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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/7/01

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 13 March 01

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to the membership and quorum requirements of the State Medical Board."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- 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#
DCED	2/5/01	3.0		#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Linda Green</i>	✓			
<i>James G. ...</i>	✓			
<i>Tom ...</i>	✓			
<i>George ...</i>	✓			
<i>Gay ...</i>	✓			
<i>James ...</i>	✓			
<i>Loren ...</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>Walter ...</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>...</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 58
(S) Publish Date: 2/7/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 2/5/2001 4:58 p.m. Dept. Affected: DCED
Title: An Act relating to the membership and quorum requirements of the State Medical Board BRU: Occupational Licensing
Sponsor: Senators Olson, Wilken Component: Occupational Licensing
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						
Travel	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
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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						
1156 RSS	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
TOTAL	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 58 adds one physician assistant to the membership of the State Medical Board. The Board meets four times each year and costs shown on this fiscal note will fund travel for the physician assistant position when attending board meetings throughout the State.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone (907) 465-2144
Division: Occupational Licensing Date/Time 2/5/2001 4:35pm
Approved by: Commissioner Deborah B. Sedwick Date 2/5/2001 4:58p.m.
Agency: Dept. of Community and Economic Development

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/26/01

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2-1-01
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2/6/01

Labor and Commerce Committee considered

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CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

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Senate Finance

SB 58, Add Physician Assistant to State Medical Board. Committee

SB 58 simply adds a physician assistant to the membership of the State Medical Board. As a consequence, the quorum requirement for meetings is also adjusted. Under current law, there are seven members on the Medical Board. However, only physicians and public members with no financial connection to the health care industry may serve.

Presently, there are about 250 physician assistants providing a wide variety of medical services to Alaskans. They are an important part of Alaska's health care delivery system. On average they account for over 50,000 patient-provider contacts per month. In rural settings, they are often the only health care practitioner and responder for emergency, life threatening situations.

The examination and licensing of physician assistants is the responsibility of the State Medical Board. In addition to setting licensing qualifications, the board determines the scope and nature of the medical services that a physician assistant is authorized to perform. Correspondingly, the board also defines the responsibilities that are required of an assistant's supervising physician. In many ways, the effectiveness of a physician assistant is dependent on the working relationship with the supervising physician.

Consequently, I believe it is important for the work of the board that a physician assistant be added to its membership. Having such representation will facilitate the deliberations and broaden the experience of the board. In my view, it will increase the board's effectiveness in maintaining the quality of health care services in Alaska.



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Addition of One Physician Assistant to State Medical Board

WHEREAS there are 250 physician assistant licensees of the State Medical Board. Physician assistants have been licensees for more than twenty years.

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WHEREAS there is currently no representation of physician assistant licensees to the State Medical Board.

WHEREAS consideration of physician assistant licensure, regulations and discipline are frequent topics of the State Medical Board and physician assistant participation would strengthen, enhance and support State Medical Board decision-making process.

WHEREAS physician assistants care for over 50,000 Alaskans every month, in a wide variety of institutions, and would therefore provide good representation of their patients (the public) towards matters before the State Medical Board.

WHEREAS physician assistants have proven interest and active participation in State Medical Board business by virtue of their active attendance at State Medical Board meetings for over four years.

WHEREAS physician assistants as licensees of the State Medical Board will contribute valuable opinions which will represent a wider spectrum of medical practitioners in Alaska.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants wishes to amend Article I State Medical Board, Section 08.64.010, Creation and Membership of State Medical Board, to state "The Governor shall appoint a board of medical examiners, to be known as the State Medical Board, consisting of five physicians, ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, licensed in the State and residing in as many as separate geographical areas of the State as possible, and two persons with no direct financial interest in the healthcare industry."

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The purpose of this Academy is to render loyal and honest service to the medical profession and to the public, to develop and enforce continuing educational programs...

Tony Knowles, Governor

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Senate Finance
Committee

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Mr. Hall, I am pleased to advise you that at its meeting of January 18, 2001, the Alaska State Medical Board voted unanimously to support the Academy in its effort to provide for the inclusion of a physician assistant to the membership of the board.

The board appreciates the efforts of the members of the Academy and wishes you every success in pursuing this change to the board

Sarah A. Isto, M.D.

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Alaska State Medical Board



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January 30, 2001

The Honorable Governor Tony Knowles
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Senate Finance
Committee

Dear Governor Knowles,

We have become aware that the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants are lobbying for a Physician Assistant to be appointed to the State Medical Board. The Fairbanks Building and Construction Trade Council would like to express our endorsement of this idea.

Physician Assistants provide valuable medical care to thousands of our Union members and to the public at . They will provide fair representation of their patients that reside through out the state, and contribute valuable knowledge and opinions to the State Medical Board

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Don Dokken
President
Fairbanks Building & Construction Trades Council

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 58-ADD PHYSICIAN ASST TO STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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