (S) JUD **STATUS DATE:** 04/26/02  
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**HEARING:** (S) JUD May 08 1:30 PM BELTZ 211 TELECONFERENCE

**TITLE:** "An Act relating to murder, conspiracy, criminal mischief, and terroristic threatening; and providing for an effective date."

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01/23/02	<u>2040</u>	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/23/02	<u>2040</u>	(H) TRA, JUD
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02/20/02	<u>2334</u>	(H) KOHRING; AM: WILSON
02/20/02	<u>2335</u>	(H) FN1: ZERO(CRT)
02/20/02	<u>2335</u>	(H) FN2: INDETERMINATE(ADM)
02/20/02	<u>2335</u>	(H) FN3: INDETERMINATE(LAW)
02/20/02	<u>2348</u>	(H) FIN REFERRAL ADDED AFTER JUD
04/18/02	<u>3000</u>	(H) JUD RPT CS(JUD) NT 1DP 3NR 1AM
04/18/02	<u>3000</u>	(H) DP: JAMES; NR: COGHILL, MEYER,
04/18/02	<u>3000</u>	(H) ROKEBERG; AM: BERKOWITZ
04/18/02	<u>3001</u>	(H) FN1: ZERO(CRT)
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04/25/02	<u>3127</u>	(H) FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 9DP
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04/25/02	<u>3134</u>	(H) RULES TO CALENDAR 4/25/02
04/25/02	<u>3134</u>	(H) READ THE SECOND TIME
04/25/02	<u>3134</u>	(H) FIN CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT

04/25/02 3134 (H) AM NO 1 ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT  
04/25/02 3135 (H) ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT  
04/25/02 3135 (H) READ THE THIRD TIME CSHB 350(FIN) AM  
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04/25/02 3136 (H) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) SAME AS PASSAGE  
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March 29, 2002

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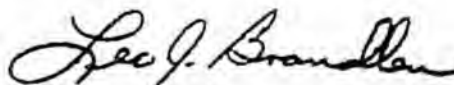
Dear Representative McGuire:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing House Bill 350 relating to terroristic threatening.

The Alaska Peace Officers Association fully supports HB 350. This will enhance police and prosecutor efforts to hold persons accountable for threatening public areas or conveyances, and causing disruption to public transportation due to threatening behavior. The world we live in has changed and law enforcement must respond to all threats against public facilities in a serious manner. This legislation will help facilitate the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

  
Leo Brandlen  
State President

# State frees man held for making threats

**ARREST:** Alaska Airlines bans Washington man from flights after he became angry over late luggage.

The Associated Press

SITKA — The state decided Friday not to prosecute a 58-year-old Washington man who was arrested at the Sitka airport after allegedly threatening an airline worker.

But Alaska Airlines has banned Dr. Bruce Stevenson from its flights for life because of Thursday's incident.

Stevenson apparently became upset about possible delays in retrieving baggage, police said. Lt. John Baeza said Stevenson told the Alaska Airlines ticket agent, "If I don't get my bag I'm coming back here as an assassin."

"He said it seriously, with no hint of a smile or that he was joking, and all the witnesses took it very seriously," Baeza said.

Sitka Police Chief Bill McLendon criticized the state's refusal to return to the Woodville, Wash., medical doctor to court.

"The decision reeks of favoritism and documents a steady history of political maneuvering and ineptness in handling cases," McLendon said Friday. "To say we have no confidence in (prosecutors') abilities would be a gross understatement."

Earlier Friday, assistant district attorney Corinne Vorenkamp told the Daily Sentinel in Sitka that the state did not have enough evidence for a criminal prosecution against Stevenson, a doctor at the prestigious Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle.

"While there's certainly no accounting for the exceedingly poor taste and bad judgment of essentially ignoring a national tragedy, the state has decided to not file a complaint," Vorenkamp said.

Responding to a call from the airport Thursday afternoon, Sitka police arrested Stevenson on a felony charge of terroristic threatening and a misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree assault.

Stevenson was held overnight in the Sitka jail without bail and was released Friday after the charges were dropped.

In Anchorage, assistant U.S. attorney Stephan Collins said the federal government does not have jurisdiction in the case.

"The threat wasn't made by telephone or by wire, and it wasn't made in the air," Collins said. "If the plane were in the air at the time, we'd have jurisdiction — maritime, or territorial — but on the ground, in the airport, to a tick-



JAMES POULSON / The Associated Press

Sitka Police Lt. John Baeza, left, stands by as Dr. Bruce Stevenson, 58, background center, is placed in a patrol car following his arrest for allegedly threatening an airline worker at the airport in Sitka. Police say that Stevenson, a doctor at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, apparently told the Alaska Airlines ticket agent, "If I don't get my bag I'm coming back here as an assassin."

et agent, from what details I understand about this case we don't have jurisdiction. That would be up to the state."

