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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/19/03

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DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5 May 2004

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(HES)

#### HB 10 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PRIVATE GROUPS

"An Act relating to pooling by employers and self-employed individuals for purposes of group health insurance; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with S CS CS HB 10 (FIN)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS CS forthcoming (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

#### NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

#### PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Admin	4/14/03		✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Frank Brown</i>	✓			
<i>Robert Hoff</i>		✓		
<i>Mike Chen</i>	✓			
<i>Chris ...</i>	✓			
<i>Ben ...</i>	✗			
COCHAIR: <i>Lyle Green</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Gary ...</i>			✓	

# FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA  
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSHB 10(L&C)  
(H) Publish Date: 4/14/2003

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title An Act relating to health insurance BRU Centralized Admin Services  
for small businesses and non profits Component Retirement & Benefits  
Sponsor Rep. Heinze and Rokeberg  
Requester House Labor & Commerce Component No. 64

**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						
<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>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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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)						
<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 (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)

Due to the adoption of a committee substitute by the House Labor & Commerce Committee, which no longer requires the involvement of the Commissioner of Administration, this bill will now have a zero fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Representative Tom Anderson Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee Date/Time: 4/14/03 11:44 AM  
Approved by: Representative Tom Anderson Date: 4/14/2003  
Agency: House Labor & Commerce Committee

1 employees of members of the association, for the benefit of persons other than the  
 2 employers or the unions or the association; in this paragraph, the term "employees"  
 3 may include the officers, managers, and employees of the employer, and the individual  
 4 proprietor or partners if the employer is an individual proprietor or partnership; in this  
 5 paragraph, the term "employees" may include retired employees; the policy may  
 6 provide that the term "employees" includes the trustees or their employees, or both, if  
 7 their duties are principally connected with the trusteeship;

8 (4) under a policy issued to a person or organization to which a policy  
 9 of group life insurance may be issued or delivered in this state to insure a class or  
 10 classes of individuals that could be insured under the group life policy;

11 (5) under a policy issued to cover any other substantially similar group  
 12 that, in the discretion of the director, may be subject to the issuance of a group health  
 13 insurance policy or contract;

14 (6) a group health insurance policy that contains provisions for the  
 15 payment by the insurer of benefits for expenses incurred on account of hospital,  
 16 nursing, medical, or surgical services for members of the family or dependents of a  
 17 person in the insured group may provide for the continuation of the benefit provisions,  
 18 or a part or parts of them, after the death of the person in the insured group;

19 (7) under a policy issued to an association of employers covering  
 20 the employees and dependents of the employees, or issued to an association of  
 21 self-employed individuals covering self-employed individuals and dependents of  
 22 the self-employed individuals, or issued to an association that includes a  
 23 combination of employers and self-employed individuals; for purposes of this  
 24 paragraph,

25 (A) an association described under this paragraph shall  
 26 comply with the following requirements:

27 (i) the association shall have a constitution and  
 28 bylaws;

29 (ii) the association shall be maintained in good faith  
 30 for the benefit of persons other than the association or its officers  
 31 or trustees;

Amend #1  
adopted

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(iii) membership in the association shall be restricted to large or small employers, or self-employed individuals, who are residents of the state; however, an employer domiciled in another state may become a member of the association for purposes of obtaining coverage through the association only for the employees and dependents of the employees of that employer who are residents of this state;

(iv) except as provided under AS 21.54.015, the association may not condition membership in the association or coverage under a health insurance policy issued to the association on any of the factors listed under AS 21.54.100(a);

(B) "self-employed individual" means an individual who derives a substantial portion of the individual's income from a trade or business through which the individual has attempted to earn taxable income and for which the individual has filed the appropriate Internal Revenue Service form and schedule for the previous taxable year.

\* Sec. 4 AS 21.56.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) In determining the premium rates for a small employer covered under an association health insurance policy authorized under AS 21.54.060(7), a small employer insurer may not use the claims experience of the small employer while the employer was covered under another health insurance policy and may use only that underwriting information obtained through the insurer's normal application process for new small employer groups that are not written under the association plan.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, ~~2003~~ 2004

