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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Peace Corps/Diplomat Sanctions RDU Revenue Programs & Support
Component Permanent Fund Dividend
Sponsor McGuire
Requester _____ Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personnel 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 (FY2005) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 127 adds service in the Peace Corps and the US Foreign Service as allowable absences for permanent fund dividend eligibility.

The Peace Corps advises that 42 current Peace Corps volunteers name Alaska as their home of record. We are advised that there are 36 employees of the US Foreign Service listing Alaska as their legal residence. Seventy-eight additional applications in an estimated pool of 640,000 total applicants will have negligible impact on the PFD workload. The impact of adding 78 additional eligible applicants on the amount of dividend payments, taking 2004 as an example, would have been a \$0.12 reduction of the dividend, from \$919.84 to \$919.72.

Prepared by: Sharon Barton Phone _____
Division: Permanent Fund Dividend Date/Time 2/25/05 3:24 PM
Approved by: Tom Boutin Date 2/25/2005
Agency: Deputy Commissioner

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AMENDMENT \

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 127(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MEYER

- 1 Page 2, line 29:
- 2 Delete "[OR] (14), or (15)"
- 3 Insert "or (15) [(14)]"

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3/30
AMENDMENT 2

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BY REPRESENTATIVE CROFT

TO: CS HB 127(STA)

Page 1, line 1, after "peace corps":

Insert: ", and Olympians and national-team athletes"

Page 3, before line 1 insert new subsection to read:

"(15) because of their duties training or competing as an Olympian or national team athlete;"

Page 3 line 5:

Delete: "(14)"

Insert : "(15)"

Page 3 line 8:

Delete: "(14)"

Insert : "(15)"

Page 3 line 11:

Delete: "(14)"

Insert : "(15)"

Page 3 line 12:

Delete: "(14)"

Insert : "(15)"

Renumber accordingly.

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 127(STA)

BY REPRESENTATIVE WEYHRAUCH

1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to voter registration and voting for purposes of eligibility for
3 permanent fund dividends;"

4
5 Page 1, following line 7:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "** Section 1. AS 43.23.005(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) An individual is eligible to receive one permanent fund dividend each year
9 in an amount to be determined under AS 43.23.025 if the individual

10 (1) applies to the department;

11 (2) is a state resident on the date of application;

12 (3) was a state resident during the entire qualifying year;

13 (4) has been physically present in the state for at least 72 consecutive
14 hours at some time during the prior two years before the current dividend year;

15 (5) is

16 (A) a citizen of the United States;

17 (B) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
18 United States;

19 (C) an alien with refugee status under federal law; or

20 (D) an alien that has been granted asylum under federal law;

21 (6) was, at all times during the qualifying year, physically present in
22 the state or, if absent, was absent only as allowed in AS 43.23.008; [AND]

23 (7) was in compliance during the qualifying year with the military

1 selective service registration requirements imposed under 50 U.S.C. App. 453
2 (Military Selective Service Act), if those requirements were applicable to the
3 individual, or has come into compliance after being notified of the lack of compliance;

4 (8) is registered to vote in state elections if the individual was
5 qualified to register to vote in state elections during the qualifying year; and

6 (9) voted in the most recent general election held before the
7 current dividend year if the individual was qualified to vote in that general
8 election."

9
10 Page 1, line 8:

11 Delete "Section 1"

12 Insert "Sec. 2"

13

14 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

15

16 Page 4, line 12:

17 Delete "secs. 3 - 5"

18 Insert "secs. 4 - 6"

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20 Page 4, line 15:

21 Delete "sec. 4"

22 Insert "sec. 5"

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24 Page 4, line 16:

25 Delete "sec. 5"

26 Insert "sec. 6"

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28 Page 4, line 19:

29 Delete "Section 6"

30 Insert "Section 7"

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1 Page 4, line 20:

2 Delete "Sections 3 - 5"

3 Insert "Sections 4 - 6"

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5 Page 4, line 21:

6 Delete "Sections 1 and 2"

7 Insert "Sections 1 - 3"

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SPONSOR STATEMENT HB 127

"An Act relating to service in the peace corps and to service as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service as allowable absences from the State for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends and to the period for filing an application for a permanent fund dividend; authorizing the Department of Revenue to issue administrative orders imposing sanctions for certain misrepresentations or other actions concerning eligibility for a permanent fund dividend and providing for administrative appeal of those orders; and providing for an effective date."

Alaskans are known for being proud of their great state. But even beyond that, Alaskans are proud to be Americans. Many young Alaskans consider serving or volunteering their time as a way to give back to the country what has been given to them. Many serve in the military, others choose to make conditions better for others by devoting two years of their lives to the Peace Corps, while others serve as diplomats, building relational bridges to our allies and in preserving peace. In each case, these Alaskans play a major role in promoting democracy in other countries and representing us as Americans.

Both Peace Corps Volunteers and U.S. Foreign Service Diplomats sacrifice time with family, often live in less comfortable conditions, and many times place themselves in harms way to serve our country. We should not cause them to sacrifice further by requiring them to forfeit their permanent fund dividends during their time overseas.

The policy decision has been made to provide every qualifying Alaskan man, woman and child with a dividend from the permanent fund. Peace Corps Volunteers and U.S. Foreign Service Diplomats are two groups of Alaskans who have members that meet all the requirements, have the intent to return to the state and yet they are denied their opportunity to receive a dividend. Peace Corps Volunteers were one of the original groups that were a recognizable exemption. In 1998, amid wide-range debate about who to add and who to leave off, Peace Corps Volunteers were cut from the list. If the Peace Corps Volunteers along with U.S. Foreign Service Diplomats were added to the list of recognizable exemptions, it will make the difference of less than a penny on each Alaskan's dividend.

Peace Corps Volunteers and U.S. Foreign Service Diplomats deserve the gratitude that they have earned in their time as volunteers and service diplomats to have the opportunity to receive their permanent fund dividend. HB 127 will add Peace Corps Volunteers and U.S. Foreign Diplomats as an allowable absence for the purpose of filing and receiving an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend.

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Volunteer application

**Peace
Corps**

www.peacecorps.gov
1-800-424-8580

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Should you become a Peace Corps Volunteer, you will be undertaking an exciting and life-changing experience.

The Peace Corps needs Volunteers with a wide variety of skills. These skills can be acquired through education, professional work experience, volunteer experience, or hobbies. This application is designed to give you the best opportunity to tell us about all of your skills.

To be eligible for Peace Corps service, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- meet the medical, legal, and security requirements

Assignments are filled based on requests from Peace Corps host countries for Volunteers with specific skills. Complete the questions as fully as possible to give yourself the best chance for consideration.

Married couples are eligible, but both spouses must qualify and serve as Volunteers. Each spouse should complete a separate application, but the applications should be submitted together. We are unable to place families with dependent children.

