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### Fax

To: Alpheus Bullard  
Leg. Legal

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Number of pages including cover: 1

From: Jane W. Pierson

Date: April 9, 2010

Re: SB43

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Today, the HJUD Committee passed the HCSSB43 (26-LS0259\P). Please go final.

Thank you for all your help!

Representative\_Jay\_Ramras@legis.state.ak.us

26-LS0259P  
Bullard  
4/6/10

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(JUD)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS MENARD, Egan, Hoffman, Paskvan, McGuire, Meyer, Stedman, Olson, Davis, Dyson, Coghill, Wagoner, Kookesh, Stevens**

**REPRESENTATIVES Kerttula, Muñoz**

**A BILL**

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6 second verse by Carol Beery Davis, is the official song of the state. The words of the  
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9 Eight stars of gold on a field of blue -  
10 Alaska's flag. May it mean to you  
11 The blue of the sea, the evening sky,  
12 The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nearby;  
13 The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,  
14 The precious gold of the hills and streams;  
15 The brilliant stars in the northern sky,  
16 The "Bear" - the "Dipper" - and, shining high,

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2 Over land and sea a beacon bright.  
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4 The simple flag of a last frontier.

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7 for Alaska's flag that there be no bars  
8 among our cultures. Be it known  
9 through years our natives' past has grown  
10 to share our treasures, hand in hand,  
11 to keep Alaska our Great Land.  
12 We love the northern midnight sky,  
13 our mountains, lakes and the streams nearby;  
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From: Jane W. Pierson

Date: April 2, 2010

Re: SB43 (26-LS0259\E)

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Please draft a HJUD CS for the above-referenced version of HCSSB43(STA) to include delete the words of the second verse as currently drafted, and insert the official copyrighted (see attached).

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THE ALASKA FLAG (Second Verse)

A native lad chose our Dipper's stars  
for Alaska's flag that there be no bars  
among our cultures. Be it known  
through years our natives' past has grown  
to share our treasures, hand in hand,  
to keep Alaska our Great Land.  
We love the northern midnight sky,  
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Our Great North Star with its steady light  
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6 A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars  
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8 Among our culture. Let it be known  
9 Through years the Native's past has grown  
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12 We love the northern midnight sky,  
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**"Alaska's Flag"**

Written by Marie Drake  
Composed by Elinor Dusenbury

Adopted on February 23 1955.

[Sheet Music](#) | [MIDI Tune](#) | [Realaudio Song](#)

**1st Verse of Alaska's Flag Song**

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,  
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you,  
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,  
The mountain lakes and the flowers nearby,  
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,  
The precious gold of the hills and streams,  
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,  
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,  
The great North Star with its steady light,  
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The simple flag of a last frontier.

**2nd Verse of Alaska's Flag Song  
-- Words by Carol Beery Davis**

A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars  
For Alaska's flag that there be no bars  
Among our culture. Let it be known  
Through years the Native's past has grown  
To share life's treasures, hand in hand,  
To keep Alaska our Great-Land;  
We love the northern midnight sky,  
The mountains, lakes and streams nearby.  
The great North Star with its steady light  
Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,  
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The simple flag of the last frontier.

- *Source* : *Alaska Blue Book 1993-94*, 11th ed., Juneau, Department of Education, Division of State Libraries, Archives & Museums.
- Copyright for *Alaska's Flag* is held by the University of Alaska. For further

**Origin of Song:**

The words to the song Alaska's Flag were written by Marie Drake, The Territorial Legislature adopted Alaska's Flag as Alaska's official song in 1955.

"Alaska's Flag" written by Marie Drake a long-time employee of the Alaska Department of Education, and set to music composed by Elinor Dusenbury, whose husband was commander of Chilkoot Barracks at Haines from 1933 to 1936 was adopted as the official state song in 1955, and was gifted to the University of Alaska in April 1960. Carol Beery Davis wrote the second verse to "Alaska's Flag" and gifted the words (protected by copyright) to the University of Alaska Foundation in February 1987.

