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# FISCAL NOTE

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 Title: William R. Wood Fairbanks Int'l Airport BRU: Fairbanks Int'l Airport  
Passenger Vessel Coastal Protection Program... Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Sen. Wilken, Kelly, Therriault, Pearce, Leman, et al.  
 Requester: Transportation Component Number: 619

**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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<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>	<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>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</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>FUND SOURCE</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>
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<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)

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

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**FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

DATE: March 13, 2001  
TO: Transportation Committee  
(Senator Cowdery – Room 101)  
FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary  
SUBJ: Sponsor Substitute

A Sponsor Substitute has been introduced for the following bill/resolution pending in your Committee:

**RETRIEVE**

*SENATE BILL NO. 119*

*"An Act naming the Bill Wood Fairbanks International Airport; and providing for an effective date."*

Please pull this bill/resolution folder from your files and give to the page. The bill/resolution may be returned to you with the Sponsor Substitute.

Thank you.

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**Anchorage Legislative Information Office  
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Friday – February 23, 2001  
1:30 p.m.**

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Member – Senator Robin Taylor  
Member – Senator Kim Elton**

**Senate Transportation Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

- SB 119      An Act naming the Bill Wood Fairbanks International Airport  
                 \*Sponsor substitute to be presented
- SB 59      An Act relating to awards of federal funds to municipalities for road projects
- HB 83      An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- SB 100     An Act relating to the regulations of aeronautics and communications and to civil liability relating to aircraft runways, airfields, and landing areas

Thursday, March 15, 2001

No meeting Scheduled

Butrovich Room 205  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### Senate Bill 119 William R. Wood Fairbanks International Airport

Senate Bill 119 will name the Fairbanks International Airport in honor of a true visionary and leader for Alaska, Dr. William Ransom Wood.

Dr. Bill Wood arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1960 with his wife Dorothy Jane, son Mark and daughter Karen, to serve as the fourth president of our University of Alaska. After thirteen years of leading the University and shaping it into a world class institution, he retired from University service and, with his family, decided to remain in Fairbanks.

Though he retired from the University, he never stopped serving his community. Dr. Wood was committed to making the place where he lived a better place than when he found it. He fulfilled that belief everyday of his 94 years. Even on his final days, he was offering words of wisdom and urging national, state, and local leaders to begin or to finish community projects.

Over the years, Dr. Wood was a leader to many, including being the Mayor of Fairbanks, Chair of Fairbanks Area Community Hospital Foundation, founder of Festival Fairbanks, founder of Fairbanks Industrial Development Corporation, and 1985 Alaskan of the Year. He was very active in Rotary International, serving as his club's President, District 5010 Governor, and receiving Rotary's highest honor - the Service Above Self Award.

Dr. Wood's message was that we, as Fairbanksans, live in a special place in this world. With the naming of the Fairbanks International Airport after Dr. Wood, fellow Alaskans, and our visitors, will be reminded not only of his contributions to our past, but his vision of our future.

I respectfully request your support of this legislation.

Home of the  
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## Alaskan Life of William R. Wood

- ✓ University of Alaska President – 1960-1973
- ✓ President Emeritus of the University of Alaska – 1975
- ✓ Mayor of Fairbanks – 1978-1980
- ✓ Founder of Fairbanks Industrial Development Corporation
- ✓ First Chairman of the Greater Fairbanks Area Community Hospital Foundation – 1967
- ✓ Founder of Festival Fairbanks whose mission is to support community projects.
- ✓ Festival Fairbanks Executive Director (a non-monetary position) from its inception in 1981 – 2001.
- ✓ Creator & Visionary of Golden Heart Plaza - 1984
- ✓ Opinion columnist for Fairbanks Daily News-Miner – 1981-2001
- ✓ 1985 Alaskan of the Year
- ✓ Rotary District 5010 Governor – 1985-1986
- ✓ Established Wood Nanook Varsity Talent Search and Grant Endowment with the University of Alaska Fairbanks – 1998
- ✓ Rotary International Service Above Self Award – 2000
- ✓ Published a trilogy of poetry – *Not From Stone* (1983), *Legacy of Dreams* (1993), and *Nanook* (2000)

# Daily News - Miner

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## 'Just a little better'

It was a thunder that moved the heart. U.S. Army howitzers boomed in military salute to Dr. William Ransom Wood at the community memorial to the man at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center on Saturday afternoon.