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
5/3/2004 COMMITTEE ACTION

<b>Bill Number</b>	HB 10		
<b>Amendment</b>	#1		
<b>Motion</b>	adpt		
<b><u>Motion by</u></b>	Stevens		
<b><u>Objection by</u></b>	none		
<b><u>Removed</u></b>			
<b><u>Second Objection by</u></b>			
<b><u>Committee Member</u></b>	<b>Y</b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b>N</b>
Senator Stevens			
Senator Bunde			
Senator Dyson			
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Olson			
Co-Chair Green			
Co-Chair Wilken			
<b><u>Tally</u></b>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	Pass		



Official Business

# Alaska State Senate

## Senate Finance Committee

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### FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 5 May 2004 TIME: 9:39 am

TO: Legal Services

NUMBER OF PAGES, INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 2

FROM: MINDY ROWLAND  
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SECRETARY  
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NOTES: Final Please

SCS CS HB 10 (FIN)

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Plus 1 amendment attached

Thx

Mindy

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(FIN)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HEINZE AND ROKEBERG, Gara, McGuire, Hawker, Foster, Stevens, Wilson, Seaton, Weyhrauch, Moses, Kerttula, Gruenberg, Anderson, Wolf, Cissna, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Meyer, Lynn, Berkowitz

SENATORS Dyson, Bunde, Cowdery, Olson, Guess, Davis, Seekins, Ellis

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to pooling by employers and self-employed individuals for purposes of  
2 group health insurance; and providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to allow small and large employers, including  
7 nonprofit employers, as well as self-employed individuals, to form an association for group  
8 health insurance purposes.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 21.54.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) A health care insurer may decline to cover or may restrict the coverage  
11 offered to a self-employed individual under an association plan authorized under  
12 AS 21.54.060(7).

13 \* Sec. 3. AS 21.54.060 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 21.54.060. Group health insurance defined. Group health insurance is

1 that form of health insurance covering groups of persons as defined below, with or  
2 without one or more members of their families or one or more of their dependents, or  
3 covering one or more members of the families or one or more dependents of the  
4 groups of persons and issued upon the following basis:

5 (1) under a policy issued to an employer or trustees of a fund  
6 established by an employer, who shall be considered the policyholder, insuring  
7 employees of the employer for the benefit of persons other than the employer; in this  
8 paragraph the term "employees" includes the officers, managers, and employees of the  
9 employer, the individual proprietor or partner if the employer is an individual  
10 proprietor or partnership, the officers, managers, and employees of subsidiary or  
11 affiliated corporations, the individual proprietors, partners, and employees of  
12 individuals and firms if the business of the employer and the individual or firm is  
13 under common control through stock ownership, contract, or otherwise; in this  
14 paragraph, "employees" may include retired employees; a policy issued to insure  
15 employees of a public body may provide that the term "employees" includes elected or  
16 appointed officials; the policy may provide that the term "employees" includes the  
17 trustees or their employees, or both, if their duties are principally connected with the  
18 trusteeship; a policy issued to insure employees of a corporation may provide that the  
19 term "employees" includes directors of the corporation, whether or not the directors  
20 receive compensation;

21 (2) under a policy issued to an association, including a labor union,  
22 that has a constitution and bylaws and that has been organized and is maintained in  
23 good faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance, insuring members,  
24 employees, or employees of members of the association for the benefit of persons  
25 other than the association or its officers or trustees; in this paragraph, the term  
26 "employees" may include retired employees;

27 (3) under a policy issued to the trustees of a fund established by two or  
28 more employers in the same or related industry or by one or more labor unions or by  
29 one or more employers and one or more labor unions or by an association as defined  
30 in (2) of this section, which trustees shall be considered the policyholder, to insure  
31 employees of the employers or members of the unions or of the association, or

1 employees of members of the association, for the benefit of persons other than the  
 2 employers or the unions or the association; in this paragraph, the term "employees"  
 3 may include the officers, managers, and employees of the employer, and the individual  
 4 proprietor or partners if the employer is an individual proprietor or partnership; in this  
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 6 provide that the term "employees" includes the trustees or their employees, or both, if  
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8 (4) under a policy issued to a person or organization to which a policy  
 9 of group life insurance may be issued or delivered in this state to insure a class or  
 10 classes of individuals that could be insured under the group life policy;

11 (5) under a policy issued to cover any other substantially similar group  
 12 that, in the discretion of the director, may be subject to the issuance of a group health  
 13 insurance policy or contract;

14 (6) a group health insurance policy that contains provisions for the  
 15 payment by the insurer of benefits for expenses incurred on account of hospital,  
 16 nursing, medical, or surgical services for members of the family or dependents of a  
 17 person in the insured group may provide for the continuation of the benefit provisions,  
 18 or a part or parts of them, after the death of the person in the insured group;