Carol Beery Davis, an Alaskan pioneer and poet laureate, as the maker of the second verse. While the official Alaska state song recognizes and describes Alaska's flag, the words of Davis in the second verse of "Alaska's Flag", "A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars, For Alaska's flag that there be no bars", provides recognition of Bennie Benson who designed Alaska's official flag in 1927. Benny Benson described his design of the flag:

"The blue field is for the Alaska Sky and the forget-me-not, an Alaskan flower. The North Star is for the future of Alaska, the most northerly in the union. The Dipper is for the Great Bear - symbolizing strength."

**Marie Drake:**

Marie Drake, author of the words to *Alaska's Flag*, the state song, was born February 11, 1888. In 1907 she married James Drake in Van Wert, Ohio, where she was engaged in social work with the Y.W.C.A. and the Red Cross. They came to Alaska when her husband was assigned to work with the Bureau of Public Roads. In 1917, Lester Henderson was appointed first commissioner of education, and he hired Marie Drake as his secretary. She remained with the Department for 28 years,

information contact the University Archivist at the Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6808.

- Verse 2 by Carol Beery Davis. 1986.

retiring July 1, 1945.

Marie Drake assumed the post of assistant commissioner of education in 1934. She edited and wrote most of the material for the department's *School Bulletin*, that was circulated throughout the territorial school system. The poem that later provided the words for the official state song first appeared on the cover of the October 1935 *School Bulletin*. In recognition of her devotion to the young people of Alaska, Marie Drake received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of Alaska in 1958. She died March 5, 1963.

- *Source : Alaska Blue Book 1993-94, 11th ed., Juneau, Department of Education, Division of State Libraries, Archives & Museums*

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## MEMORANDUM

April 2, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Alaska's Flag song, copyright issues (HCS SB 43(JUD))  
(Work Order No. 26-LS0259\S)

**TO:** Representative Jay Ramras  
Chair of the House Judiciary Committee  
Attn: Jane Pierson

**FROM:** Alpheus Bullard *TLAB*  
Legislative Counsel

This memorandum accompanies the committee substitute described above. I have one comment.

Mary Rutherford of the University of Alaska Foundation, the copyright holder for the music and both verses of the song, has stated that the copyright holder had no objection to the addition of the song's second verse in statute if there is no alteration to the copyrighted text and if all copies of the text are accompanied by the attribution "copyright University of Alaska Foundation, non-profit use permitted, all other rights reserved."

This committee substitute changes the text of the second verse to conform with the text of the second verse as Carol Beery Davis registered it with the U.S. Copyright office; registration number TXu-258-946. However, the committee substitute does not contain the attribution requested by the copyright holder. This may be interpreted to create a legal issue, as the second verse of the song "Alaska's Flag" will not, to my understanding, pass into the public domain until 2060.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> United States Copyright Law grants the copyright owner exclusive rights to their creative work for a specific period of time or term. For works published after 1977 the term is equal to the length of the life of the author/creator plus 70 years.<sup>1</sup> By law, the copyright owner is the only one who has the right to reproduce their work. If any other party wants to reproduce the material in any manner, permission must be obtained from the copyright owner. It is my understanding that Carol Beery Davis wrote the second verse in 1986 and died in 1990. Consequently, the second verse of the song "Alaska's Flag" will enter the public domain in 2060.



April 7, 2010

House Judiciary Committee  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I have been asked to provide some background information on the copyright of the Alaska State Song and the unofficial verse by Carol Beery Davis held by the University of Alaska Foundation. I am pleased to do so. This information has also been shared with the office of Senator Menard.

The University of Alaska Foundation holds in trust, for the benefit of the university and the public, the copyright to the music and first verse of the Alaska Flag Song. The music and first verse were authored and generously donated to the university by Elinor Dusenbury and Marie C. Drake, and are presently recognized as the Alaska State Song.

The Foundation similarly holds in trust the copyright to the second verse of the Alaska Flag Song. That verse was authored and generously donated to the university by Carol Beery Davis, and is presently being considered by the Legislature for recognition as a second verse of the Alaska State Song.