We recommend that you review the application before you begin. Note that:

- the pages can be removed for use in a typewriter;
- questions 19 (Employment History), 21 (Community/Volunteer Activities) and 23 (Practical Experience) can be duplicated if additional blocks are needed;
- answers for questions 24 (Cross-Cultural Experience) and 25 (Motivation Statement) can be prepared on a computer and attached; and
- separated pages should be reassembled in sequential order.

Included with this packet is a health status review form. After completing the form, place it in the medical information envelope and submit it with the application packet. To serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer, you must be medically and dentally screened and qualified. If you are nominated for Peace Corps service, you will receive additional forms and instructions for completing your medical and dental examinations.

To apply, send your completed application and health status review form, along with one copy of a current résumé and copies of transcripts from all schools attended since high school, in the envelope provided. We look forward to receiving your application. You will hear from your Regional Office shortly!

If you have questions, please contact the Peace Corps Regional Office serving your state (see back cover). TDD services are available.

IMPORTANT

The Peace Corps does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, handicap, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against should contact the Peace Corps American Diversity Office, Washington, D.C. 20526.

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EC _____	Lang 1 _____	Exp _____	Lang 2 _____	Exp _____
Edu level _____	College 1 _____	Degree 1 _____	Major 1 _____	Minor 1 _____
Grad date 1 _____	College 2 _____	Degree 2 _____	Major 2 _____	Grad date 2 _____
College 3 _____	Degree 3 _____	Major 3 _____	Grad Date 3 _____	Marital _____
Spouse full name _____	Spouse SSN _____			Dependents _____
Source _____	For poster _____	Completed by _____	Date _____	

10. Intelligence Activities and Organizations

Intelligence activity is defined as the clandestine collection, dissemination, or analysis of information intended for use by any government in formulating or implementing political or military policy in regard to other countries, and/or covert activities of any kind designed to influence events in foreign countries.

Persons who have been employed by an intelligence agency or otherwise associated with intelligence activities are ineligible to serve as Volunteers in most circumstances. This exclusionary policy is one aspect of the broader long-standing policy of maintaining a complete and total separation between the Peace Corps and the intelligence activities of the U.S. Government. This separation is necessary to protect Volunteers' safety and to maintain the trust and confidence of the people in the countries we serve.

Disqualifying Employment:

Persons who have been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in any capacity are permanently ineligible for Peace Corps service. This exclusion applies to persons who served as interns, volunteers, or contractors for the CIA, regardless of the duties.

Persons who have served in other agencies or divisions of agencies that are substantially involved in intelligence activities are similarly ineligible regardless of the specific duties they may have performed. The National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Mapping Agency are among the agencies covered by the policy. However, unlike the permanent disqualification that affects former CIA employees, former employees of these agencies may be eligible for Peace Corps service after ten years from their last date of employment with the agency.

Other Disqualifying Factors:

Persons whose work history involves a substantial connection with an intelligence agency or activity, through employment or otherwise, are ineligible for Peace Corps service for at least ten years from the date of their last connection with the activity.

If you have applied for employment with any intelligence agencies, you will be required to withdraw that application before entering Peace Corps service and to supply the Peace Corps with a copy of the letter to the agency requesting the withdrawal.

Individuals with close family relations who have engaged in intelligence activities may also be ineligible for Peace Corps service. If you have been associated, even through a close family member, with the CIA or other intelligence agencies, or otherwise with an intelligence activity, you or the relevant family member should consult with the General Counsel of the respective agency who will, in turn, consult with the Peace Corps General Counsel.

- A. Are you now or have you ever been associated with intelligence activities of any agency of the U.S. government or any other government? Yes No

If yes, provide details including dates and agency or division for which the work was performed and/or the nature of the association. If military, give your MOS number code or designator, and any service schools attended, on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this page.

- B. Are you currently applying for employment with any intelligence agency or other organization associated with intelligence activities? Yes No

11. Legal and Financial Information

Take special note that if you fail to disclose any prior or pending offenses or any unsatisfied financial obligations, the Peace Corps may delay your departure for training, revoke your invitation to serve, or disqualify you from Peace Corps service.

A. Prior or Pending Offenses:

If invited to serve in the Peace Corps, you must undergo, at a minimum, a National Agency Check (NAC) background investigation to help determine your legal eligibility for service. The necessary forms and fingerprint charts will be sent to you later.

- 1) Have you ever been convicted of, or pled guilty to, any offense in a civilian or military court or tribunal, or have you been subjected to any disciplinary action by a military court or tribunal? Yes No

Include misdemeanors, felonies, "open container" violations, and DUI/DWIs, but do not include traffic violations for which the entire penalty was a fine of \$200 or less, or non-felony offenses that occurred before your 18th birthday.

- 2) Are any charges (for any offense, including traffic offenses), civil suits, or judgments outstanding against you? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to either question, attach a separate sheet with your name and a complete explanation of each arrest, suit, judgment, disciplinary action, and pending charge, including the circumstances and nature of the charge or suit, its current status or disposition, and any sentence or fine imposed.

B. Financial Obligations:

Before you can serve in the Peace Corps, you must provide documentation establishing that you have made arrangements satisfactory to your lender(s) to defer, pay, or otherwise fulfill your financial obligations. Should you be recommended for an assignment, you will be required to submit this documentation to the Peace Corps Placement Unit. The Peace Corps may also obtain a credit report on you.

- 1) As of the date of this application, do you have any student loans? Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Type of Student Loan	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 2) As of the date of this application, do your other financial obligations (including, but not limited to, a mortgage, consumer debt, or credit card debt) total more than \$5,000? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Type of Financial Obligation	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 3) Do you have any financial obligations—regardless of the amount, and including those listed above—that will not be paid in full, deferred, or otherwise fulfilled to your lender(s)' satisfaction prior to your departure for Peace Corps training? Yes No

If you have any questions about these legal and financial issues that your recruiter cannot answer, you may call the Peace Corps Legal Eligibility Office at (800) 424-8580, ext. 1845, for assistance.

14. Dependents

A. Are any persons partially or totally dependent upon you for support whether or not they are living with you? (If you answer no, skip to #15.) Yes No

B. List all children under age 18, whether or not they are dependent upon you for financial support.

Name of child	Address	Age	Dependent?
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

C. List all dependents not listed above for whom you have support obligations.

Name of dependent	Address	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

D. Do you have adequate means to continue to meet your support obligations while serving without salary as a Volunteer? Yes No

If yes, please specify what arrangements would be made on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this page.

15. Job Preferences

List the work assignments in which you have an interest.
(Assignments are listed in the Peace Corps catalogue.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

16. Education

Attach a copy of transcripts from all schools attended since high school (an official copy is not necessary). Beginning with high school, list all schools attended.

Name of School, City and State	Major	Minor	From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr	Type of degree or diploma	Date rec'd or expected
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

17. Language Skills

Some assignments require previous language study. Please indicate your number of years of experience in learning and speaking languages other than English within the past ten years.

