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 Title AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Senator Green
 Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. _____

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)

Prepared by: SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Phone 465-4797
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 Approved by: /s/ Senator Therriault, Chair Date 2/27/02
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GREEN

Introduced: 2/19/02
Referred: State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** Alaskans live, work, and play in and on the edge of the wilderness; and

4 **WHEREAS** the abundance and variety of the state's winter recreational opportunities
5 are unmatched in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS** many of the state's popular winter recreation areas are subject to
7 avalanche danger; and

8 **WHEREAS** some Alaskans are not properly educated or equipped to recognize and
9 respond to avalanches; and

10 **WHEREAS** a number of Alaskans are killed each year by avalanches; and

11 **WHEREAS** education on the recognition of avalanche risks, response to avalanches,
12 and the use of appropriate equipment could reduce avalanche-related fatalities;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
14 governor to proclaim the month of November 2002 as Avalanche Awareness Month; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges schools, community
16 groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to observe Avalanche

1 Awareness Month with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of avalanche
2 dangers, how to respond to avalanches, and the use of appropriate equipment in avalanche
3 areas.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor; to
5 Aedene Arthur, Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team; to Doug Fesler and
6 Jill Fredston, co-directors, The Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc.; to Bill Glude, Southeast
7 Alaska Avalanche Center; to Colonel Randy Crawford, Director, Division of Alaska State
8 Troopers, Alaska Department of Public Safety.

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Alaska is avalanche country. Each year Alaskans lose their lives as a result of avalanches. One of the worst years was 1999, when 14 people were killed by avalanches in Alaska. While avalanches can be difficult to predict and prevent, education on the dangers of avalanches and the conditions in which they are likely to occur can save lives.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 would proclaim November 2002 as "Avalanche Awareness Month." This proclamation will raise public awareness of the hazards associated with avalanches, and the opportunities to participate in avalanche safety training at the beginning of the winter recreation season. It is hoped that public participation in avalanche safety programs will be increased and that this increased participation will result in saved lives during the winter.

The need for this resolution was brought to our attention by the Backcountry Avalanche Awareness Response Team (BAART), an organization formed by families of avalanche victims who are dedicated to preventing future avalanche deaths. BAART is comprised of trained volunteers who provide search and rescue services following slides and who educate the public on avalanche safety.