The University and Foundation have been honored to protect these works for public, non-profit use as the state song, and as trust properties for the benefit of the university. The Foundation is unaware of any effect on copyright ownership resulting from recognition of a work as the state song with the permission of the copyright holder, and likewise is unaware of any legal impediment to appending a verse to a work with the permission of the affected copyright holder. Thus the Foundation has no objection to recognition of the Carol Beery Davis verse as the second verse of the Alaska State Song, should the Legislature choose to do so.

In order to protect the copyrights, the Foundation asks that there be no alteration to the original texts, and that a notation appear on all copies of the state song produced for public use stating: "copyright University of Alaska Foundation, non-profit use permitted, all other rights reserved." We believe this puts issues of copyright protection squarely in the hands of the University of Alaska Foundation, thereby freeing the State of Alaska from any legal obligation resulting from such issues. Said statement also makes clear the verses are not in the public domain, a very important aspect of copyright protection.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. 907-786-1373 or [david.woodley@alaska.edu](mailto:david.woodley@alaska.edu).

Best Regard,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Woodley".

David Woodley, Executive Director of  
Advancement Services

Senate Bill 43---2<sup>nd</sup> verse of the Alaska flag song

Written Comment

As a private citizen and a member of a historical society, Pioneer's of Alaska and a resident of Alaska for over half a century, I am supportive of the inclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse of the Alaska Flag Song. I am not speaking on behalf of any group.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> verse is presently gifted by Carol Beery Davis to the University of Alaska Foundation. This gift has the ability to promote the University of Alaska. The UA Foundation website quotes "The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska has recognized the University of Alaska Foundation as the entity of manage private gifts made to support all campuses of the University of Alaska system." This gift has the potential to bring recognition to the University system by placing the notation "copyright University of Alaska Foundation, non-profit use permitted, all other rights reserved".

It appears this gift is historically important or the University would not have accepted the gift. Furthermore, Ms. Davis also established the Poetry Society of Alaska which acclaimed her Poet Laureate 1967-69 according to the Alaska State Library.

Historically speaking, the second verse would not only promote the University of Alaska but it would recognize Benny Benson, the "lad" who designed the Alaska State Flag and recognize the contributions of the Alaska Native people.

Sharon L. Benson

# Senator Linda Menard

## Session

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## Alaska State Legislature

### Senate Bill 43 Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 43 will add a second verse to the Alaska Flag Song, finally giving recognition to the history of the state flag and the contributions of the wonderful Native community.

Written by the late Carol Beery Davis, the second verse of Alaska's Flag Song adds 12 lines and pays tribute to not only the aforementioned subjects but, indirectly, to the young lad who designed the flag: Benny Benson. Benson, of course, came up with the eventual design of Alaska's flag, the Big Dipper and North Star against a dark blue background.

After Davis wrote the second verse she gifted the words to the University of Alaska Foundation in 1987. The foundation has graciously said they have no objection to the state recognizing the second verse officially in statute.

Already, Fran Ulmer, the chancellor of the University of Alaska, has endorsed Senate Bill 43. Ulmer, who introduced a similar bill when she was in the Legislature, summed up a major intent of my legislation: the first verse of the song did not recognize the contributions Alaska Native people have made to the state. The bill sailed through the House of Representatives, but stalled in the Senate.

The Senate had the chance to hear the Flag Song performed with both verses as we gaveled in on the first day of session this year. I think we can all agree the second verse not only added a special touch, but highlighted music teachers' desire to have a second verse to teach their choirs.

Please join me in supporting a long overdue addition of a second verse to Alaska's Flag Song.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 43  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/29/10

Identifier (file name): SB043-GOV-OMB-1-26-10 Dept. Affected: All  
 Title Adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song RDU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Sen. Menard  
 Requester Sen. Community & Regional Affairs Committee Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
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>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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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								
<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>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

This legislation will not have a significant fiscal impact on any State agency.