19 (7) under a policy issued to an association of employers covering  
 20 the employees and dependents of the employees, or issued to an association of  
 21 self-employed individuals covering self-employed individuals and dependents of  
 22 the self-employed individuals, or issued to an association that includes a  
 23 combination of employers and self-employed individuals; for purposes of this  
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 31 or trustees;

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 2                    to large or small employers, or self-employed individuals, who are  
 3                    residents of the state; however, an employer domiciled in another  
 4                    state may become a member of the association for purposes of  
 5                    obtaining coverage through the association only for the employees  
 6                    and dependents of the employees of that employer who are  
 7                    residents of this state;

8                    (iv) except as provided under AS 21.54.015, the  
 9                    association may not condition membership in the association or  
 10                   coverage under a health insurance policy issued to the association  
 11                   on any of the factors listed under AS 21.54.100(a);

12                   (B) "self-employed individual" means an individual who  
 13                   derives a substantial portion of the individual's income from a trade or  
 14                   business through which the individual has attempted to earn taxable  
 15                   income and for which the individual has filed the appropriate Internal  
 16                   Revenue Service form and schedule for the previous taxable year.

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 21                   employer was covered under another health insurance policy and may use only that  
 22                   underwriting information obtained through the insurer's normal application process for  
 23                   new small employer groups that are not written under the association plan.

24 \* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.

Amend  
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**Representative Cheryl Heinze**  
District 24 - Anchorage

## CSHB 10 (HESS)

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

**"An Act relating to pooling by employers and self-employed individuals for the purposes of group health insurance; and providing for an effective date."**

In this legislation, small and large employers and self-employed individuals are allowed to form an association for the purpose of obtaining health insurance. Under HB 10, an insurer may offer a policy to an association of employers covering the employees and dependents of the employees, or to an association of self-employed individuals covering self-employed individuals and dependents of the self-employed individuals, or to an association that includes a combination of employers and self-employed individuals.

A self-employed individual is defined as an individual who derives a substantial portion of the individual's income from a trade or business through which the individual has attempted to earn taxable income and for which the individual has filed the appropriate Internal Revenue Service form and schedule for the previous year.

An association would be required to establish a constitution and bylaws. The association must be maintained for the benefit of persons other than the association or its officers or trustees. Membership in the association is restricted to large or small employers, or self-employed individuals, who are residents of the state. An employer, however, may reside in another state and may obtain coverage through an association for the employees and dependents of the employees of that employer who are residents of this state.

The association may not condition membership in the association or coverage under a health insurance policy issued to the association. An exception is provided for a self-employed individual where a health care insurer may decline to cover or may restrict coverage offered to that individual under the association plan.

An intent section has been added to the bill to clarify that non-profits are included in those covered by this bill. Specifically, large and small non-profit employers and non-profit self-employed individuals would be allowed to form an association for group health insurance purposes.

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## Representative Cheryll Heinze

District 24 - Anchorage

- "An Act relating to pooling by employers and self-employed individuals for the purposes of group health insurance, and providing for an effective date"
- Current estimates show that more than 100,000 Alaskans are without health insurance coverage.
- HB 10 attempts to help our citizens obtain affordable health insurance
- Current statute (AS 21.54.060), defines the eligible groups for which an insurance company can offer coverage. Currently AS 21.54.060 does not include a group formed for insurance purposes. If a group type is not included in AS 21.54.060, then an insurance company can not offer coverage to that group type.
- HB 10 amends this statute by allowing self-employed individuals and groups of employers, both small and large including non-profits to pool for the purpose of obtaining health insurance.
- Incorporating self-employed individuals into the group associations is a key component of this bill. To make this provision workable, some conditions have been incorporated into the bill.
- Under HB 10, a health care insurer **may decline to cover or may restrict the coverage** offered to a self-employed individual under an association plan. This applies **only** to a **self-employed individual** who joins a group but **not for employees** of either large or small employers.
- The State's Division of Insurance recommended these restrictions to prevent high risk individuals from flocking to these association plans thereby driving up the premiums for the groups.
- Under current statute (AS 21.54.100), a health care insurer may not establish rules for eligibility based on health status, medical history, disability etc., nor may they charge a higher fee for coverage of such an individual. Except in the case of a self-employed individual attempting to join an association for the purpose of obtaining insurance, this statute remains intact.
- **Another key feature of this bill is the inclusion of non-profits in the bill's language.** Non-profit groups have been amongst those having the most difficulty in obtaining affordable health insurance for their members. Allowing non-profit groups to form associations with other non-profit groups or self-employed non-profit individuals or with any other association may help them to negotiate for more affordable health insurance.
- In addition, in this **The Mental Health Trust Authority has committed to assisting the non-profits effort and are currently working with Dennis McMillan of the Foraker Group, a group providing management and organizational training to non-profit staff, to find affordable health options.**

