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## SENATOR LESIL MCGUIRE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Linda Mernard  
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Lesil McGuire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesil McGuire", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Date: March 4, 2009

Re: Hearing Request: SB 130: ECONOMIC STIMULUS TASK FORCE

I respectfully request that SB 130: ECONOMIC STIMULUS TASK FORCE be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

SB 130 creates an Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force to work with local government, business, health, education, and other groups over the next several months to find ways to maximize the benefit of incoming federal funds from the recently enacted American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

Attached you will find the most current version of the bill and sponsor statement.

I respectfully request that the hearing be teleconferenced so that experts and public testifiers unable to be there in person may provide testimony.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me personally or my staff, Trevor Fulton, at x3579. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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### Sponsor Statement

#### Senate Bill 130: Economic Stimulus Task Force

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, \$787 billion in federal money was committed to stimulating the nation's economy with the passing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Although the exact number remains to be determined, Alaska's share of those funds will be in the hundreds of millions.

SB 130 creates the Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force, which will work with local government, business, health, education, and other stakeholder groups over the next several months to oversee the receipt and application of federal stimulus funds and to maximize the benefit of those funds.

The Task Force will coordinate with potential recipients of federal ARRA funds to ensure that those funds are used to the most benefit of all Alaskans and that every dollar received is maximized through leveraging and matching funds.

The Task Force will be charged with:

- (1) Preparing an assessment of money available to Alaska under the ARRA and identifying potential recipients of the money; and
- (2) Recommending to the legislature how money appropriated for Alaska under the ARRA can best be used in accord with Alaska's own resources to stimulate the state's economy and minimize the effect of the national recession on our economy over the next 24 months.

The membership of the Task Force will consist of three members of the senate, three members of the house, two members of the executive branch, and one representative from the Alaska Municipal League.

SB 130 requires that the Task Force submit an assessment of ARRA funds available to Alaska and a draft plan to the legislature by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. A final plan and report must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

At least 20 states have already created ARRA oversight bodies similar to that proposed by SB 130 and an additional five have proposed bodies.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: SB 130  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): SB130-LEG-COU-3-11-09 Dept. Affected: Legislature  
 Title: "An Act establishing the Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force; and providing for...." RDU: Legislative Council  
 Sponsor: Senator McGuire Component: Council and Subcommittees  
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: 783

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<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>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>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost:

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

SB 130 establishes a nine member Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force. The Senate President will appoint three Senators and one Alaska Municipal League public member, the House Speaker will appoint three Representatives, and the Governor will appoint 2 members from the Executive Branch. The Task Force will prepare a report and submit their assessment of potential recipients of federal stimulus funds and recommend how the funds can best be used to stimulate Alaska's economy and minimize the effect of the national recession on Alaska's economy. The preliminary report is due to the Legislature by May 1, 2009 and the final report by July 1, 2009. In order for funding to be available in FY09 for this Task Force, contingent on passage of this legislation, funds will need to be requested in the supplemental budget bill by the sponsor - 50.0.

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March 5, 2009

## Memorandum

TO: Senator Lesil McGuire  
FROM: Patricia Young, Manager *Patricia Young*  
RE: State Actions to Provide Oversight of Federal Stimulus Funds  
*LRS Report 09.195*

You wished to know what actions other states have taken to oversee the receipt and application of federal stimulus funds. You were particularly interested in knowing if other states have created oversight bodies such as boards, commissions, task forces, or special committees for this purpose.

The National Conference of State Legislatures is tracking the issue of federal stimulus funds, and is maintaining a website table entitled "State Oversight of Federal Stimulus Funds." According to information on this website, updated today, and various state web pages, it appears that at least 20 states have created oversight entities.<sup>1</sup> At least five more, including Alaska, have proposed oversight groups. The entities can be categorized as follows.

Oversight Entity	Established	Proposed
Coordinator	Alabama, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey	
Office, Committee, or Cabinet	Idaho, New Hampshire, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Wisconsin	
Task Force	California	Alaska
Board or Commission	Colorado	Montana, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island
Advisory Group or Panel	Florida, Kansas, Oregon, West Virginia	Delaware, Vermont
Committee	Massachusetts, Missouri, Oklahoma	

Source: "State Oversight of Federal Stimulus Funds," National Conference of State Legislatures, updated March 5, 2009; available at [www.ncsl.org/programs/fiscal/stimulusoversight.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/fiscal/stimulusoversight.htm).

I hope this is helpful. Please let us know if you need additional information.

<sup>1</sup> We attach a copy of the NCSL table with state web page links.

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## State Oversight of Federal Stimulus Funds

A number of states have created or proposed ways to track and provide oversight of federal stimulus funds. Governors have created new agencies and legislatures are forming commissions or committees to oversee the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The following provides a brief summary of actions that states are proposing or taking to provide oversight and transparency of ARRA. Also included are state websites that will provide information on implementation and spending of funds from ARRA.

