

**HB**

**115**



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
 Committee on HB 115 Committee Name Dated May-6-01  
Bill / Subject

I am against HB 115.

Even with the mental health portions removed (if they are removed)

Less than qualified people will still be able to commit someone.

I feel that is a possible infringement on peoples rights, and could result in lawsuits.

The bill is much too general and not focused, even to the problem it was meant to handle.

SIGNED:

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Committee on H.B. 115 Bill / Subject  
Dated MAY 6/2001 Committee Name

I Am VERY MUCH opposed to THIS B.II. EVEN IN ITS AMENDED FORM IT IS FAR TOO GENERALLY worded AND GIVES THE POWER OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE NOT HIGHLY TRAINED ENOUGH. (IN EFFECT)

IF THIS Bill WAS introduced TO SOLVE A PROBLEM IN REMOTE AREAS, THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD BE worded. THERE ARE OVER 2,000 PHYSICIANS IN ALASKA - THERE CERTAINLY IS NO SHORTAGE IN ANCHORAGE OR FAIRBANKS. THE LARGER URBAN AREAS ARE ALSO WHERE MOST PAs AND ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE - INCREASING THE POOL OF PEOPLE WHO COMMIT IN THE AREAS LEAST NEEDED.

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FINALLY, A PA OR NURSE PRACTITIONER SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO SIGN OFF ON SO MANY COMMITMENTS EVER!

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSHB 115(HES)  
 ( H ) Publish Date: 3/26/01

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 Title: Certifications for alcohol commitments BRU: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Svcs  
 Component: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grants  
 Sponsor: Representative Kapsner  
 Requester: House (HES) Component Number: 1239

**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						
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>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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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)						
<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 (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will allow physicians assistants and advanced nurse practitioners to sign Certificates of Necessity and to perform other alcohol and drug abuse commitment functions under Title 47.

There will be no additional costs incurred by the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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