

SB

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS

Memorandum

Date: February 21, 2003

To: Senator Fred Dyson
Chair Health, Education, and Social Services Committee

From: Senator Gretchen Guess

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen G. Guess".

Re: Hearing Request

Please consider this a formal request for a hearing of Senate Bill 12, "*An act relating to the Alaska teacher recruitment loan assumption program; and providing for an effective date.*" This bill would aid in teacher recruitment and provide an incentive in acquiring educators in the state.

If you have any questions regarding SB 12 please feel free to contact me or my aide Maridon Boario at x2435.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 12

"An act relating to the Alaska teacher recruitment loan assumption program; and providing for an effective date."

Purpose

Senate Bill 12 would create a loan assumption program to provide financial assistance to newly hired teachers who agree to teach in the Alaska public elementary and secondary schools for up to five years.

Background

As a shortage of qualified teachers in the public elementary and secondary schools exist in this state and as competition is increasing among other states for qualified teachers, the necessity for teacher incentive and recruitment program becomes crucial.

States throughout the country already have incentive based systems in place.

Solution

In acquiring newly hired elementary and secondary teachers, individual eligible education loans may be assumed by the state up to a total of 10,000 dollars per new employee.

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Memorandum

Date: March 11, 2003

To: Senator Fred Dyson, Chair
Senate Health, Education and Social Services

From: Senator Gretchen Guess *G. Guess*

Re: Withdraw Hearing Request

Please consider this a formal request to withdraw my hearing request, dated February 21, 2003, for Senate Bill 12, *"An Act relating to the Alaska teacher recruitment loan assumption program; and providing for an effective date."*

Please note my support for Senate Bill 84 by Sen. Gary Stevens, *"An Act relating to the Alaska teacher recruitment loan repayment program; and providing for an effective date."*

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at x2435.