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 Title Adult Day Services Licensing BRU Central Administrative Services
 Component Protection, Community Services
 Sponsor SENATOR(S) ELLIS, Wilken Administration
 Requester (S)HES Component No. 2083

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						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: _____
 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)
 The Department would require no additional funding at this time.

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Sponsor Statement Senate Bill 294 "Adult Day Care Licensing"

The purpose of Senate Bill 294 is to introduce some controls and standards for adult day care licensing. Currently, there is no regulation of Adult Day Care programs in Alaska. Senate Bill would establish a licensing program for adult day care. There are currently 13 adult day care facilities in Alaska. Adult day services are reimbursed under the Medicaid waiver program, and some long term care insurance policies. With the growth projected in the Alaska senior population over the next several years, there is good reason to believe that private industry may wish to develop adult day programs in the state. There are new adult day care facilities projected to open, although they will not receive any grant funds from the state, so they will not be subject to any oversight.

Most adult day care facilities run 5 days a week from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with some weekend activities. These facilities allow older adults that are frail and/or possess a form of dementia to stay at home longer and be near their families, thereby alleviating demand on residential care facilities.

The proposed legislation will provide a framework of safeguards for the vulnerable adults that participate in adult day programs. These safeguards include – detailed guidelines for the program and facilities that are needed such as: fire safety, DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) kitchen, minimum training requirements, and background checks for the facility workers. A program plan will also be required. This ensures that there is a meaningful program of activities and a safe environment for the participants.

There is a zero fiscal note with this bill; the assisted living license staff in the Division of Senior Services can absorb this additional workload with existing staff. The statutory framework for the adult day facilities licensing would be similar to the statutory framework for child day care licensing.



Honorable Johnny Ellis
Senate Minority Leader
Alaska Capitol, Room 9
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March 8, 2002

RE: SB 294 SUPPORT

Dear Leader Ellis:

On behalf of the 112,000 members of AARP in Alaska, we would like to indicate support for your bill SB 294 co-authored by Senators Gary Wilken and Bettye Davis.

AARP recommends that states provide a variety of long term care services, including adult day care services. State government also has the responsibility for regulations and oversight of these services. SB 294 will establish appropriate licensing and regulation for adult day care service facilities in Alaska. SB294 builds upon state experience with other service delivery systems and will allow the Department of Administration appropriate responsibility for these facilities.

AARP appreciates your attention to this issue and would be pleased to be of assistance as the bill moves through the Committee process and on to the Governor's desk for signature.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact Marie Darlin (907.586.3637), Coordinator of the AARP Capitol City Task Force; Patrick Luby (907.762.3314), AARP Legislative Representative; or me (907.245.5259).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marguerite Stetson".

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Letter of Support