Language:	# Years Studied			Spoken Abroad/Spoken at Home Place	From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr
	High School	College	Other			
Spanish	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
French	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

18. Licenses/Certificates

Are you or will you be a state-certified teacher? Yes No

Subject and grade level _____

List other job-related licenses or certificates such as nursing, CPR, and skilled trades rankings including journeyman status, that you have or will have before entering the Peace Corps. Include a photocopy of each current license/certificate.

License or Certificate	Expiration Date	State or other Licensing Agency
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

19. Employment History

Attach to this page one copy of a current résumé.

Please complete this section starting with your most recent experience. Go back at least ten years. Include any self-employment, home management, and full- or part-time paid employment. Photocopy this page if additional sheets are necessary.

A. Current Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

May we contact your
current employer? Yes No

B. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

C. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

D. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

E. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

F. Employer

City/State

From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr)

Your title

Hours per week

Name of supervisor

Phone number

Reason for leaving

20. Time Gaps

Give specific dates and activities for each period of time greater than three months not otherwise accounted for by employment, school, military, etc.

21. Community/Volunteer Activities

Peace Corps assignments require applicants with leadership ability, creativity, initiative, and a willingness to work with others. Please describe your community, volunteer, or organizational work that demonstrates the following skills or abilities:

- Initiating or carrying out activities;
- Planning activities involving others;
- Organizing others to participate in activities or to perform tasks;
- Motivating others to get and stay involved; or
- Leading, supervising, or managing others.

List your most recent activity first. Do not include experiences already listed in employment history. Photocopy this page if additional sheets are necessary.

A. Organization

Position held
From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of supervisor _____
Phone number _____
Duties/achievements _____

C. Organization

Position held
From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of supervisor _____
Phone number _____
Duties/achievements _____

B. Organization

Position held
From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of supervisor _____
Phone number _____
Duties/achievements _____

D. Organization

Position held
From (Mo/Yr) _____ to (Mo/Yr) _____
Hours per week _____
Name of supervisor _____
Phone number _____
Duties/achievements _____

22. Geographic Preference

Where a Volunteer is placed depends primarily upon how well the individual's experience meets the requirements of a specific assignment. We ask you to be flexible about your geographic area of assignment. However, if you do have preferences for particular regions of the world, indicate them below:

- No preference
 Africa
 North Africa/Middle East
 Eastern Europe/Central Asia
 Asia
 Pacific Islands
 Caribbean
 Latin America

Briefly explain any preferences: _____

Indicate countries in which you would not want to work and explain: _____

23. Practical Experience

Experience gained from hobbies, volunteer activities, and part-time or summer jobs may help you qualify for Peace Corps service. Listed below are a number of skill areas. In the blocks below, please describe significant experiences you have had in one or more of these areas. If you have described an experience elsewhere in the application, it is not necessary to repeat the information here.

Business

- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Business Management
- Business Training
- Cooperatives/Credit Unions
- Fund-raising
- Marketing
- Volunteering with or working for non-profits

Education/Teaching

- Adult Education
- Business Education
- English/ESL/TEFL Tutoring
- Art/Drama
- Library Experience

Agriculture and Environment

- Beekeeping
- Environmental Education/Conservation
- Farming (after age 13)
- Fisheries
- 4-H/FFA/FHA
- Forestry/Greenhouse/Nursery
- Parks/Wildlife
- Vegetable Gardening

Health and Social Services

- Health Outreach
- Home Economics
- Social Work/Counseling
- Youth Work/Coaching/Sports

Skilled Trades

- Auto/Diesel Mechanics
- Construction
- Electricity
- Masonry
- Metalworking
- Plumbing
- Vocational Education
- Woodworking

Other

- Computer Science
- Computer Literacy

Specific activity: From (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr) Hours per week

Brief description of experience

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Brief description of experience

26. Certification

Please sign below and return this application to the Regional Office serving your state.
See back of application for addresses.

I CERTIFY that all of the statements made on all pages of this application, including attachments, are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. I understand that any misleading, inaccurate, or incomplete information may be cause for disqualification or termination. In addition, any intentionally false statement may be subject to criminal sanctions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Signature

Date

Request for Racial and Ethnic Data

This information is voluntary. Your response will not affect consideration of your application. By providing this information you will assist us in assuring that the Peace Corps is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and reflects the diversity of the United States.

The information requested in this section is covered by the Privacy Act Notice on the following page.

Please check the box next to the classification that applies to you.

- Black, not of Hispanic origin (1)
- Hispanic (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race) (2)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America) (3)
- Asian or Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Samoa, and Vietnam.) (4)
- White, not of Hispanic origin (having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East) (7)
- More than one of the above (comment if you wish) (5)

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Notice

The Peace Corps, an agency of the Federal Government, is required by provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) to advise you of the following information regarding this application:

- A. This application is authorized by provisions of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501, et seq.), which authorize the collection of information regarding the suitability and qualifications of applicants.
- B. The principal purpose for which the information provided will be used is to evaluate your suitability and qualifications to serve in a Peace Corps full-time volunteer program.
- C. Information in this application may routinely be disclosed as follows:
 1. to host country agencies for the purpose of determining placement, obtaining visas, and other program-related matters;
 2. to police or judicial authorities where appropriate;
 3. to the Treasury and other Federal agencies for use in connection with support payments and Social Security and Federal Income tax matters;
 4. to the Office of Personnel Management, other Federal agencies, and others, if necessary, for the purpose of a background suitability investigation;
 5. to other Federal agencies having an interest in employment of the applicant or Volunteer, provided that except for information required for authorized security clearances, information provided will be limited to dates of service and a standard description of service;
 6. to a court or other appropriate tribunal upon subpoena or other request;
 7. to a member of Congress upon request indicating that such member has been requested by an individual about whom the record is maintained to obtain such information;
 8. as a source for management information or preparation for statistical reports (without personal information);
 9. to the National Archives and Records Administration, GSA, in authorized management inspections;
 10. when required under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a);
 11. to the Bureau of the Census for the purposes of planning or carrying out a census survey or related activity pursuant to the provisions of Title 13, U.S. Code;
 12. to Peace Corps personnel who have a need for the information in the performance of their duties;
 13. to the Volunteer's family members in emergency situations; and
 14. in the case of United Nations Volunteers, to appropriate UN officials
- D. The completion of this application is voluntary; however, failure to provide information requested may result in the Peace Corps' inability to assess the qualifications of an applicant and result in non-selection for the volunteer program for which that applicant has applied.
- E. The Peace Corps estimates that it will take 8 hours to complete this form. Send comments on this form to Peace Corps, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, DC 20526. OMB control number: 0420-0005. The Peace Corps may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Continuous use form.

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U.S. Peace Corps to Heed President Bush's Call for Volunteers

Plan to double number of volunteers in the next five years.

