

SB

270

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/16/04

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/29/04
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2/4/04

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 270

SB 270 AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH

"An Act establishing November as Avalanche Awareness Month."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- 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 Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DPS	1/21/04			✓	1

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>[Signature]</i>			X	
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CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	X			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB270-DPS-ASTD-2-2-04
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title Avalanche Awareness Month RDU Alaska State Troopers
 Component Search and Rescue
 Sponsor Sen. Green
 Requester (S) State Affairs Component No. 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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 (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would make November of each year "Avalanche Awareness Month".

The Department of Public Safety has a vested interest in educating citizens about the risks of avalanches. Educational efforts that should be dovetailed into November being "Avalanche Awareness Month" can be covered by existing resources.

No fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety is anticipated.

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 Agency Department of Public Safety

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB270

A Resolution relating to Avalanche Awareness Month

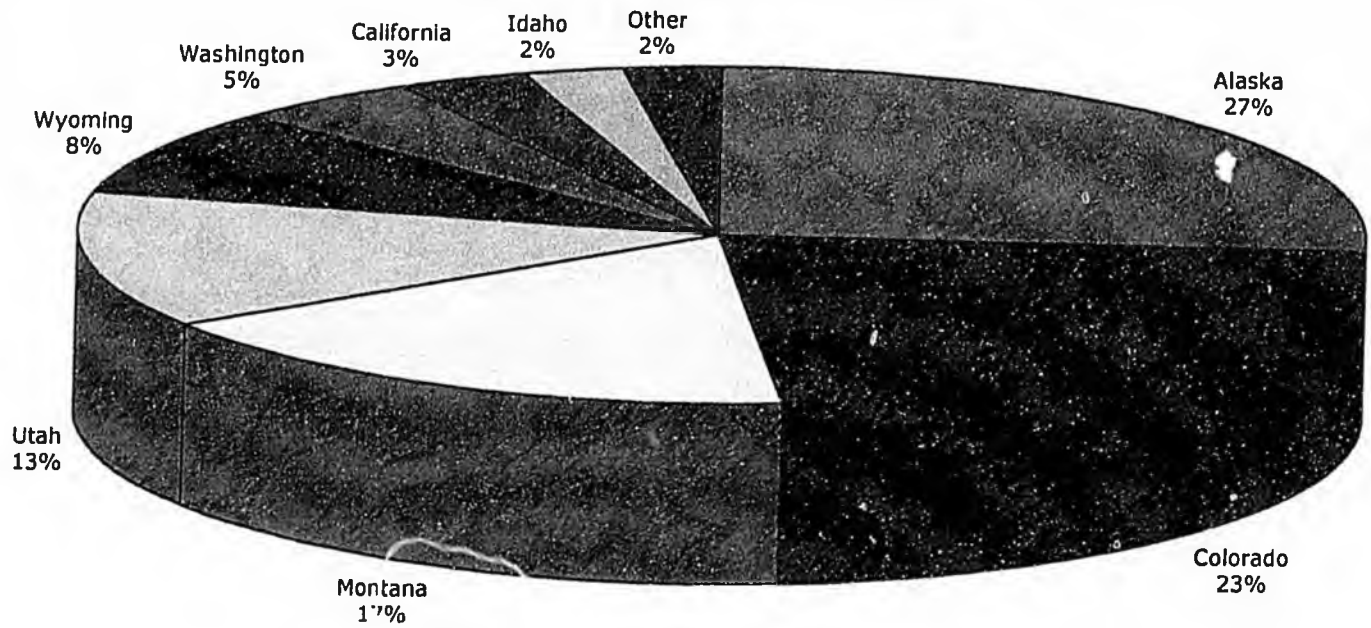
Alaska is avalanche country. Each year Alaska loses more people to avalanches than any other state, regardless of population. During the last four winters alone, 28 Alaskans have died in avalanches. Last winter, avalanche dust clouds hit school buses on Thane road in Juneau two times. It is chilling to think of the possible outcomes. While often little can be done to prevent the occurrence of an avalanche, **much can be done to prevent the loss of life from avalanches.**

Senate Bill 270 would establish November as Avalanche Awareness Month. This designation would serve to raise public awareness of the hazards associated with avalanches, and of the opportunities to participate in avalanche safety training at the beginning of the winter recreational season. It is hoped that public participation in avalanche safety programs will be increased. This increased participation will equip Alaskans with the skills necessary to survive potentially fatal encounters with avalanches and result in saved lives.

US Avalanche Fatalities by State, 1998-2002

N=121

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Alaska Avalanche Fatalities by Activity 98-02

N=31

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