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April 9, 2010
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Bert Stedman
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Senate Bill 313 - "An Act relating to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy."

Senator Stedman,

I write today to respectfully request that the Senate Finance Committee schedule Senate Bill 313: *An Act relating to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy* for a hearing at your earliest possible convenience.

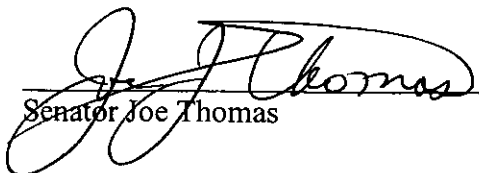
This bill changes the basic structure of the funding of the Academy. Currently the Academy receives seven times the Base Student Allocation for residential students and .6 times the BSA for non-residential students. The Academy, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Early Development and the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, had determined that a base rate of \$11,990 would be more appropriate for their purposes. For fiscal year 2011 that would be an increase of \$300, but that amount would remain static over time.

The Alaska Challenge Youth Academy is an intensive educational program designed for high school drop-outs. Currently they have a seventy percent graduation rate.

Attached is the most recent version of the sponsor statement and the attached fiscal note of \$300.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 465-6443

Sincerely,


Senator Joe Thomas


Senator Kevin Meyer

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Sponsor Statement SB 313 Funding for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy

Senate Bill 313 restructures the funding mechanism for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy to more accurately reflect the needs of the Academy.

The Alaska Challenge Youth Academy is a residential high school for students who have dropped out of regular school. The Academy is highly successful with a 70% graduation rate and works closely with the National Guard following a strict model that gives students structure, challenge, and discipline. The Academy is located in Anchorage and has two sessions a year where students live on campus for 5 months while going through the rigorous program. After they graduate from the program, staff continues to track their behavior through a mentorship program. Students are considered a success if a year after graduation they are enrolled in a postsecondary program, the military, or in full time employment.

Funding for the Academy is based the following formula: 7 times the Base Student Allocation (BSA) times all residential students plus .6 times the BSA times all non-residential students. When this formula was constructed in 2002 it reflected the dollars they needed to operate. However, as the BSA has grown over the years - to cover retirement costs and other increases in education - it has resulted in a windfall that is no longer reflective of the true cost of the program.

SB 313 would set a per child amount for state dollars in statute - \$11,990 - and multiply that by the number of residential and non-residential students enrolled. The Academy and the Department of Education and Early Development both agree this would give them sufficient dollars to run the program. Under SB 313, the projected total state dollars the Youth Academy would receive in fiscal year 2011 would be approximately \$5.2 million, within \$300 of the amount they would have received under the current formula. Alaska Military Youth Academy also receives separate federal funds that supplement this amount (\$2.7 million for FY2011).

The Academy is a valuable educational alternative which, as a residential program for at-risk youth, requires higher funding than other boarding schools. SB 313 identifies an appropriate and transparent way to fund this important educational institution.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB313
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB313-EED-ESS-4-8-2010
 Title: "An Act relating to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy"
 Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
 RDU: K-12 Support
 Component: AK Challenge Youth Academy
 Sponsor: Senate Education Committee
 Requester: Senate Education Committee
 Component Number: 2837

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims	0.3							
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.3	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	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would rewrite the state formula in AS14.30.740 so the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy would be paid at a flat rate of \$11,990 per full-time residential and non-residential student. The number of students enrolled is to be provided by October 1st.

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 Approved by: Larry LeDoux, Commissioner

Phone: 465-8679
 Date/Time: 4/8/10 12:00 AM
 Date: 4/8/2010

ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY

FY2011 Projection

189 x \$5680 x 7 =	7,514,640
297 x \$5680 x 60% =	1,012,176
less \$2,700,000	(2,700,000)
TOTAL \$	5,826,816

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189 x \$11,990 =	2,266,110
297 x \$11,990 =	3,561,030
TOTAL \$	5,827,140

SB313 Change over FY11	\$	324
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Alaska Military Youth Academy Overview

Training schedules:

2 classes offered each year, consisting of:

- 2 week pre-challenge phase
- 20 week residential course
- 12 month non-residential tracking period

Education options:

A cadet may receive a GED or a high school diploma from the AMYA. The AMYA is an accredited high school, through the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and offers a maximum of 7 credits during the residential phase of the program.

