

HB

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Alaska State Legislature

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To: Senator Gene Therriault,
Chair, Senate State Affairs

From: Representative *CM* Carl Morgan
Co-chair, House Community and Regional Affairs

Date: April 30, 2002

Subject: House Bill 517

I respectfully request that you calendar HB 517 for consideration by the State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. The bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives on April 29.

HB 517 requires, before state property is offered at state surplus, electronic identifiers indicating the property or a product generated by the property be removed before the equipment is offered for surplus. HB 517 will help prevent the appearance of state agencies or employees using state time and equipment for inappropriate activities.

HB 517 was introduced after House Community and Regional Affairs and House Resources Committee members received faxes from a public advocacy group on a house joint resolution. Most members of the Alaska Legislature also received a fax on the use of the Permanent Fund. The electronic identifier on these faxes indicated the advocacy positions were being sent from the Department of Natural Resources. In fact the Department had nothing to do with the faxes, and had earlier disposed of the particular fax machine. HB 517 will help prevent similar situations as which inadvertently happened to the Department of Natural Resources

The bill, sponsor statement, and other related materials are attached.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. If you have questions on HB 517 please call me at 465-4527.

Attachments

↑ Rep. Morgan - Co-Chair, Community & Regional Affairs



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MEMO TO:

- HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
- HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

FROM: AKPIRG – CONTACT STEVE CLEARY – 278-3661

RE: HJR 47

DIESEL EXHAUST AFFECTS ALASKA'S HEALTH

HJR 47 - LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL REQUIREMENTS – is dangerous legislation even though it has no binding power. It continues an effort to undermine the health benefits of the Clean Air Act, from which Alaska has been exempt. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) recently decided to follow the national plan, in urban areas, and switch to ultra-low sulfur diesel along with the rest of the nation. ADEC asked for a year extension to come up with an implementation plan for rural Alaska. Power costs are high in rural Alaska, and those costs need to be taken into account. Yet, due to the serious health affects to any exposure of diesel exhaust, AkPIRG hopes that ADEC will realize that the long term health benefits of diesel far outweigh any short term costs. Therefore, AkPIRG rises in opposition to this legislation – HJR 47.

Attached are three documents:

1. An Abstract for a joint study to assess the health affects of diesel exposure in rural Alaska. **“Children in rural Alaska have been found to have a disproportionate burden of respiratory illness.”**
2. Examples from Canada's Arctic and how they use lower sulfur diesel.
3. Facts on Diesel in Alaska and the health benefits of cleaner diesel.

Examples

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Voters say loud, clear 'no'



Alaskans want fund left alone

By LIZ RUSKIN
Daily News reporter

The proposal to spend Permanent Fund earnings to balance Alaska's state budget went down in a landslide of "no" votes Tuesday.

With 100 percent of the precincts reporting statewide in the nonbinding, advisory election, 83 percent of voters said no.

The heart of the fiscal plan on the ballot was a proposal to use part of the earnings of the Permanent Fund for government, although it also pledged much-needed cuts and about \$100 million in unspecified new revenue. The ballot: "After paying annual dividends to residents and inflation-proofing the permanent fund, should a portion of permanent fund investment earnings be used to help balance the state budget?"

Permanent Fund dividends would have been reduced in 2001 to \$1,340 — about \$500 less than they are otherwise projected to be.

Thirty-six percent of registered voters statewide came to the polls, a rough turnout was as high as 70 percent in some Bush villages. In several small communities — Bettles, Circle, Egegik, Paxson, Podro Bay, Stony River, Tuatuliak — the vote was unanimous against the plan.

While "no" came in loud and clear from the polls, in urban Alaska as well as the Bush, what voters mean by it was harder to say. An unlikely coalition emerged to work for its defeat — slash-the-government conservatives alongside tax-the-oil-companies environmentalists, among others — and voters interviewed Tuesday offered many reasons for voting no.

Some said they didn't believe the state has really cut the budget, despite the Legislature's claim that it has reduced state spending more than \$200 million over the past three

Mark Choese, Eddie Burke and Steve Donn celebrate at the Source. Alaskans were rejecting the proposal to spend Permanent Fund

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Sharpened knives, sacred cow



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House Bill 517 Sponsor Statement Amended April 23, 2002

The Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act requires faxes from fax machines manufactured after December 20, 1992, to identify the date, time, name of business or other entity, or the name of the individual sending the message and the telephone number of the sending machine.

Executive and Judicial branch agencies, as well as the Alaska Legislature must comply with this federal law.

Unfortunately when fax machines owned and operated by the State of Alaska are surplus, the electronic identifier identifying the particular agency or office is most often left on the machine. No State of Alaska agency has a policy to remove the identifier before machines are retired from service.

Recently members of the House Community and Regional Affairs and House Resources committees received a fax from a public advocacy group on a house joint resolution going through the legislative hearing process. Also, most members of the Alaska Legislature received a fax on the use of the Permanent Fund. The identifier on these faxes indicated the advocacy positions were being faxed from the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water. In fact the Division had nothing to do with the faxes being sent and had earlier disposed of the particular fax machine.

This legislation is straightforward and simply requires any identifiers indicating the property or a product generated by the property be removed before the equipment is offered for surplus.

HB 517 is therefore intended to prevent similar situations which inadvertently happened to the Department of Natural Resources; or, any range of possible scenarios that could easily happen to other state agencies or offices. It will help prevent the appearance of state agencies or employees using state time and equipment for inappropriate activities.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 517(STA)
 (H) Publish Date: 4/24/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title: An Act relating to the disposition of surplus and BRU: Centralized Administrative Services
obsolete state property. Component: Property Management
 Sponsor: (H) Community and Regional Affairs
 Requester: (H) State Affairs Component No. 61

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: 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)

The Department does not anticipate a fiscal impact from the bill.

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