The U.S. Peace Corps issued a press release January 30 describing how it will expand its presence worldwide, double the number of volunteers over the next five years, and increase its presence in the Muslim world.

New missions are expected to be sent to Afghanistan, East Timor and Peru, according to the release.

"President Bush is to be commended for his strong emphasis on volunteerism in his State of the Union speech," the release said. The Peace Corps "believes that America's commitment to help others is a fundamental component of our democracy. We also recognize, as the President so clearly articulated, a yearning on the part of Americans to travel to distant countries, to share all that we know and discover the similarities among mankind."

Following is the text of the release:

Peace Corps
Washington, D.C.
January 30, 2002

IMPORTANCE OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IS UNDERSCORED BY PRESIDENT; PRESIDENT BUSH RECOGNIZES AMERICANS' WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN STATE OF THE UNION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President Bush is to be commended for his strong emphasis on volunteerism in his State of the Union speech last night and, in particular, his support of Peace Corps volunteers. For more than 40 years, Peace Corps volunteers have worked overseas at the grassroots level with the goal of promoting world peace and friendship by helping to train individuals in their host countries, educating them about Americans, and upon return to the United States, helping to educate Americans about the countries in which they served.

As the President relayed in his message and consistent with the safety and security of each volunteer, Peace Corps will expand its presence worldwide. There is a demand for Peace Corps volunteers throughout the world and an enormous interest on the part of Americans to serve overseas. We are in agreement with the President to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers over the next five years.

Peace Corps believes that America's commitment to help others is a fundamental component of our democracy. We also recognize, as the President so clearly articulated, a yearning on the part of Americans to travel to distant countries, to share all that we know and discover the similarities among mankind.

Peace Corps is also prepared to increase our presence in the Muslim world and other

countries. We share the President's urgency for the need to increase the world presence of Peace Corps volunteers, extending American peace and friendship, and bringing back to Americans a better understanding of other peoples.

Peace Corps has selected a highly skilled assessment team and is prepared to depart with short notice for Afghanistan. Depending on the safety and security situation, Peace Corps is eager to assist in the reconstruction of Afghanistan with the help of Crisis Corps volunteers. These volunteers will likely assist in efforts to address the basic human needs and make life better for Afghans with programs in health, education and construction.

We are excited about the possibility of a Peace Corps program in East Timor which, as the President stated, is the first new country in the 21st century.

Peace Corps has conducted an assessment in Peru and formed an internal Peru re-entry plan and is formally accepting the invitation from the President of Peru to send volunteers to that country.

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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Wednesday, February 23, 2005

RE: HB127

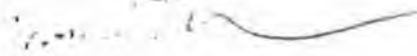
Dear Honorable McGuire and House members:

I am writing in support of the proposed legislation by Representative McGuire, changing the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend eligibility to include Alaska Residents Serving as Volunteers in the Federal Peace Corps program or as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service.

These are honorable services to our country, government and state. As our country works for a democratic and peaceful world, these individuals are on the front line. Denying eligibility for our dividend to these Alaskans is not only a disservice to the brave individuals who risk everything in the name of peace and democracy, but contrary to President George W. Bush's call for ALL Americans to provide volunteer service. Peace Corps volunteers are just that, volunteers. They do not travel to undeveloped regions for personal or financial gain, but to serve humanities children. Isn't continued denial of the PFD to these Alaskans, not only a disservice to this great nation, but to our volunteers and diplomats serving in our country's name?

I encourage all members to support our Volunteers and diplomats by supporting this bill

Sincerely,



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SUPPORT

State of Alaska
State Affairs and Finance Committee
Re: HB 127
March 2, 2005

Dear Members of the State Affairs and Finance Committee:

I am writing to give my support for passing HB 127, specifically to support adding currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers to the Permanent Fund Dividend eligibility list. During his last term, President Bush began promoting that every American should volunteer the equivalent of two years of service, either at home or abroad. Most Americans would willingly donate their time for this service, however the reality of the situation is that most Americans cannot afford to take two years off from their job. In my opinion, supporting Peace Corps Volunteers is the very best way to promote the spread of democracy and peace in other nations. Allowing Peace Corps Volunteers to receive the PFD will show Alaska's commitment to sharing our country's blessings with the rest of the world.

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central America from 1996-1998. As I am sure you know, Peace Corps service is volunteer commitment. Volunteers are given living expenses, at about the level of a teacher in the community, in our case about \$150 month. Although the Peace Corps is open to everyone who qualifies, one of the major barriers to making a two year commitment is money, more specifically, debt. Before embarking on a tour of duty, the volunteer must either sell, pay off or defer any student/education loan, mortgage, car payment or credit card debt. Student loan companies allow deferral of payment during Peace Corps service. If they did not, most of the typical, just out of college Volunteers currently serving, would not have been able to make a two-year commitment without an income. Unless potential Volunteers have parents or supporters willing to pay their bills while they are gone, volunteer service becomes unavailable to regular people who have even minor amounts of debt. In that sense, even volunteer work becomes available only to people of higher socioeconomic background. Eligibility for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend could easily make the difference between a college age person with a small amount of debt being able to join the Peace Corps versus "getting a real job."

For example, the PFD would guarantee a potential Volunteer the ability to make a minimum monthly payment on an outstanding debt and allow them to enter Volunteer service. In our society, when a person enters the work force just out of college, they enter the consumer role as well. Once the person buys a car, sets up an apartment, gets nice clothes to go to work in, etc, it takes a frugal person 5-7 years to get back to the zero baseline financially. And in the mean time, they will get married and buy a house, and once that happens, Peace Corps will be just something they had always wished they could have done, but never had enough money. The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend can really make a difference between the dream of overseas volunteer service and the reality of reaching it.

Thank you for your time.
Christina Logan, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
Honduras 1996-1998

Dear Representative Anderson and Senator Guess:

My wife Irene and I read with great interest the article in the 13 February 2005 edition of the *Anchorage Daily News* regarding Rep. Lesil McGuire's efforts to restore PFD eligibility for Peace Corps Volunteers. Our daughter Amanda, 21, began her service with the Peace Corps in Mozambique last fall, departing Anchorage on 1 Oct 04. Amanda is a remarkable young woman. She graduated in the upper ranks of her Bartlett High School Class of 2000, attended the University of Alaska Anchorage for two years as an Alaska Scholar and was an active member of the UAA student government organization. Finally, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York University in May of 2004 and is now teaching eight graders in Tete, Mozambique. We speak with her regularly (surface mail is extremely slow and can be unreliable) and marvel at her incredibly positive outlook and all that she has accomplished and experienced in the few months since she left home. You can be certain that not only is she a wonderful ambassador for our nation, she also epitomizes the beauty and warmth that is Alaska.