*Updated March 5, 2009*

State	Stimulus Oversight Plans
Alabama	The governor has launched a new website that will track how funds from ARRA are spent in Alabama. <a href="http://stimulus.alabama.gov/">http://stimulus.alabama.gov/</a>
Alaska	The Office of Management and Budget website is detailing Alaska's plans for ARRA funds. <a href="http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm">http://omb.alaska.gov/10_omb/budget/IndexEconomicStimulus.htm</a>  In addition the Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities has created a website that list economic stimulus package projects. <a href="http://www.dot.state.ak.us/econstim/">http://www.dot.state.ak.us/econstim/</a>
Arkansas	The governor has stated that a website will soon be established to track every dollar of the state's stimulus funds.
California	The California Assembly has formed the Stimulus, Economic Recovery and Jobs Task Force (SERJ). SERJ will work with local governments on developing strategies to implement ARRA in the state. Assemblymember V. Manuel Perez will head the task force, which will be made up of chairs of relevant standing committees.
Colorado	Gov. Ritter has created the Colorado Economic Recovery and Accountability Board to provide oversight of ARRA funds. Information on the board can be found and on the state's implementation of ARRA at: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/recovery/">http://www.colorado.gov/recovery/</a>
Delaware	The governor has stated that he will create an accountability group to track stimulus funds and provide transparency. The state also will launch a website that will track funds and measure progress.
Florida	Gov. Christ has formed the Federal Stimulus Working Group. The group will identify critical programs and infrastructure projects and implement a plan for the distribution of ARRA funds.

<b>Minnesota</b>	The governor has appointed the commissioner of the Minnesota Management and Budget office to be the federal stimulus coordinator for the state. The Minnesota Management and Budget website will provide information on the federal stimulus funds in the state.
<b>Mississippi</b>	The states auditor will be in charge of tracking any ARRA funds that come into the state.
<b>Missouri</b>	Missouri has formed the Senate Select Committee on Oversight of Stimulus Funds, which will be charged with studying and analyzing strategies for securing the maximum amount of federal dollars for Missouri and Missourians that will come from the anticipated federal economic stimulus plan of 2009. The committee shall issue recommendations in a report to the Senate by Mar. 12, 2009. The governor of Missouri has created a website, <a href="http://transform.mo.gov/">http://transform.mo.gov/</a> to solicit ideas of stimulus package funds and to rejuvenate Missouri's economy. The site will also provide transparency of ARRA funds by listing the appropriation of funds in detail.
<b>Montana</b>	Senate President Bob Story has introduced a bill (Senate Bill 460) that will create a commission that will include legislators, congressional staff and private citizens to oversee how the federal stimulus money will be spent by state government.
<b>Nebraska</b>	The state has established a new website <a href="http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/">http://www.recovery.nebraska.gov/</a> that will provide accountability and transparency of how stimulus funds are used in Nebraska.
<b>Nevada</b>	Gov. Gibbons has announced the formation a working group comprised of various state agencies to help coordinate the spending of federal stimulus funds.
<b>New Hampshire</b>	The governor has established the Office of Economic Stimulus to oversee ARRA funds and to provide transparency and accountability. The office has a website at the following location: <a href="http://www.nh.gov/recovery/">http://www.nh.gov/recovery/</a>
<b>New Jersey</b>	The governor has appointed his chief of staff and comptroller to oversee how ARRA funds will be spent. In addition, the governor's office plans to launch a website that will allow residents to track ARRA projects.

<b>Texas</b>	<p>The Texas House of Representatives has formed the Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding and have created the website <a href="http://www.txstimulusfund.com/">http://www.txstimulusfund.com/</a> to provide Texans information on the implementation of ARRA.</p> <p>Additionally the Texas Comptrollers Office is tracking ARRA funds and their impact on the state. The Comptrollers Office has a website that provides up-to-date information on ARRA in Texas. <a href="http://www.window.state.tx.us/finances/stimulus/">http://www.window.state.tx.us/finances/stimulus/</a></p>
<b>Vermont</b>	<p>The Speaker of the House has proposed a three-member panel to compile and examine information on how federal stimulus funds are spent. The panel would consist of one member from the House, one member from the Senate and one member from the Governor's administration.</p>
<b>Virginia</b>	<p>The governor has created the website <a href="http://stimulus.virginia.gov/">http://stimulus.virginia.gov/</a> to solicit ideas from the public and receive local input of how stimulus funds should be spent.</p>
<b>Washington</b>	<p>The governor has created a website that will provide information on how the state of Washington is implementing ARRA. <a href="http://www.recovery.wa.gov/">http://www.recovery.wa.gov/</a></p>
<b>West Virginia</b>	<p>The West Virginia House of Delegates has established a Select Committee on Stimulus Utilization. The committee will review legislation, testimony, evaluate and make recommendations to the Speaker of the House in regards to any relevant stimulus legislation.</p>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<p>Gov. Doyle has created the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment. The purpose of the office is to prepare the state to make the best use of federal funds. Information on the office can be found at: <a href="http://recovery.wisconsin.gov">recovery.wisconsin.gov</a>.</p>

**Source: Various media and government reports, January, February, and March 2009**

**For additions or corrections to this information please contact Todd Haggerty.**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/27/09

FURTHER: Finance

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

DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 3/12/09

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 130

SB 130 ECONOMIC STIMULUS TASK FORCE

"An Act establishing the Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS SB130 (STA)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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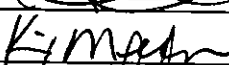
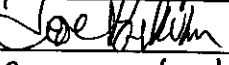

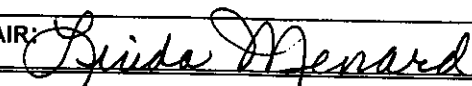
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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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