The thunder was felt, more than heard, inside the university gym.

It was an unseen salute that in many ways mirrored the life of the man. Dr. Wood worked countless hours invisible to most in this community, though his efforts continue to touch our lives and, indeed, move our hearts.

He lived from 1907 to 2001 and this community had the pleasure of his company from 1960 to just a week ago today. For 20 years, he wrote a column for this very page.

In a 1983 News-Miner article, Dr. Wood was quoted as saying he would want to be remembered "as an individual who left the place a little better than he found it."

Add to that philosophy his penchant for progressive ideas and you have a remarkable man of vision. He forwarded so many ideas that sometimes those around him—people one would suppose had younger and fresher minds—had a hard time keeping up.

Predictably, such a man could not accomplish so much with everyone liking every idea. He was criticized for his support of Project Chariot, a government plan born in the late 1950s in search of "peaceful use of the atom." This idea would have used an atomic blast to create a port off Alaska's northwest coast. The thought sounds ludicrous in this new millennium, but in its day it was an example of the vision exercised by progressive thinkers.

Some still exercise their powers of hindsight to criticize. Thank God that Dr. Wood exercised his considerable powers of forethought to touch this earth far beyond the scope of his mortality.

How many thousands will enjoy Golden Heart Park for years to come, walk across the yet-to-be-built Centennial Bridge or hear the chimes of the Rotary clock tower without having known the man responsible for these landmarks?

Indeed, his vision lives beyond the physical monuments. We can't overlook a dynamic family that continues to call Fairbanks home. We also can't name a community leader who has not been influenced in some way by experience with Dr. Wood or his wife, Dorothy Jane, who preceded her husband in death just last year.

They lived their lives as shining examples and mentors to many.

In his 13 years at the university, he stood upon a solid foundation laid by his predecessors and was the engineer who created much of the institution we enjoy today.

His community service mirrored his university career in many ways. He came along to build and to keep us looking forward. What is even more remarkable about his community work is the inestimable hours spent day after day, year upon year, for no recompense but to satisfy his want to make things "a little better."

For decades to come, Fairbanks will see the mark of Dr. Wood, the Midwest farm boy, the sailor, the scholar, the husband, the father, the teacher, the university president, the mayor, the statesman, the grandpa who chose to make Fairbanks his home.

If on some serene afternoon by chance you are down by the Chena River and you hear the sweet chimes of the clock tower, let the moment carry your vision forward and imagine what you might do to honor the memory of a man who left this place much better than he found it.

**STATEMENT OF SENATOR TED STEVENS  
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. BILL WOOD  
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2001  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

Fairbanksans will remember William Ransom Wood each time they use the Centennial Bridge which will bear his name. After I had discussed this bridge with Dr. Wood, he wrote to me his feeling about it. He said:

"The Centennial Bridge is to be a memorial to the early day folk who built a modern town in a remote place during a century of outwitting the hazards and the odds. The hardy and courageous folk who did what had to be done merit a lasting salute. From the ordinary they created the extra-ordinary. They put in place the basics for an enjoyable community for a very diverse assortment of individuals to live and work together.

"Once considered the end of nowhere, Fairbanks in a hundred years has become more than a hub city for the vast region of Interior Alaska -- it is a focal point of activity for the advancing knowledge of the global great North of Asia, Europe, and North America.

"The Centennial Bridge is a reminder to remember and respect the builders of the Twentieth Century. It is also a memorial to the brave folk, the indigenous people, who came before and persisted through multiple hardships, generation after generation. Their legacy and cultural contributions are never to be overlooked or forgotten. The Centennial Bridge is a tribute to their stamina and ability to cope with changing times."

Bill's life in Alaska could not be summarized better -- he described himself.

From the first day I met Bill Wood until the last day I saw him I had the feeling of being with a Master -- a person who viewed his role of a teacher with great feeling -- who never told me what to do, but when I left him I had no question in my mind about what he wanted me to do. Now, I have a sense of real loss. But, I know that he is where he wanted to be -- with his beloved Dorothy Jane.