I was quite taken with one quote in the newspaper about Rep. McGuire in particular because it so closely mirrored something I said to my daughter when we said our good-byes at the airport some 4-5 months ago and have repeated to her several times since then. The newspaper quote said:

"I can't think of a more important statement to make. We make it for the military," she said, explaining that soldiers and Peace Corps volunteers are working to protect and promote the same goal: democracy."

I have told my daughter several times how proud I am of her and what she is doing. I also told her that I viewed what she was doing as every bit as important and patriotic as my own service in the Army. In fact, she is putting up with living conditions, pay, and an overall environment that makes my first tour of duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in West Germany (1978-1981) seem quite luxurious in comparison. My wife and I were not aware that Peace Corp Volunteers were not currently eligible for the PFD until reading the newspaper article, and we are both quite dismayed by the notion. Every one of those wonderful folks from Alaska who serve with the Peace Corps deserve the same recognition afforded to members of our armed services

from Alaska who serve Outside and remain eligible for the PFD. The Peace Corps is part of the Executive Branch of our government, like the armed services, and are every bit as important to the slow but steady advancement of freedom, human dignity, and democracy world-wide as is our fine military. Amanda told me how proud she felt when the United States Ambassador to Mozambique swore them all in as Peace Corps Volunteers following completion of their training phase. She raised her right hand and took an oath not at all different from the one I took on 8 June 1977 when I entered the Army and what countless young men and women do everyday entering the armed forces.

We urge you both to support Rep. McGuire's initiative to reinstate PFD eligibility to Peace Corps Volunteers. Sen. Guess, if the past is any indicator, the harder road might once again be the State Senate, so please let us know what we can do to help.

Thanks to you both for your fine service to our little region of Anchorage, and a special thanks to Rep. McGuire for your work on this matter. Good luck to you all.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Irene Gardner
770 Hunt Circle
Anchorage, AK 99504

Dear Representative McGuire,

I support your efforts to add Peace Corps Volunteers to the PFD eligibility list. During his last term, the president began promoting that every American should volunteer two years of service, either at home or abroad.

While this is a nice idea, the reality of the situation is that most Americans can't afford to take two years off from their job. Allowing Peace Corps Volunteers to receive the PFD will show Alaska's commitment to sharing our country's blessings with the rest of the world.

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central America from 1996-1998. Although I was not an Alaska resident at the time, a fellow volunteer was, he received the PFD during his service, and it literally was the reason he was able to leave his job and join the Peace Corps. As I am sure you know, Peace Corps service is volunteer commitment. Volunteers are given living expenses, at about the level of a teacher in the community, in our case about \$150 month. Although the Peace Corps is open to everyone who qualifies, one of the major barriers to making a two year commitment is money, more specifically, debt.

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My point is, unless potential Volunteers have parents or supporters willing to pay their bills while they are gone, volunteer service becomes unavailable to regular people who have even minor amounts of debt. In that sense, even volunteer work becomes available only to people of higher socioeconomic background. (Most of my fellow volunteers had parents who took care of their debts. I, and others like me, sold everything I owned.) Eligibility for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend could easily make the difference between a college age person with a small amount of debt being able to join the Peace Corps versus "getting a real job."

In our society, when a person enters the work force just out of college, they enter the consumer role as well. Once they buy a car, set up an apartment, get nice clothes to go to work in, etc, it takes a frugal person 5-7 years to pay all that off. And in the mean time, they will get married and buy a house, and once that happens, Peace Corps will be just something they had always wished they could have done, but never had enough money.

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Thank you for your time.
Christina Logan
RPCV Honduras '96-'98

Representative Lesil McGuire
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February 4, 2005

Dear Representative McGuire,

I am writing to you to support your introduction of a bill in the Alaska House of Representatives that would create an allowable absence category for Permanent Dividend Fund (PFD) purposes for Foreign Service Officers whose job it is to serve our country overseas. I was pleased to learn of your bill through the office of my Representative, Les Gara, and wanted to lend my support to this legislation, since I have been a Foreign Service Officer since 1994, and a voting Alaska resident starting from the year before, when I first arrived in Alaska.

I joined the Foreign Service in September 1994 with the United States Information Agency (USIA), which in 1999 became part of the U.S. Department of State. Since joining, I've spent every official Home Leave I've had in Alaska, have voted in every major election in the state by absentee ballot, and have every intention of returning to the state when my Foreign Service career concludes. As evidence of my intentions, I have recently purchased a home in Anchorage.

My service overseas has, up to now, been in tough places. My wife and I lived 3 years in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18 months on the isolated island nation of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, and have just completed 3 years at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, Romania. Our next assignment will be in Leipzig, in the former East Germany, where I'll be Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate. We are now both studying German full time here in Washington, until our departure this summer.

I tell you all of this because I have been very familiar with the issue of Foreign Service Officers (FSOs) being excluded from the PFD process since 1994, when I first surprisingly learned that we were not included in the "allowable absence" category. When Loren Leman was in the Senate, he tried to get FSOs included in it in the late 1990s, but that vote failed in the Senate. I had written to former Gov. Knowles about it, and he turned us down, with one of his staffers telling me how good we all had it overseas. I had to tell her things weren't so easy for me in Ethiopia, or for my colleagues in other equally tough places.

The fact is there are only about 9 Foreign Service Officers who claim Alaska as their official domicile. I know this because we sent out announcements before the previous Senate vote asking for interested parties, and I and others have done some research on the number. I believe this has been followed up upon by others more recently and 9 is the

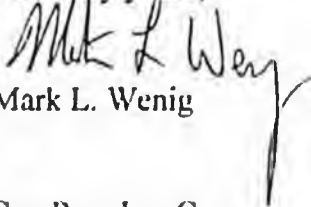
number we keep coming up with. With that small number, we don't have a meaningful constituency as do members of the military. But as America's diplomats, we also serve our country in very difficult places, often in countries with bad food, dangerous streets and highways, and harsh climates. And in terms of the times in which we now live and the threat of terrorism, I don't think I need to put too fine a point on how just living overseas these days carries its own risks.

None of us are looking for a free ride here. I know very well that the Legislature for years has not wanted to expand the pool of eligible PFD recipients. But I also know it's simply the right thing to do to allow Foreign Service Officers, and Peace Corps volunteers for that matter, and their families, who lived in the State of Alaska before they joined the Foreign Service and intend to return there when their service concludes, to be eligible for the PFD.

I would be happy to provide any additional information you or other legislators may need to assure passage in the Alaska House. I understand there is now similar legislation introduced in the Senate. I really hope this oversight can be corrected this time around. You can tell your colleagues from me that while our work does have rewards it itself, the demanding lifestyle never lets us forget that what we are doing is serving our nation, and not the other way around. I also think all Alaskans would be proud to know how we also represent our state to the world. I know I do.

Many thanks for taking on this initiative, and good luck with it.

