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**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

REPORTED OUT  
APR 20 2004  
SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

DATE: 04/7/04

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 21 April 2004

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 377(FIN)

**HB 377 APPROP:MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET**

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with S CS CS HB 377 (FIN)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

<b>Senate Bill:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title
<b>House Bill:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero.	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Frank Dymally</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Gregory Cellmer</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ben Stein</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
COCHAIR: <i>Ernie Willis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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January 12, 2004

The Honorable Pete Kott  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Kott:

I am today transmitting a separate FY2005 appropriations bill for the state's comprehensive mental health program. As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations and is accompanied by a report outlining the differences between my budget and the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

The proposed mental health budget represents a cooperative effort between state agencies, the Trustees, and Trust Authority staff. Coupled with the resources that have been appropriated in recent years, these productive working relationships have made a positive difference for Alaska's mental health beneficiaries. Given the state's overall financial position, we are not in a position for the state to augment many of the Trust's requests that required state general funds. These difficult decisions are part of our work to take responsibility today for Alaska's tomorrow.

I look forward to working with the Legislature this session.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

Enclosure