There are also work place certificate programs offered as well as internship opportunities for the cadets during the residential course to include:

- National Center for Construction Education and Research certificate, foundation training for any student going into vocational trades
- Carpentry proficiency certificate
- UPS store customer service certified training
- Culinary ServeSafe certification (required by the cabaret association that at least one employee on shift must have this certification)
- Emergency Trauma Tech certification
- Emergency Medical Tech certification
- Win and Work Keys, career readiness certificate (national program administered through the Department of Labor that shows baseline employee skill level)
- First aid and CPR certification

Success:

Success is determined by the ChalleNGe program national office located in Washington DC under the control of National Guard Bureau, which oversees all 33 ChalleNGe programs nationwide. A cadet is considered a successful graduate of the ChalleNGe program if at the end of the 12-month non-residential period he or she is:

- Working at least 30 hours per week
- Enrolled in college taking at least 12 semester hour credits
- Enrolled in a vocational training/ apprentice program
- A member of the United State's military

Alaska Military Youth Academy Budget details

Q: Do we expend funds on the mentorship program? If so what are they used for?

A: No funds are given to the mentors or the cadets for being mentored. Funds are used to pay staff to coordinate the mentor program. One staff member is dedicated full-time to running the mentor program and two other staff members spend about half of their time supporting the mentor program.

Q: How will doing away with the stipend affect the mentorship program?

A: There is an indication the stipends were an incentive for cadets to be more responsible in self-reporting. AMYA staff has invested twice as much time to contact Cadets for post-residential information than with previous classes that received the benefit.

Q: How do we plan to use the stipend money if it remains in the budget?

A: The funds will be used to replace educational equipment and material for the cadets. This includes outdated classroom resources, replacing 25% of computers yearly, adding software licenses with the Microsoft programs, replacing barracks furnishings, increasing the enrollment of additional students, and office supplies.

There has not been any DEED funding in the past three years that has gone towards capital projects. The only situation where this was possible was with the infrastructure money we received. However, we did not use any DEED funding as match against the infrastructure projects.

In the past three years there has been DEED funding that was used to pay for maintenance to the AMYA facilities. The info. is as follows:

SY08 – spent \$441.72 in “repair parts & supplies”. It was coded against FFY09 DEED allowable.

SY09 – spent \$399.00 in “repair guardrail supplies”. It was coded to FFY08 DEED allowable.

SY10 – nothing has been spent on maintenance so far.

60/40 maintenance dollars

SY08 - \$118,959.25

SY09 - \$93,199.28

SY10 - \$15,137.88 so far this year

As for the stipends, they weren't clear on whether they were talking about graduation stipends or aftercare stipends so I provided both just in case. It was not possible to break stipends down by class without going through a labor intensive exercise. I summarized the total graduation and aftercare stipends by fund source for each SY, and

also broke out each fund source by FFY (if applicable) and what type of stipend it was. In the past three years we have paid the following in stipends:

SY08 – \$79,000 Total graduation stipends paid (\$47,400 FED/\$31,600 GFM)
\$168,600 Total aftercare stipends paid (DEED I/A)
\$247,600 Total graduation & aftercare stipends paid in SY08

60/40

FFY07 Graduation Stipend \$42,000

FFY08 Graduation Stipend \$37,000

Total graduation stipends paid in SY08 \$79,000 (\$47,400 FED/\$31,600 GFM)

I/A (DEED)

Aftercare Stipend \$168,600

SY09 – \$91,200 Total graduation stipends paid (\$54,720 FED/\$36,480 GFM)
\$120,700 Total aftercare stipends paid (DEED I/A)
\$211,900 Total graduation & aftercare stipends paid in SY09

