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Title: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING  
 RDU: Boards and Commissions  
 Component: Commission on Aging

Sponsor: HOLM  
 Requester: HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 2674

**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
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 (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
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 (FY2005) cost:

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This proposed legislation removes the Commissioner of Administration from the Commission and instead adds a regular member from the public to the Commission (from 7 to 8). This change has no fiscal impact on DHSS

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 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Phone: 465-1630  
 Date/Time: 02/11/2005  
 Date: 02/23/2005

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AMENDMENT 1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CS HB 156 (HES)

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## HB 156

### Sectional Analysis

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"An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Commission on Aging"

Section 1 Amends existing statute governing members of the Alaska Commission on Aging

Removes the Department of Administration member

Replaces that seat with a Senior Program grant recipient

Section 2 Makes conforming changes

Section 3 Makes the bill effective immediately upon passage

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## CS HB 156

### Sponsor Statement

2/28/05

#### "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Commission on Aging"

The mission of the Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) is to ensure dignity and independence for Alaska's seniors and to assist them, through programs and services funded by the Commission, in leading useful and meaningful lives.

In 2003, Executive Order No. 108 transferred the Alaska Commission on Aging from the Department of Administration to Health and Social Services.

In 2004, my HB 394 implemented that change and also extended the Commission's sunset date from 2004 to 2008. This year, HB 156 makes one change to ACoA's membership.

The Commissioner of the Department of Administration has indicated he is not able to participate as a member of the ACoA and supports removing DOA's seat. At its February 2005 quarterly meeting, the ACoA passed a motion requesting that the seat vacated by DOA be filled by "a senior services provider, regardless of age, and that the provider be a recipient of a Division of Senior and Disabilities Services grant under the Senior Grant Program." HB 156 simply makes this change, and I urge your support.

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March 3, 2005

The Honorable Representative Jim Holm  
State Capitol, Room 513  
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Re: HB 156, Change to ACoA Membership

Dear Representative Holm:

On behalf of the ACoA, thank you very much for your willingness to sponsor Legislation that would change the membership of the ACoA. Initially, the ACoA requested that legislation be introduced that would change the Department of Administration (DOA) seat to a public member seat. However, the ACoA took action during its meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> to request an amendment to HB 156 that replaces the DOA membership with a senior services provider. The motion as stated below passed by unanimous consent:

That HB 156 be amended, so that one ACoA member be a senior services provider regardless of age, and that the provider be a recipient of a Division of Senior and Disabilities Services grant.

The ACoA took this action after reconsidering a request from AGENET, an advocacy organization of senior services agencies. AGENET has emphasized that other boards representing individuals with disabilities, mental illness, or who have chemical dependencies, have at least one service provider seat on their board or council.

Adding a provider seat to the ACoA would not cause a conflict of interest if the provider applied for a senior services grant. AS 47.45.240(a)(7) requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health & Social Service's approval to allow the ACoA grant evaluation and award responsibilities, and that authority is not delegated to the ACoA. These grant process functions remain within the department, and only the DHSS Commissioner or his designee approves grant awards.

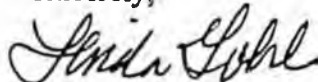
Also, I have contacted Ray Matiashowski, Commissioner of the Department of Administration (DOA) and have asked that he send you a letter of support for passage of HB 156. Mr. Matiashowski has indicated in the past that he would support legislation that removes the Department of Administration on the ACoA.

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On behalf of the ACoA, thank you for introducing HB 156 and considering this request to amend HB 156. Please feel free to contact me at 465-4879 if you need any other information. Also, once the bill is scheduled for a Committee hearing, I would be happy to testify on behalf of the Commission, as well as enlist the support of AGENET members to testify.

Thank you for your continued support of the Commission's activities and issues impacting older Alaskans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Gohl".

Linda Gohl  
Executive Director

# State of Alaska

## Office of Boards and Commissions

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### AGING COMMISSION

BOARD: Alaska Commission on Aging

BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 071

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services

AUTHORITY: AS 47.45.200

STATUS: Active

SUNSET DATE: 6/30/2008

REQUIREMENTS: No Legislative Confirmation or Financial Disclosure required

PROHIBITIONS: Cannot serve more than two consecutive terms or 8 consecutive years, whichever is longer.

TERM: 4 years

DESCRIPTION: 11 Members - Seven persons appointed by the Governor based on their knowledge and demonstrated interest in the concerns of older Alaskans; plus the chair of the Pioneers Homes Advisory Board; the commissioner of the Dept. of Administration or designee; the commissioner of the Dept. of Community and Economic Development or designee; and the commissioner of the Dept. of Health and Social Services or designee. Names of persons qualified for and interested in serving are requested from senior citizens' organizations. Appointments shall be made to assure representation of low-income and minorities and rural/urban areas and statewide geographical representation. At least two persons appointed by the Governor shall be 60 years of age or older, 2 of whom shall be 65 years of age or older. Each must be a resident of the State of Alaska. Non-voting members include the Commissioners or their designees of the Dept. of Community and Economic Development, and the Dept. of Health and Social Services. Commission elects chair.

FUNCTION: Formulates a comprehensive statewide plan that identifies the concerns and needs of older Alaskans and prepares and submits to the Governor and Legislature an annual analysis and evaluation of the services that are provided to older Alaskans. Makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding legislation, regulations, and appropriations for programs or services that benefit older Alaskans. Encourages the development of programs and services which benefit older Alaskans, helping them to lead dignified, independent, and useful lives. Evaluates grant applications and makes grant awards under federal and state programs. Provides to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority recommendations concerning the integrated comprehensive mental health program for older Alaskans who suffer major mental illness as a result of senility (AS 47.30.056(b)(4)).

CHAIR: Commission selects.

SPECIAL FACTS: Serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Quorum - majority of voting members.  
Meetings: four quarterly meetings per year

COMPENSATION: Standard Travel and Per Diem.

MEETINGS: At call of chair or majority of members; at least 4 times each year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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