

HB

14

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred to Committee: January 21, 2003

FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

Date of Committee Action: 2/18/03

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 14

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

PERMANENT FUND ALLOWABLE ABSENCES

"An Act relating to an absence from the state while providing care for a terminally ill grandparent for purposes of determining eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for _____ (_____)

For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of
Abbrev
for
Depts.:

- ADM
- CED
- COR
- CRT
- EED
- DEC
- DFG
- GOV
- HSS
- LAA
- LAW
- LWF
- MVA
- DNR
- DPS
- REV
- DOT
- UA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
*Assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
List by Dept(s):	*FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
REV				✓

<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
List by Dept(s):	FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Max Gruenberg</i>	Gruenberg				✓
<i>Paul K. Seaton</i>	Seaton				✓
<i>Lynn</i>	LYNN	X			
<i>Michael J. Berkowitz</i>	Mikstrom	X			
<i>Robert</i>	Berkowitz				✓
Chair: <i>B. Weyhauer</i>	B. Weyhauer	X	asis		
Chair:					

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: HB 14
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Permanent Fund Allowable Absences BRU Revenue Operations
Component Permanent Fund Dividend
Sponsor Representative Fate
Requester House State Affairs Committee Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 (FY2003) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
This legislation would amend AS 43.23.008(a)(7) to add "providing care for the individual's terminally ill ... grandparent" to the list of allowable absences from the state while retaining eligibility for the annual Alaska Permanent Fund dividend. The statute currently lists care for a terminally ill parent, spouse, sibling, child or stepchild as an allowable absence.

The Permanent Fund Dividend Division generally accepts a doctor's statement in determining if the relative is terminally ill and does not substitute its judgment for that of a health care professional.

The addition of one more allowable absence to the dividend program will not impact the budget of the division, nor is it expected to have a measurable effect on the amount of the annual dividend.

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Agency: Department of Revenue

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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 14

“An Act relating to an absence from the state while providing care for a terminally ill grandparent for purposes of determining eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date.”

House Bill 14 is a one-word change that expands the legal definition of family. Once passed into statute, The Permanent Fund Division of the Department of Revenue will consider grandparents as much a part of the family as parents, spouses, sibling, children, and stepchildren.

By adding the word “grandparent” to the language, the family will be able to provide care for them in their final days without being penalized by the state. Grandparents have provided the wisdom and the knowledge of the family for years. They have passed that along to their children and represent the last living relatives who truly know a family’s heritage. We as siblings owe much to our grandparents, but by the nature of their age they are the most common members of any family to be facing a terminal illness.

The addition of this one word to existing language will show Alaskans that we do believe the family is more than one or two generations. The family is the still the strongest single unit that makes this state great and we as legislators need to acknowledge that by passing House Bill 14.

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Memorandum

To: Representative Bruce Weyhrauch, Chair House State Affairs Committee
Fm: Jim Pound, Chief of Staff
Cc:
Date: February 10, 2003
Re: ~~CS~~ HB 14 "Permanent Fund Allowable Absences"

Please accept this memo and attached documents as a request for the House State Affairs Committee to schedule for hearing House Bill 14, "permanent fund allowable absences." This legislation will allow family members to attend to the needs of their most senior family members without losing their PFD. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Attached: Sponsor Statement, HB 14,