

**HB**

**156**

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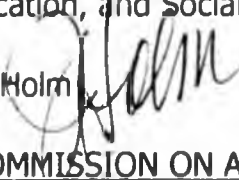
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## REPRESENTATIVE JIM HOLM DISTRICT 9

DATE: April 18, 2005

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

FROM: Representative Jim Holm 

RE: HB 156. ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING

Please schedule HB 156 for hearing in the Senate HES Committee as soon as possible. Back-up materials are attached.

Thank you for your help with this bill.

**Representative Jim Holm**  
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**CS HB 156**  
**Sponsor Statement**

04/13/05

"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.

Two years ago, Executive Order No. 108 transferred the ACoA from the Department of Administration to Health and Social Services.

This year 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, insuring that service providers are represented on the Commission and that age specifications already in existing statute do not limit choices for the service provider's seat. HB 156 makes that change.

In addition, HB 156 removes the duty of the ACoA to "evaluate grant applicants and make grant awards" from existing statute. The Commission currently does not exercise that duty and this change makes it clear that having a senior services provider on the Commission, who could possibly be a grant recipient, presents no conflict of interest.

# Representative Jim Holm

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### Sectional Analysis

04/13/05

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

- Section 1 Removes [the Commissioner of Administration] from the Alaska Commission on Aging.
- Replaces that seat with **a Senior Services Provider, regardless of age** to insure service providers are represented on the Commission and that age specifications already in existing statute do not limit choices for the service provider's seat.
- Section 2 Makes conforming changes.
- Section 3 Removes [evaluate grant applicants and make grant awards] from the Commission's statutory duties.
- Section 4 Makes the bill effective immediately upon passage.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSHB 156(HES)  
 ( H ) Publish Date: 3/18/05  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):

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>						
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						

**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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 Approved by: Joel S. Gilbertson, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### *Alaska Commission on Aging*

March 22, 2005

The Honorable Jim Holm  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

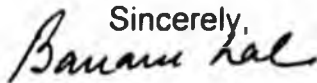
Re: HB 156, Commission on Aging

Dear Representative Holm:

On behalf of the members and staff of the Alaska Commission on Aging, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for sponsoring HB 156, which provides for changing the designation of a Department of Administration seat on the Commission to a senior service provider seat. We believe this change in designation will improve the Commission's ability to carry out its responsibilities to plan and advocate for the needs of older Alaskans.

We would also like to thank you for the efforts of your staff person, Barbara Cotting, who has been a tremendous help in the crafting of HB 156. We would like to commend her for all of her efforts in supporting our organization in this endeavor. Barbara was able to anticipate issues that might arise before the bill reached the House HES Committee hearing and met with our members during our last quarterly meeting in Juneau to address these issues. Thanks to your willingness to introduce HB 156 and Barbara's help, we are looking forward to a smooth and timely passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,



Banarsi Lal, Chairman  
Alaska Commission on Aging

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**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 will be 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 6 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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Aging Commission Roster

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## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/15/05

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4.25.05

Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 156(RLS) am

### HB 156 COMMISSION ON AGING

"An Act relating to the membership and duties of and quorum requirements for the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

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

**CS Senate Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 New Title

**SCS House Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 Technical Title Change  
 New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

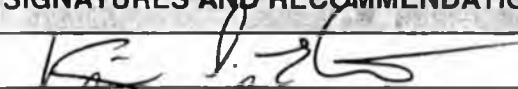
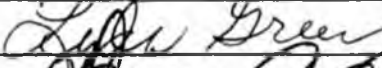
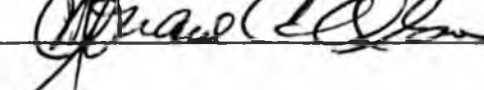

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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HSS	2/23			X	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
			✓	
				✓
			✓	
CHAIR: 	✓			