60/40

FFY08 Graduation Stipend \$42,900

FFY09 Graduation Stipend \$48,300

Total graduation stipends paid in SY09 \$91,200 (\$54,720 FED/\$36,480 GFM)

I/A (DEED)

Aftercare Stipend \$120,700

SY10 – \$81,600 Total graduation stipends paid (\$48,960 FED/\$32,640 GFM)
\$58,900 Total aftercare stipends paid (DEED I/A)
\$140,500 Total graduation & aftercare stipends paid so far in SY10

60/40

FFY09 Graduation Stipend \$40,800

FFY10 Graduation Stipend (estimated) \$40,800

Total graduation stipends paid so far in SY10 \$81,600 (\$48,960 FED/\$32,640 GFM)

I/A (DEED)

Aftercare Stipend (there should be no more) \$58,900



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Alaska Statutes.
Title 14. Education, Libraries, and Museums
Chapter 30. Pupils and Educational Programs For Pupils
Section 740. Funding For Alaska Challenge Youth Academy Program.

previous: Section 720. Definitions.
next: Section 750. Alaska School Counseling Program Grant Fund. [Repealed, Sec. 12 Ch 42 SLA 1997].

AS 14.30.740. Funding For Alaska Challenge Youth Academy Program.

(a) Each fiscal year, the department shall allocate funding for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy program in an amount equal to the base student allocation multiplied by seven for each residential student and the base student allocation multiplied by 6/10 for each nonresidential student, minus the amount received by the program in federal matching grant funds. The determination of the number of residential and nonresidential students shall be made by the department on October 1 of the prior year.

(b) In this section,

- (1) "base student allocation" means the amount established under AS 14.17.470;
- (2) "nonresidential student" means a student who receives services but does not reside at the program site;
- (3) "program" means the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy program;
- (4) "residential student" means a student who resides at the program site.

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Alaska Military and Youth Academy

Class	Start Date	Residential Grad Date	# Registered (Intake Day)	# Enrolled (After 1st Two Wks)	Graduated (end of 22 Wks)	Post Residential Compl Date	Number Receiving Stipends
2006/2007							
2006-1	4/3/2006	9/1/2006	162	140	109	10/1/2007	92
2006-2	10/1/2006	3/2/2007	257	194	154	4/1/2008	116
2007/2008							
2007-1	4/2/2007	8/31/2007	210	177	140	9/1/2008	108
2008-1	10/1/2007	3/1/2008	206	154	123	4/1/2009	91
2008/2009							
2008-2	4/1/2008	8/29/2008	206	160	143	9/1/2009	106
2009-1	10/1/2008	2/27/2009	209	184	161	4/1/2010	This is the last class to receive Post-Residential stipends
2009/2010							
2009-2	4/1/2009	8/29/2009	197	176	136	9/1/2010	Not eligible
2010-1	10/1/2009	2/27/2010	192	155	TBD	4/1/2011	Not eligible

SENATE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 14.30.740 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 **Sec. 14.30.740. Funding and report for Alaska Challenge Youth Academy**
5 **program.** (a) Each fiscal year, the department shall allocate funding for the Alaska
6 Challenge Youth Academy program in an amount equal to \$11,990 multiplied by the
7 number of residential and nonresidential students enrolled in the academy full time.

8 (b) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall provide an annual
9 report to the department that specifies the number of residential and nonresidential
10 students enrolled in the academy full time on October 1 of the prior year.

11 (c) In this section,

12 (1) "nonresidential student" means a student who receives services but
13 does not reside at the program site;

14 (2) "program" means the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy program;

15 (3) "residential student" means a student who resides at the program

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site.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 4/5/10

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: _____

Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 313

SB 313 YOUTH ACADEMY FUNDING/REPORT

"An Act relating to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy."

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:	
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HOUSE BILL:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
EED	4/8/10				

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Olson			X	
	DAVIS				
	Skene	X			
CO-CHAIR:	Meyer	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	Thomas	✓			