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### CSHB 10 (HESS)

#### SECTIONAL

Section 1. This is a section of uncodified law which expresses the intent to include non-profits .

Section 2. This section amends AS 21.54.015 by adding a new subsection to allow an insurer to decline to cover or restrict coverage to a self-employed individual under AS 21.54.060.

Section 3. This section amends AS 21.54.060 defining group health insurance to include as association of employers and their dependents and self-employed individuals and their employers.

Subsection (A) Sets out requirements for the association.

Subsection (B) Defines "self-employed individual"

Section 4. This section amends AS 21.56.120 by adding a new subsection describing how premium rates may be determined .

Section 5. This section provides for an effective date.



ALASKA

May 3, 2004

Senator Gary Wilken  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol Room 518  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Wilken,

Attached is an NFIB/Alaska statement of support of HB 10 based on the original bill. The bill before the Senate Finance Committee is quite different from the original proposal but is still supported by NFIB. The original bill had a large fiscal note for the Department of Administration to assist in forming a health insurance group. The bill no longer involves the department and there is no cost to the state. The bill has amended the current definition of group health insurance to provide for insurance pooling by an association of employers, including self-employed individuals with some restrictions.

This legislation provides a tool not currently available for small businesses to gain access to health insurance coverage. While not a guarantee for cheaper health insurance, it is reasonable to expect to see a reduction in rates when a business is able to join a pool that spreads the risk in comparison to getting an individual policy. In some cases the only way to have access to insurance at all is through a pool.

NFIB is actively involved at the federal level in support of legislation creating Association Health Plans (AHP's) that can cross state lines. This would significantly help in creating a larger insurance pool for Alaska businesses. In the mean time, NFIB Alaska feels that House Bill 10 is a step in the right direction.

Please support House Bill 10.

Sincerely,

Thyes J. Shaub  
NFIB/Alaska



ALASKA

**Statement of Support**  
**House Bill 10**  
**Small Business Group Health Insurance**

**February 22, 2003**

The Alaska Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business has 2,500 members, making it the largest small-business advocacy group in the state.

The legislative agenda of NFIB is determined by ballot. The ballot is our poll of members on a series of legislative and regulatory issues. NFIB/Alaska ballot results for 2003 showed strong support passage of legislation like House Bill 10. Following are the ballot results on this issue:

**Should legislation be passed to allow the state of Alaska to assist in forming a group of Alaskan small businesses and non-profits in order to obtain health insurance for employees?**

**74% YES**

**21% NO**

**5% Undecided**

NFIB members who are proponents of this legislation feel that forming a large insurance group will help spread the risk and bring down the cost of health insurance for small businesses and non-profits. Although the state would assist in creating the group, the legislation provides for private insurance companies, agents and brokers to bid on the policy or policies to be issued. The private sector is an important part of this proposal.

Since 1986, the cost of providing health insurance for employees has been the number one problem faced by small businesses. These businesses desperately want to offer health insurance to their employees but it is financially out of their reach. All efforts to bring down the cost of health insurance are important to small business.

**NFIB/Alaska urges support for HB 10.**

Submitted by Thyas Shaub on behalf of NFIB/Alaska.

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REPRESENTATIVE CHERYLL BOREN HEINZE  
Chair: Economic Development; International Trade & Tourism

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

To: Sen. Gary Wilken and Sen. Lyda Green

Cc: Sen. Con Bunde  
Sen. Ben Stevens  
Sen. Fred Dyson  
Sen. Lyman Hoffman  
Sen. Donny Olson

Re: HB 10

Sen. Wilken and Green,

Enclosed is a packet of information that addresses the issues raised the Senate Finance Committee hearing this morning. Included in this packet is a list of bullet points regarding the questions that arose in the committee hearing, a legal opinion explaining section 4 (page four lines 17-23) of HB 10 and letters of support including letters from the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), the Anchorage Small Business Development Center and AETNA.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact my staff at 529-1103 any time. My office will be more than happy to assist you in any way. I look forward to hearing from you all at the next hearing.