Sincerely yours,



Mark L. Wenig

Cc: Rep. Les Gara
Alaska House of Representatives

March 3, 2005

Dear Representative McGuire and members of the House State Affairs Committee:

Peace Corps Volunteers Deserve PFD As America's goodwill ambassadors, the Peace Corps mission is vital to the promotion of world peace through friendship and understanding. If anyone, who is out of the country, deserves the PFD it is certainly the Peace Corps Volunteers.

My daughter, Jessica Matthews, was born and raised in Alaska and is a graduate of Anchorage's public school system. She volunteered to serve in the Peace Corps in January 2004 and is stationed in Thailand until April 2006. All of her personal items are stored in Alaska, where she will return upon completion of her service. She receives a small stipend for her service with the Peace Corps. She will need to repay her student loans from the State of Alaska when she returns.

I urge the legislature to qualify our Alaskan citizens serving overseas in the Peace Corps for the PFD – similar to those serving in the military (some of whom may never return to Alaska). This is National Peace Corps Week. I encourage you to honor our dedicated and caring Alaskan residents by maintaining their right to the PFD.

Julie Matthews

March 4, 2005

Dear Representative Lesil McGuire,

I am writing in support of your proposal to allow Alaskans who are currently serving in the Peace Corps to receive the Permanent Fund Dividend. I think it is only fair considering that Alaskan military personnel serving out of state and overseas are able to receive the Permanent Fund.

I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, graduating from Dimond High School in 1999. I went out of state for college, to the Colorado College, but then returned to work in Alaska. Upon return, I worked for the Anchorage School District, a private school, Catholic Social Services, and the Alaska Club simultaneously. My personal belongings are stored at my permanent address in Alaska.

In December 2003, I embarked on a journey to join the Peace Corps in Thailand. I am now in my second year of service. I have had a wonderful experience so far. I am working on two main projects in Thailand. In the first, I help Thai English teachers improve their teaching and language skills with a student centered learning approach. My second project consists of training Thai teachers to teach life skills to 5th-9th grade students. The life skills are consisted of subjects that most Thai children aren't otherwise taught, such as drug and alcohol awareness and prevention, healthy relationships, self esteem, and basic sex education. My experience within and outside of my daily work has been a rich adventure of two way cultural exchange.

After I finish my Peace Corps commitment of two years in March 2006, I plan to return to Alaska. I love to travel, but even greater is my love for Alaska. I wish to bring the technical and cultural knowledge gained during my Peace Corps experience back to my hometown communities, helping others to gain a greater understanding of our world. I feel that traveling and sharing cultures, and then returning home with the knowledge gained, is very important in today's world, a world with so much cultural misunderstanding.

The monthly stipend I receive as a Peace Corps is enough to get by safely in Thailand, but it is certainly not a substantial amount of money. It's just that, enough to get by. Allowing me to receive the Permanent Fund would provide me with some savings to help me get back on my feet when I return to Alaska in April 2006. I have several student loans awaiting my return in Alaska, which the Permanent Fund would help with tremendously. If this ruling passes, I believe it should be restricted to Peace Corps volunteers and other organizations that are well known and established, otherwise people traveling may claim to be missionaries or volunteers for the sole purpose of receiving the Permanent Fund.

Please use this letter as a personal example to support your proposal if you wish, and feel free to contact me again in the future by email. I really appreciate your concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 2005

Honorable Lesil McGuire
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Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

HB 127
Peace Corps PFD Exemption

Dear Lesil,

During a conversation with James Elkins, who I have known for many years, regarding HB127, we discussed the severe risks and hazards to which peace corps volunteers are exposed, including the murders, rapes, muggings and assaults of volunteers.

After I mentioned the existence of peace corps data recording these crimes perpetrated against volunteers Jim asked for and I have forwarded to him such data.

I know you have been a strong advocate of correcting this unreasonable PFD disqualification of peace corps volunteers while representing the US under hazardous situations in third world countries and am forwarding this data to you also.

After reviewing the lists of deaths while serving (271 to 1999) and in addition the hundreds of other serious crimes perpetrated against volunteers, I think you must agree this data confirms this work representing the U.S. in developing countries is no walk in the park- they are in harms way 24/7.

During my time as a peace corps volunteer in Africa, of the 43 volunteers in my group I was about the only one who was not either mugged, robbed, assaulted, shot-at, or car-jacked--several more than once.

I also enclose my written testimony submitted in support of the earlier version of HB 127 (HB 347) which passed in the House but was not voted on in the Senate.

I would appreciate this material be placed before the appropriate committees and HB127 be passed.

Your support is appreciated.


Russell W. Walker

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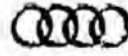
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Incidents against Peace Corps volunteers

Year	All	Agg.	Simple	Death threats	Sex (rape)
1991	128	41	42	0	43 (13)
1992	140	43	45	0	52 (9)
1993	188	57	48	1	62 (10)
1994	188	45	78	0	45 (6)
1995	164	62	62	3	37 (9)
1996	208	78	72	1	57 (13)
1997	251	88	88	2	73 (20)
1998	264	87	105	2	70 (19)
1999	326	102	131	4	89 (11)
2000	278	88	99	1	90 (20)
2001	319	93	108	5	113 (18)
2002	283	87	100	2	94 (13)
2003*	132	47	49	4	32 (3)
1991-2002 percentage increase	125	112	139		119 (0)

The number of Peace Corps volunteers increased 29.3% between 1991 and 2002 while the number of reported assault cases increased 125% during the same period.

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*2003 figures are from Jan. 1 to June 30

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Worldwide distribution of Peace Corps volunteers	
Inter-American, Caribbean and Pacific total	2,075
Europe, the Mediterranean and Asia total	1,469
Africa total	1,894

Africa breakdown	
Benin	80
Botswana	25
Burkina Faso	74
Cameroon	122
Cape Verde	48
Gabon	60
Ghana	107
Guinea	92
Kenya	99
Lesotho	97
Madagascar	25
Malawi	97
Mali	126
Mauritania	71
Mozambique	42
Namibia	82
Niger	88
Senegal	136
South Africa	87
Tanzania	82
The Gambia	63
Togo	60
Uganda	24
Zambia	107

Europe, the Mediterranean and Asia breakdown	
Armenia	55
Bangladesh	13
Bulgaria	105
China	72
Georgia	34
Kazakhstan	123
Kyrgyz Republic	68
Macedonia	18

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4 Date: 3-8-05

Submitted by: Assemblymember TESCHE
Prepared by: Department of Assembly
For reading: March 8, 2005

5 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
6 AR NO. 2005-62(as amended)
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8 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
9 LEGISLATION RELATING TO SERVICE IN THE PEACE CORPS AND TO SERVICE
10 AS A DIPLOMAT IN THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE AS ALLOWABLE
11 ABSENCES FROM THE STATE FOR PUSPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
12 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS AND TO THE PERIOD FOR FILING AN
13 APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND
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16 WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Peace Corp Volunteers have committed
17 their time working overseas to promote world peace and friendship with other countries;
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, many young Alaskans volunteer their time promoting democracy in
21 other countries on behalf of the United States of America by serving in the Peace Corps;
22 and