Prepared by: Jack Kreinheder, Senior Analyst  
 Division: Office of Management and Budget  
 Approved by: Karen Rehfeld, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

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 Date/Time 1/26/09 9:35 AM  
 Date 1/26/2009

## Michael Rovito

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**From:** Mary Rutherford [mary.rutherford@alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 2:37 PM  
**To:** Michael Rovito  
**Subject:** FW: AK Flag Song

Mike,

To follow up on our phone conversation:

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I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Mary

## Sen. Linda Menard

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**From:** CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE [aychanc@uaa.alaska.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2010 4:06 PM  
**To:** Sen. Linda Menard  
**Subject:** Alaska State Song

Dear Senator Menard,

I am delighted that you are proposing the second verse of the Alaska Flag song be adopted by the state as part of the official state song. I introduced that legislation many years ago; it passed the House but stalled in the Senate. I have long felt it important that both verses be sung on all occasions. Alaska Poet Laureate Carol Berry Davis wrote the second verse because she felt that the first verse did not recognize the contributions that Alaska Native people have made to our state. She asked me to introduce the bill, which I did and there were many people who supported it.

Years ago Carol Berry Davis gave the second verse to the University. I am not sure what rules might apply to the copyright. I am happy to have my staff look into this and help you with whatever contacts or permission is necessary in order to pursue this legislation.

Thank you so much for your work promoting the adoption of the second verse of the Alaska Flag song.

Best regards,  
Fran Ulmer  
Chancellor

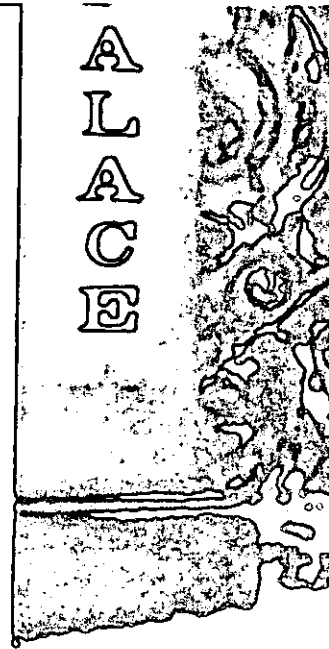
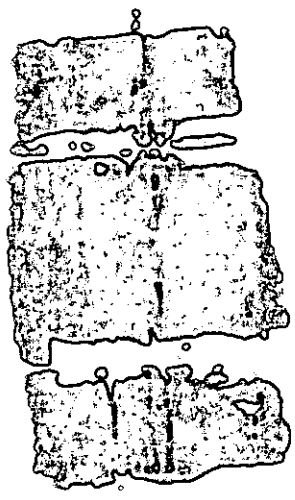


Benny Benson chose the background color of the flag to represent both the blue sky and the forget-me-not. The Legislature later named the forget-me-not as the official State flower. This provides another symbolic link, one between the official State flag, the official song and the official flower.

Carol Beery Davis, a longtime Juneau resident and musician, wrote a second verse to the Alaska Flag song and gifted the words (protected by copyright) to the University of Alaska Foundation in February 1987. It has been unsuccessfully proposed as an addition to the official lyrics twice. The last time, in 2002, House Bill 285 sought to officially incorporate Davis' second verse into the Alaska state song. The bill passed the Alaska House, but it died in the Senate. Because of the copyright restrictions, it is not shown here. Instead, a link to it and more detailed information is provided at the bottom of the page

*Source: Wikipedia*

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## AVCP

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April 9, 2010

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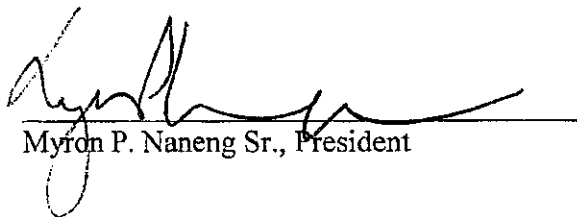
Sub: SB 43-Second Verse of Alaska's State Song

Dear Representative Herron;

Please pass on to the House Judiciary Committee that the Association of Village Council Presidents does not support the passing of SB 43 as it stands. Instead, we would rather support a competition open to the youth of Alaska for any new verses to the Alaska State Song. A competition open to youth would inspire all those to participate in creating an wonderful way to celebrate and honor the State of Alaska through song.

We support the goal of including Alaska Natives in the proposed new verse, but feel that the words in the verse itself may be constructed in a more appropriate manner. Therefore, please consider our recommendation for a competition.

Sincerely,



Myron P. Naneng Sr., President

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Attachment: House CS For Senate Bill No. 43 (STA)