Sincerely,

Representative Cheryll Boren Heinze

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**Answers to questions asked by the Sen. FIN committee**

- 1) What does section 4 on page 4 of HB 10 do?
  - Legal is drafting a legal memo explaining this section. Basically it keeps insurers from relying on previous insurance rates of employers in an insurance pool and states that the members be held **as a group** to the provider's regular application procedures. This is to ensure that pooled co-ops are treated in the same way as any large group interested in purchasing insurance instead of as .
  
- 2) Is Sec. 4 of the bill drafted along the lines of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)?
  - The attorney that drafted this legislation has since retired and is unavailable to address this issue. Legislative Legal is drafting a memo explaining this section and is looking into the origin of the draft language.
  
- 3) How does insurance pooling impact rates?
  - In the Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance Issue Brief of November 2002 Elliot Wicks states:  
  
"If, by aggregating their purchasing power, small employers were able to buy coverage at lower cost, firms not previously offering health coverage might be encouraged to do so, thus reducing the numbers of uninsured."

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“When insurers serve hundreds of small employers, they incur higher administrative costs than when they serve a single large employer with the same number of employees. It is expensive to send insurance agents to each small employer to explain coverage, handle sales, and service accounts once the coverage is in place.”

While we cannot make the claim that passage of HB 10 will automatically ensure lower insurance rates for the employer pools, it does offer them a better chance at receiving rates similar to larger businesses. Also, passage of an insurance pooling law has been shown to result in a wider range of insurance options being made available to the pool members. Since the passage of HB 10 costs the state nothing, is supported by small business groups and health care providers and will result in a wider range of insurance options for small businesses and possibly lower premiums, we feel it is a necessary and worthwhile piece of legislation.

List of some successful co-ops in the country:

COSE – Cleveland, Ohio

HIPC – Health Insurance Plan of California

CBIA – Connecticut Business and Industry Association

NYBC - The New York Business Group

4) Who supports this bill?

- We have letters of support from
  - i. AETNA
  - ii. The AARP
  - iii. Municipality of Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission
  - iv. The Alaska Nurses Association

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- v. The State of Alaska Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
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- Further support has come from the Foraker Group and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- 5) Will the insurance Company that wins the bid to implement HB 10's pooling program be required to contribute an assessment to the ACHIA high-risk pool?
- Yes. All insurance providers who offer major medical insurance pay the ACHIA assessment.

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## MEMORANDUM

May 3, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Premium rates for small employers in CSHB 10(HES)  
(Work Order 23-LS0030\B)

**TO:** Representative Cheryll Heinze  
Attn: Jon Bittner

**FROM:** Barbara R. Craver *BRC*  
Legislative Counsel

You have asked for an explanation of section 4 of CSHB 10(HES) which adds a new subsection (e) to AS 21.56.120 (Premium rate restrictions disclosures; reports; confidentiality):

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This section requires that an insurer use its standard application process for small employer groups when determining the policy premium for a small employer member in an association insured under AS 21.54.060(7), and may not use the history of that employer under another policy when setting premium rates.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

BRC:mdr  
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ALASKA

## Statement of Support

### House Bill 10

### Small Business Group Health Insurance

February 22, 2003

The Alaska Chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business has 2,500 members, making it the largest small-business advocacy group in the state.

The legislative agenda of NFIB is determined by ballot. The ballot is our poll of members on a series of legislative and regulatory issues. NFIB/Alaska ballot results for 2003 showed strong support passage of legislation like House Bill 10. Following are the ballot results on this issue:

**Should legislation be passed to allow the state of Alaska to assist in forming a group of Alaskan small businesses and non-profits in order to obtain health insurance for employees?**

74% YES

21% NO

5% Undecided

NFIB members who are proponents of this legislation feel that forming a large insurance group will help spread the risk and bring down the cost of health insurance for small businesses and non-profits. Although the state would assist in creating the group, the legislation provides for private insurance companies, agents and brokers to bid on the policy or policies to be issued. The private sector is an important part of this proposal.

Since 1986, the cost of providing health insurance for employees has been the number one problem faced by small businesses. These businesses desperately want to offer health insurance to their employees but it is financially out of their reach. All efforts to bring down the cost of health insurance are important to small business.

### **NFIB/Alaska urges support for HB 10.**

Submitted by Thyes Shaub on behalf of NFIB/Alaska.