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24 WHEREAS, this service warrants personal sacrifices of time, family, and life
25 safety to serve this Country; and

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27 WHEREAS, Peace Corp Volunteers are exposed to many risks including rapes,
28 muggings, assaults, and work in very difficult situations ~~are in-harm's way every day of~~
29 ~~their lives~~ with statistics indicating that through 1999, 271 persons have died; and
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31 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has provided that every qualifying Alaskan - both
32 adults and children - receive a dividend from the Permanent Fund and, although Peace
33 Corp Volunteers and U.S. Foreign Service Diplomats meet these requirements, and
34 have an intent to return to the State, they continue to be denied an opportunity to receive
35 a dividend.
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37 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:


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39 Section 1: That this body supports legislation relating to service in the Peace
40 Corp and service as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service as allowable
41 absences from the State for the purpose of eligibility of permanent fund dividends.
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43 Section 2: That copies of the resolution shall be submitted to the Alaska State
44 Legislature and the Governor immediately upon passage and approval.
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46 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of March,
47 2005.
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52 _____
53 Chair

52 ATTEST:

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54 _____

55 Municipal Clerk

56 EGJ/2005RESOLUTIONS/AR19

Suzanne Cunningham

From: Fawn Jelinek [fjelinek@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2005 8:51 PM
To: Rep. Kevin Meyer
Subject: Please support HB 127 - Peace Corps PFD

Dear Rep. Meyer,

I am a life-long Alaskan who served in the Peace Corps from Oct. 1994 through Jan. 1997 in the Central Pacific nation of Kiribati - during a time when the previous PFD exemption for Peace Corps Volunteers was still in place. My two PFDs during that period enabled me to come home for Christmas in 1995 to attend my sister's wedding. Without the PFD I could not have afforded the \$2000 round trip.

I believe that my work in the Peace Corps not only benefited the people of Kiribati but our nation and state as well. I returned home to Alaska and put my experience to work as a teacher in one of our Yup'ik villages and now train teachers in Fairbanks - all an outgrowth of my training and experience in the Peace Corps.

I ask for your support of the reinstatement of the exemption for Peace Corps Volunteers (HB 127).

Thanks for your thoughtful consideration.

Fawn Jelinek
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March 30, 2005

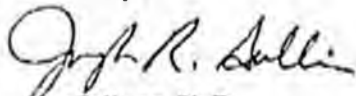
Members and Gentlemen of the Legislature of the Great State of Alaska,

I urge you today to restore the Permanent Fund to Peace Corps volunteers who go to help people in foreign lands improve their lives and lift themselves out of hopelessness and despair. Remember that when these Alaskan volunteers do that they represent our state of Alaska as well as our country. In addition to helping people meet their needs, the mission of Peace Corps is to expose people from other countries to Americans and Americans to those people.

Right now we are fighting a war in a part of the world that seems to be dominated by evil forces. We are trying to extinguish a fire by shooting at the flames of something that has, in a sense, been burning for a long time already. I ask you to consider that Peace Corps volunteers work to counteract the root causes of war. By the efforts Peace Corps volunteers have taken in the past, how many wars have been avoided we will never know. Any firefighter will tell you that to put out a fire, you must aim your extinguisher at the base of the flames, what is actually burning rather than at the flames themselves. The base is where Peace Corps volunteers work. When Peace Corps volunteers give up the good life they have in Alaska to help other people and live as they live and with them, those people understand that this is not something we have to do, but something we do because of who we are and the values that we have. The people in these countries understand that and they realize that America is not just rich in material things, we are rich in spirit. They see that we are trying to share this richness of spirit with them by helping them help themselves. They understand the greatness of our values and they are inspired to be like us in this way as well, not just in wealth of goods that we have. The Peace Corps is well named because ultimately, peace is what it brings to the poor of other lands.

I urge the legislature now to show their support for our Alaskan citizens who go to these countries even though losing the Permanent Fund for several years has not deterred them from what they believe and I believe is the right thing to do. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia for two years teaching subsistence farmers how to raise fish for food and to generate a little income to put clothes on their children, send them to school and buy medicine when they are sick with malaria. I hope I made a difference, I think I did. There were other Alaskans in the same program whom I know and many more in other programs in other countries whom I don't know. It is time to show our people who represent us in Peace Corps that we are behind them and support what they are doing. Please restore the Permanent Fund to Peace Corps volunteers from our wonderful and generous state that shares its people and their talents with the rest of the world to do good and bring peace.

Sincerely,



Joe Sullivan, Ph.D.
Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
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RE: HB 127

Peace Corps-PFD

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My name is Russell W. Walker. I reside at 9730 Arlene Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99502 -Telephone 243-4989 (e-mail: alaska_walker@hotmail.com).

I have been a permanent resident of Alaska for 26 years.

When the legislature promulgated provisions regarding qualifications to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend ("PFD"), it was determined various exemptions from PFD disqualifications were necessary. One such exemption was an Alaska residents service in the United States Peace Corps.

In 1998 the legislature amended Chapter 44 (AS 23.40.10 et.seq) to provide the spouses and dependents of students, military personnel, and certain other Alaska residents who are temporarily out of Alaska and who would otherwise qualify for a PFD would not be disqualified by reason of such absence. At the same time, however, the exemption for Peace Corps service in a foreign country on behalf of the United States was deleted. Thus the spouse of a college student going to school in New York, or a wife (and all the children) of a person in the military who is assigned to Kaneohe Naval air base in Hawaii or in Guam, etc., would continue to receive a PFD and a Peace Corps volunteer working on behalf of the United States in a remote village in Zambia or Uzbekistan would not. This is not rational, logical or reasonable.

Peace Corps volunteers have in the past and continue to play a critical role in advancing the national interests of the United States and do so at significant personal risk to the volunteer, including disease, assaults, banditry, and in some cases kidnapping and murder. During my two years in the Peace Corps in East Africa(1999-2001) virtually 90% of the volunteers in my group of 42 were either robbed, burglarized, assaulted, mugged or shot at ---some several times.

Peace Corps data, filed with this testimony, show that as of 1999, while representing the US in these third world countries, 271 peace corps volunteers died, many brutally murdered, which is in addition to in addition to the hundreds who were victims of rapes, robberies, assaults, muggings, car-jackings, etc.

Serving in Mali, the Ivory Coast, the Congo, Haiti, Uzbekistan or any other third world areas where peace corps people work can, to say the least, be very hazardous to your health.

The events of September 11 have dramatically emphasized the lack of understanding by much of the third world of the views regarding equality, freedom, openness, ethnic diversity,

human rights and other core principles of the United States. It is equally as important for the people of the United States to understand the thinking of people in other parts of the world and their basic needs for survival under extremely difficult circumstances.