Vorenkamp said that to be prosecuted for terroristic threatening under state law, a person would have to "knowingly make a false report that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist."

"What Mr. Stevenson said certainly was insensitive to the fears of the person to whom he said it, and it's appalling in light of the national tragedy that happened this week," she said, "but under state law it is not a crime."

However, Stevenson will never be allowed onboard an Alaska Airlines flight again, company spokesman Greg Witter said from the airline's Seattle headquarters.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for anyone who tries to abuse or threaten our employees in any way, shape or manner," he said.

# Doctor sorry for making threat to airline agent

■ **APOLOGY:** He admits he 'demonstrated a terrible lack of judgment.'

**The Associated Press**

SITKA — The Washington state doctor who was arrested in Sitka for making threatening comments to an Alaska Airlines ticket agent apologized Tuesday for his actions.

Dr. Bruce Stevenson was arrested at the Sitka airport Thursday, when commercial flights were allowed to resume after the terrorist attacks on the East Coast. The state, however, decided not to prosecute. Alaska Airlines has banned the 47-year-old doctor from its planes for life.

In last week's incident, Stevenson became upset about possible delays in retrieving baggage and re-

portedly told the ticket agent he would "come back as an assassin" if that occurred.

Stevenson, a doctor at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, issued a prepared statement Tuesday, saying he is sorry for the stress his comments caused.

Stevenson has been placed on indefinite administrative leave because of the incident, said hospital spokeswoman Linda Stepanich. The hospital faxed the doctor's comments to the Daily Sentinel in Sitka.

In the statement, Stevenson wrote, "I made an inappropriate remark that was interpreted as a threat."

"I demonstrated a terrible lack of judgment and I sincerely apologize for my actions. As a frequent traveler to Alaska, I have built many warm

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## DOCTOR: *He's sorry*

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relationships over the years. I genuinely regret jeopardizing the goodwill of the many friends and colleagues I have in your fine state.

"I am very sorry that this incident added to the stress of airline, airport and public officials during this difficult time."

Police had charged the doctor with felony terroristic threatening and misdemeanor fourth-degree assault. Stevenson spent a night in the Sitka jail before charges were dropped Friday after the state decided not to prosecute.

Stevenson left Sitka Friday.

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## Alaska Airlines passenger arrested for terrorist threatening

*September 24, 2001*

An Alaska Airlines passenger who had lost a bag joked with an employee at the Juneau Airport that it contained a bomb. But the airline took it seriously, and the man was arrested Monday morning at his hotel room.

Twenty-nine-year-old James Longcroft was taken into custody at about 7 a.m. and charged with felony terroristic threatening. He was lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center.

Longcroft, an Irish national who gave his residence as England, lost a bag on his flight in last night.

Juneau Police say that while he was describing the bag to an employee, he noted it had a bomb in it. He told the airline employee he was kidding.

But the employee contacted police, who then contacted the FBI, the Juneau District Attorney's Office and Juneau Airport Security and Alaska Airlines Dispatchers.

The missing luggage had been located at the Seattle airport. Seattle police searched the bag and found no bomb.

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## Bomb threat shuts down Ketchikan airport

*December 30, 2001*

Authorities are investigating an anonymous bomb threat that shut down the Ketchikan International Airport for more than an hour Friday.

The airport was evacuated while airport police and troopers checked the premises. No explosives were found.

Airport manager David Allen says the threat was called in to Ketchikan police about 1:30 p-m. He says police then notified the airport, prompting the evacuation. Allen says he's not sure how many people were affected.

Allen says a jet was not due to land until a few hours later, so the building was relatively empty other than airport workers. He says people were allowed back in the building at about 2:45 p-m.

Alaska State Troopers are investigating the threat, but the origin of the call is not clear, but Deputy Chief David Guzman says that's the department's only involvement.

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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/26/02

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/8/02

Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 350(FIN) am  
 HB 350 TERRORISTIC THREATS

"An Act relating to murder, conspiracy, criminal mischief, and terroristic threatening; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS CS HB 350 (JUD)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- same title
- new title

**House Bill:**

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
ACS	2/20/02		✓	1
DOL	2/19/02	xxx		3
DOA	2/21/02	xx		4
DOC	2/21/02	xxx		5

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Tom Reynolds</i>			X	
<i>John C. Campbell</i>			✓	
<i>John Steen</i>			X	
CHAIR: <i>Robin Taylor</i>	✓			

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HB 350-TERRORISTIC THREATS  
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