ALASKA

May 3, 2004

Senator Gary Wilken  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol Room 518  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Wilken,

Attached is an NFIB/Alaska statement of support of HB 10 based on the original bill. The bill before the Senate Finance Committee is quite different from the original proposal but is still supported by NFIB. The original bill had a large fiscal note for the Department of Administration to assist in forming a health insurance group. The bill no longer involves the department and there is no cost to the state. The bill has amended the current definition of group health insurance to provide for insurance pooling by an association of employers, including self-employed individuals with some restrictions.

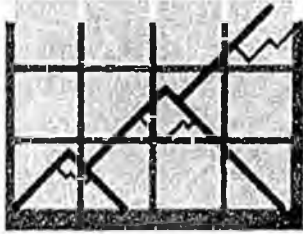
This legislation provides a tool not currently available for small businesses to gain access to health insurance coverage. While not a guarantee for cheaper health insurance, it is reasonable to expect to see a reduction in rates when a business is able to join a pool that spreads the risk in comparison to getting an individual policy. In some cases the only way to have access to insurance at all is through a pool.

NFIB is actively involved at the federal level in support of legislation creating Association Health Plans (AHP's) that can cross state lines. This would significantly help in creating a larger insurance pool for Alaska businesses. In the mean time, NFIB Alaska feels that House Bill 10 is a step in the right direction.

Please support House Bill 10.

Sincerely,

Thyes J. Shaub  
NFIB/Alaska



## **Anchorage Small Business Development Center**

May 3, 2004

RE: Small Business Group Insurance Legislation

To Whom It May Concern:

The UAA Small Business Development Center in Anchorage works closely with entrepreneurs and owners of existing businesses both in seminar settings as well as one-on-one confidential counseling on a daily basis. Our mission is to foster and promote growth in small businesses here and part of our job is to help business people solve problems which may arise during the course of normal business operations.

During these processes, we hear complaints common to all types of business and one of those is the concern over the rising costs of insurance for small business owners, both in property liability, workman's compensation and personal medical/dental coverage.

While each type of business has a differing rate of inflating percentages of cost, it has been a common statement that costs appear to have risen between 10 and 25 percent over the past two to three years. This is significant when viewed against dwindling profit margins due to decreased consumer spending in this recessionary period.

While the Anchorage SBDC is not familiar with pending legislation and therefore cannot advocate its content, our clients would welcome a chance to join in a cooperative insurance program, especially if the quality of coverage is adequate and rates would conceivably be lower than those our clients are paying now.

Please keep us informed as to the status of legislation so that we may pass the information along to our clients.

Sincerely,

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## Health and Human Services Commission

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Dear Senators Green and Wilken,

I am writing to you as the chair of the Anchorage Health and Human Services Commission on behalf of our 15 members and the many health organizations we represent.

We would like to thank you for all of your hard work. We know the end of session is very difficult. So, out of respect for you and your limited time, we will be brief. There is currently a bill in Senate Finance, **HB 10** – Group health insurance for private groups, that is very important to many health and human services providers in the state.

In response to legislative cuts in health and human services, non-profits and small service providers are attempting to expand their capacity to deal with the resulting increase in caseloads. These providers must find any cost savings possible if they are to stretch their current dollars to accommodate this increase. One significant financial obstacle for these organizations is the difficulty and expense of obtaining insurance. By passing **HB 10**, the legislature has an opportunity to partner with non-profits and small service providers in their effort to obtain affordable insurance, and thus stretch their dollars to accommodate greater caseloads.

**HB 10** has a zero fiscal note and promises a real and tangible benefit to the community. We understand there are increased risks associated with insurance pools such as this, but **HB 10** offers a compromise by allowing insurers to decline self-employed borrowers on a case by case basis. We are very sensitive to the fact that the insurance industry must remain profitable for this partnership to work. This measure helps mitigate risk to insurers while still allowing the affordable insurance benefits of pooling.

As you work to do more with less in these difficult budgetary times, please consider helping our small service providers do the same. Again, thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you on this matter at your convenience. My number is (907) 271-1414.

Sincerely,

*Corrine E. Eilo*

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May 5, 2003

**Representative Cheryl Heinze**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Alaska Legislature**  
**Pouch V**  
**Juneau, Alaska 99801**

**Dear Representative Heinze:**

Aetna has reviewed CS HB10, which would allow the pooling of small businesses and nonprofit corporations for the purpose of procuring health insurance.