Shortly after 9-11, President Bush, in his State of the Union address, strongly emphasized the major national interests advanced by Peace Corps volunteers serving in developing countries. He also noted the significant contributions made by each volunteer in furthering this national interest, and stated his intent to expand the program.

Having spent a significant amount of time outside of the United States including my recent two years in the Peace Corps in Africa in a remote village with no electricity, running water, sewerage, etc., I can assure you that the Peace Corps programs, where the volunteers live in the local village at the same local subsistence level and work with and are assimilated into the village, are tremendously effective in reaching the local people.

A Peace Corps volunteer fields literally hundreds of questions daily about life in the United States (and in my case also Alaska), our political and justice systems, human rights and many other issues. The Peace Corps volunteer who actually lives for two years in the village under the same conditions as the villagers is truly the most "hands-on" representative of our country there to help alleviate the devastating poverty and health conditions that exist. Many times they themselves succumb to the risks—malaria, AIDs, typhoid, robbery, etc., and in some cases murder.

During my service I provided training to villagers in small enterprise development, such as how to seek small amounts of funding (to buy a cow, make and sell mud bricks, etc.) from various embassies and NGOs, and other ways to generate a small amount of money in an environment with no electricity, no running water, and no indoor sanitation. I also arranged for a 17 year old student to spend a year here in Anchorage (Dimond high school) as a Girdwood Rotary international exchange student, and paid the school fees for a very bright young orphan girl who was forced to leave school because her aunt, who WAS raising her own and several other children, could not pay the school fees that must be paid by all students.

If the fees are not paid the children are sent back to their village where, if a girl, she will be sold for a "bride price" or in many cases end up on the street.

The majority of Peace Corps volunteers are recent college graduates who leave college burdened with a large education debt, which is accruing interest during their absence. If they stayed in Alaska and did nothing to further U.S. interests abroad, they would receive a PFD and could apply it to the debt— if they went to Haiti to represent the United States, the debt simply increases.

It is also well to note that because of the timing of the mid year commencement of service (27 months), the volunteer actually loses four (4) years of the permanent fund dividend.

There are but a very few Peace Corps volunteers who come from Alaska at any given time and granting qualification would not only be rational and fair, it would have absolutely no impact at all on the State treasury as all amounts paid would come 100% from the permanent fund—not from the general fund and at a few pennies on the PFD amount.

I would therefore urge the legislature to do the right thing and reinstate the exemption from PFD disqualification for service in the Peace Corps.


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**Written Testimony by Dr. John L. Aho
In Support of the State of Alaska HB 83
Establishing the Alaska Seismic Hazards
Safety Commission**

I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 83, an act establishing the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission (ASHSC).

My name is Dr. John Aho and I reside at 2015 Shepherdia Drive in Anchorage, Alaska. I have over 30 years of engineering experience in Alaska having recently retired as a vice president and principal project manager with CH2M HILL. I have been involved as a designer and/or project manager in over 300 projects throughout the State and, during my career, have had the privilege of being actively involved in earthquake risk mitigation activities in Alaska. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute.

As you know, Alaska is unique for having the highest earthquake hazard in the nation. Because of the high probabilities of strong ground motion, the high tsunami hazard, and the presence of very high risk infrastructure there is an increasing need for a Commission that has the goal to reduce earthquake risk by supporting the advancement of the science and practice of earthquake engineering, improving understanding of the impact of earthquakes, and promoting measures to reduce the harmful effects of earthquakes.

The ASHSC will be able to harness the expertise of committed earthquake professionals and interested individuals with opportunities to provide advice in the generation of valuable guidance documents, identify areas of seismic vulnerability that need attention by other agencies or the legislature, and evaluate seismic programs throughout State government. The ASHSC will provide an effective means of integrating public, private, local and state government input into important seismic decisions.

As the population of Alaska grows and the supporting infrastructure expands we have an increasing risk of loss of life and property due to damaging earthquakes. We have been extremely fortunate not to have suffered a devastating earthquake since 1964 but were certainly reminded of the potential for disaster by the 2002 Denali Earthquake. However, it is just a matter of time before a significant earthquake will cause damage and loss of life in one or more of Alaska's urban centers. We need the ASHSC now to provide leadership, and to ensure that as much as possible is done to reduce those damages. After an earthquake, we will need the ASHSC to provide wisdom and guidance for a rapid and full recovery.

For all these reasons, I urge you to recommend the establishment of the ASHSC through HB 83 and that you stand solidly behind this important piece of legislation. This legislation will have a positive effect on the safety of generations of Alaskans.

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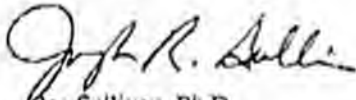
Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature of the Great State of Alaska,

I urge you today to restore the Permanent Fund to Peace Corps volunteers who go to help people in foreign lands improve their lives and lift themselves out of hopelessness and despair. Remember that when these Alaskan volunteers do that they represent our state of Alaska as well as our country. In addition to helping people meet their needs, the mission of Peace Corps is to expose people from other countries to Americans and Americans to those people.

Right now we are fighting a war in a part of the world that seems to be dominated by evil forces. We are trying to extinguish a fire by shooting at the flames of something that has, in a sense, been burning for a long time already. I ask you to consider that Peace Corps volunteers work to counteract the root causes of war. By the efforts Peace Corps volunteers have taken in the past, how many wars have been avoided we will never know. Any firefighter will tell you that to put out a fire, you must aim your extinguisher at the base of the flames, what is actually burning rather than at the flames themselves. The base is where Peace Corps volunteers work. When Peace Corps volunteers give up the good life they have in Alaska to help other people and live as they live and with them, those people understand that this is not something we have to do, but something we do because of who we are and the values that we have. The people in these countries understand that and they realize that America is not just rich in material things, we are rich in spirit. They see that we are trying to share this richness of spirit with them by helping them help themselves. They understand the greatness of our values and they are inspired to be like us in this way as well, not just in wealth of goods that we have. The Peace Corps is well named because ultimately, peace is what it brings to the poor of other lands.

I urge the legislature now to show their support for our Alaskan citizens who go to these countries even though losing the Permanent Fund for several years has not deterred them from what they believe and I believe is the right thing to do. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia for two years teaching subsistence farmers how to raise fish for food and to generate a little income to put clothes on their children, send them to school and buy medicine when they are sick with malaria. I hope I made a difference; I think I did. There were other Alaskans in the same program whom I know and many more in other programs in other countries whom I don't know. It is time to show our people who represent us in Peace Corps that we are behind them and support what they are doing. Please restore the Permanent Fund to Peace Corps volunteers from our wonderful and generous state that shares its people and their talents with the rest of the world to do good and bring peace.

Sincerely,



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