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 Sponsor: Senator Torgerson
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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	100.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	100.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

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

FUND SOURCE	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	100.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	100.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: none
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Expenditures are based upon costs of \$15.0 to \$40.0 per water storage facility, resulting in 2-3 the first year, and 1-2 each year thereafter. Types and number of water storage facilities may vary based on proposals and geographic area costs. The department anticipates implementation to consist of funding grant requests for projects along the road system from local entities such as municipalities, fire departments, etc. Requests would be evaluated by a committee comprised of Division of Forestry, Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, and State Fire Marshall.

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SB 148

“Remote Water Storage for Fire Departments”

SB 148 instructs the Department of Natural Resources to construct remote water storage sites for fire protection. These sites will consist of 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks with a pump and a hydrant. DNR will solicit applications for these remote storage tanks from all the organized fire service areas statewide. Then the department will rank the applications and, based upon appropriations, construct as many as they can afford. The applications will be ranked by the following factors:

- Distance from an adequate water supply;
- Number of buildings to be protected;
- Extent of spruce bark beetle infestation;
- Ability of fire service to provide matching funds, maintain and operate the remote water storage site; and
- Other pertinent factors.

The need for remote water storage sites is evident in many areas of the state, especially in areas where beetle infested timber greatly increases the risk of catastrophic wildfire. This legislation will help protect the lives of those people living on the fringe of fire service areas. It will also reduce property loss and possibly lower ISO rates for our residents.

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**Kachemak Emergency Service Area
Kenai Peninsula Borough Annex
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March 10, 2001

Senator John Torgerson
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson,

Ric Plate, Kenai/Kodiak area fire management officer for the Division of Forestry, recently told us that you may promote a statewide program to improve fixed water supplies for fire suppression. We enthusiastically encourage you to do so. One of the big hurdles we face in developing our operating plan is locating sufficient accessible water in the outer reaches of our service area. We will soon ask Nikiski fire chief Billy Harris to meet with our board to share his great expertise in water supply systems. Once we have a plan, we will need funding, which is why we are very interested in your proposal.

If you have any questions about Kachemak Emergency Service Area or our significant and varied funding needs, please give me a call at 235-3725.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Griswold

Mary Griswold
Board member

March 31, 2001

Senate Resources Committee
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Chairman Senator John Torgerson

I was prepared to testify on SB 148
"Remote Water Storage for Fire Departments"
on March 30, 2001, but since that hearing
was cancelled, I am submitting the following
written comments.

I am a member of the building committee
for the Funny River Emergency Services. And
we have started to develop fire station
facilities for our area. We have 4.7 acres
have started to establish a gravel pad
building site. We have a water well
drill, pump installed with power source
and a water supply in operation. We
have buried (2) 10000 gallon steel water
tanks for fast recovery refill of
tankers to fight fires in our area.

All of these improvements are paid
for through personal support by volunteer
work by our over 400 members.

We intend to install pumps

in each of the tanks and with some of the pipe we scrounged we hope a valid fast refuel station for fighting fires in the Funny River area.

We will appreciate any help that will be available thru this proposed legislation in the funding needed to complete this much need facility for use this summer.

We have a committed membership of approximate 400 members who are active and have an ambulance with trained volunteers who now respond to local medical emergencies and back up of other areas needing additional supports.

We are seeking grants from both the public and private sector.

The legislature support of our area's efforts. We will build this much needed facility but with some responsible assistance we can accomplish it much sooner and may be not much later.

Thank for your consideration

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