Any organization for pooling would be done privately and independent brokers may have the opportunity to procure insurance for any groups which might be formed.

Aetna does not have any objection to the creation of this additional option to allow businesses an alternate means to find the best possible private health insurance that will fit their needs.

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**Cc: Nicole Salinas**  
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House Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska Capital, Room 432  
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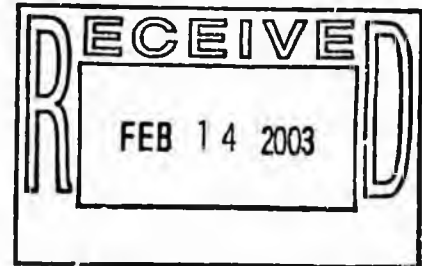
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February 24, 2003

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Representative Norman Rokeberg  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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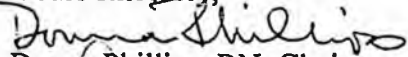
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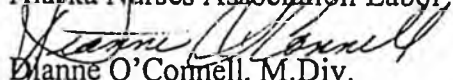
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April 22, 2004

Sheila Peterson  
State Capitol, Room 518  
Juneau, AK 99801-1882

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Re: Your request for information regarding CSHB 10(HES)

Under current Alaska insurance laws insurers would not be permitted to offer health insurance coverage to a group formed for purposes of purchasing insurance. One of the primary reasons for this prohibition is that such a group could establish membership based on health status. This pulls the healthy groups and individuals out of the general insurance market. Segmenting the insurance market in this manner would result in increased premiums for the less healthy, more uninsured and ultimately a fractured health insurance market. A viable health insurance market depends upon sharing risk, with the healthy subsidizing the less healthy.

CSHB 10(HES) would allow association groups to form for purposes of insurance with specific restrictions that prohibit conditioning membership on health status. An insurer would still be allowed to underwrite and not cover individual members consistent with the current Alaska insurance market. This will help prevent adverse selection by individuals. Note that high-risk individuals are already guaranteed coverage under the Alaska Comprehensive Health Insurance Association.

The primary proponents of CSHB 10(HES) were the non-profit employers. These employers are typically higher risk than other employer groups. Under Alaska insurance laws insurers in the small group market must offer insurance to small groups (2-50 employees). However, many non-profit employers (as well as other employers) are unable to afford the premiums. The non-profit employers' felt that if they could pool together to purchase insurance they could achieve some economies of scale and would perhaps have more benefit options than are currently available. In 2001 the Foraker Group formed, which is an association for these non-profit employers. The Foraker Group is a legitimate association group under AS 21.54.060 and insurers may offer insurance coverage to the association. The Foraker Group has been working for the last couple of years with the largest health insurer in the state to develop a successful health plan for its members. Therefore, with the formation of the Foraker Group, the need for CSHB 10(HES) has clearly diminished.

Sincerely,



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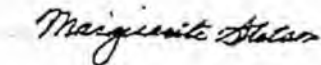
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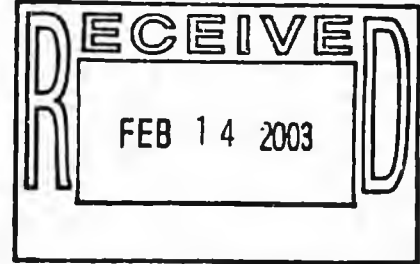
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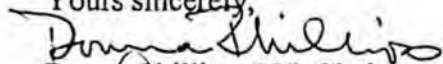
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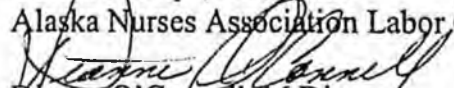
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HB 10-GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PRIVATE GROUPS

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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/17/03

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/19/03

Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(HES)

## HB 10 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PRIVATE GROUPS

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and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
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- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

- same title
- new title

**House Bill:**

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
H.LIC/ADM	7/14		✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
French				X	
Seekins		✓			
G.Stevens		✓			
Bunde	CHAIR:	✓			

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/3/03

FURTHER: Labor and Commerce  
Finance

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 5/17/03

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(HES)

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**Senate Bill:**

same title

new title

**House Bill:**

same title

technical title

new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
H.L.C / ADM	4/14/03		✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
Dyson		✓			
Gness		✓			
Cowdery		✓			
G. Stevens	CHAIR:				