

HB

259

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/27/08

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 03/04/08

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 259(efd add)

HB 259 ESTABLISHING ALASKA HISTORY WEEK

"An Act establishing the first week of every March as Alaska History Week; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
 Same Title
 New Title

HOUSE BILL:
 Same Title
 Technical Title Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____



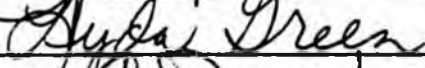
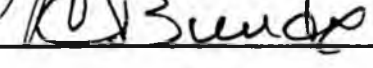

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	French	x			
	Street	x			
	Green	✓			
	Bundo	✓			
CHAIR: 	McGuire	✓			



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough – House District 17

Sponsor Statement for HB 259

“An Act establishing the first week of every March as Alaska History Week.”

While relatively short compared to other states around the nation, the history of Alaska is one filled with exploration, adventure, and cultural diversity. We are a state rich with courageous citizens, a unique climate and vast resources.

Alaska History Week will give schools, teachers and students the opportunity to celebrate our State through various activities and events. There is no fiscal note attached to this legislation, yet it will bring a focus to the history of our state one week each year and allow students of all ages to delve deeper into the roots of Alaska's past.

The idea for this legislation was brought to me by the Board of Directors of the National History Day in Alaska. This organization works to encourage the study of our state's history by holding an annual contest and sending students each year to the national competition. This legislation will help spread awareness of this program and recognition for the Alaska students who participate in it and in Alaska History Week events around the state.

I urge you to join me in supporting HB 259.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: HB 259
 (H) Publish Date: 2/25/08

Identifier (file name): HB 259: HB259DEED-TLS-02-19-08
 Title An Act establishing the first week of March as Alaska History Week.

Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Teaching & Learning Support
 Component School & Student Achievement

Sponsor Representative Fairclough
 Requester _____ Component Number 2796

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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 Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Act establishes the first week of March of each year as Alaska History Week. The Department of Education and Early Development does not anticipate any costs to it from this Act.

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 Approved by: Barbara Thompson, Interim Commissioner

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February 4, 2008

The Honorable Anna Fairclough
State Capitol
Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Attn: Renee Limoge

Dear Representative Fairclough:

The Anchorage School District supports HB 259, An Act establishing the first week of every March as Alaska History Week. We understand that this is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions and experiences that comprise the past development of Alaska, and many current events taking place today. We must continue to educate our young people and our citizens on the important issues of the day regarding our great State.

It is my understanding that this bill comes at the request of our local and state social studies educators as another opportunity to celebrate the uniqueness of our people and our State. Our district will celebrate this week, and other important events in Alaska's history, with assemblies, discussions and forums, and other public events.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Comeau
Superintendent

Southcentral
Foundation



January 24, 2008

The Honorable Anna Fairclough
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

Southcentral Foundation strongly supports the proposed legislation in favor of designating the first week of every March as Alaska History Week (HB 259).

As part of our vision of a Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness, our organization offers a variety of Alaska Native and American Indian youth-serving programs with an education component: Head Start and Early Head Start programs, serving children 6 weeks to 5 years of age; an internship training program, serving adolescents and young adults 14 to 25 years of age; and a residential and teaching facility, serving young men 13 to 18 years of age.

The designation of Alaska History Week will present a multitude of opportunities for participants in these programs, through special observance events and exercises, to learn more about Alaska Native cultures, as well as the adventurous spirit that brought others to the state. If this bill passes, Southcentral Foundation could incorporate Alaska History Week into curriculum, distribute informational materials, and feature observance-related stories, photographs and articles in the Anchorage Native News (Southcentral Foundation's external newsletter, which maintains a readership of 10,000 people every other month) and the Communicator (SCF's internal newsletter, which maintains a readership of 1,300 readers every other week). The opportunities to learn about Alaska's culture and history are countless and invaluable, and what more appropriate time to observe its significance than now, as we approach the 50th Anniversary as a state in this great nation.

Southcentral Foundation supports your vision of an observance week to celebrate the contributions and experiences that comprise Alaska's rich history. It is our sincere hope that the State of Alaska enacts this legislation.

Sincerely,
SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION


Katherine Gottlieb, MBA
President/CEO