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SENATOR LESIL MCGUIRE

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Linda Mernard
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Lesil McGuire 

Date: February 17, 2009

Re: Hearing Request: SB 49: BLOOD DONATION AWARENES FUND

I respectfully request that SB 49: BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS FUND be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. Attached you will find the most current version of the bill, a sponsor statement, and all backup information.

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 49: Blood Donation Awareness Fund

Blood donations are the "gift of life" for thousands of Alaskans every year. When we or one of our loved ones is in an accident, gets treated for a serious ailment, or must undergo surgery, we depend on the generosity of volunteer blood donors and the expertise of Alaskan Blood Banks to ensure that life-saving blood will be available.

Approximately 2,200 people must donate blood each month for the Blood Bank of Alaska to assure an adequate supply for patients in area hospitals. That's about 75 units of whole blood and plateletpheresis (the technical term for platelets and blood cells) each day.

In 2008, more than 25,000 blood donations were made to the charitable, not-for-profit Blood Bank of Alaska. While those numbers affirm Alaskans' generosity in donating blood, they are not enough. The fact is Alaska's blood supply runs on perilously thin margins. In 2008 alone, the Blood Bank of Alaska had to order 1,159 units of blood products from the lower 48 to meet inventory needs.

SB 49 will help minimize those margins and ensure that blood is available when it's needed by providing an easy and simple means for Alaskans to personally contribute to blood donation, collection, and education efforts.

SB 49 creates a monetary donation program that allows a motor vehicle applicant to donate \$1 or more to a Blood Donation Awareness Fund. The purpose of the fund will be to promote blood donation in the State of Alaska.

When applicants visit a Division of Motor Vehicles office to obtain or renew a driver license or ID card, they will be asked if they would like to donate \$1 to the blood donation awareness program. The donation would be completely voluntary.

A similar program established in 2004 to encourage organ donations by Alaskans generated over \$55,000 last year, with the funds appropriated to Life Alaska Donor Services. SB 49 would provide similar support for the Blood Bank of Alaska and by doing so help save Alaskan lives.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 49
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB0049-DOA-DOF-02-20-09
 Title An Act establishing a blood donation awareness fund and a
 Dept. Affected: Administration
 RDU Centralized Admin Services
 Component Finance
 Sponsor Senator McGuire & Senator Menard
 Requester State Affairs, Finance Component Number 59

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
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)

	FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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 (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Establishing funds created by legislation such as this is in the normal course of business for the Division of Finance.

Prepared by: Lisa Pusich
 Division: Finance
 Approved by: Kevin Brooks
Deputy Commissioner

Phone 465-5616
 Date/Time 2/20/09 3:45pm
 Date 2/20/2009

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 49
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB49-DOA-DMV-2-20-09 Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title "An Act relating to an awareness fund and monetary donation program for blood donations." RDU Motor Vehicles
 Component Division of Motor Vehicles
 Sponsor SENs McGuire, Menard
 Requester S (STA) Component Number 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual	5.0						
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	5.0	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							
1156 Receipt Supported Services	5.0						
TOTAL	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill establishes a fund for blood donor awareness and requires the Division of Motor Vehicles to ask each applicant for a motor vehicle or identification document whether the applicant is interested in making a donation to the fund. All donations collected shall be transferred to the fund, at least quarterly.

The requested FY10 costs are to make changes in DMV's computer system, ALVIN, to allow for tracking of the funds collected. A fee code will need to be created and reports in the system will need to be modified to identify the fund amount.

Prepared by: Whitney Brewster
 Division: Motor Vehicles
 Approved by: Kevin Brooks
Deputy Commissioner

Phone 907-269-5559
 Date/Time 2/20/09 2:00 p.m.
 Date 2/20/2009

January 23, 2009

Senator Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol #125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for Senate Bill 49

Dear Sen. McGuire:

I would like to write in support of this legislation. As a non-profit organization serving Alaska with a variety of essential products and services, the Blood Bank of Alaska serves the citizens of this state only to the extent that its donors respond to its continuing need for blood. It all begins and ends with blood donors.

SB 49 would greatly assist the state's blood collection program by providing a modest funding opportunity for education and awareness activities to the motoring public. It may also encourage more residents of Alaska to become blood donors themselves.

I appreciate the introduction of SB 49, and would be pleased to comment further if desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Benintendi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small number "7" above the letter "i" in "Benintendi".

Tim Benintendi, Member
Board of Directors
Blood Bank of Alaska

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February 20, 2009

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator McGuire:

I am writing today to express the support of Providence Health and Services Alaska for Senate Bill 49 to create an awareness fund and monetary donation program for blood donations in Alaska.

As you so aptly point out in your Sponsor Statement of SB 49, blood donations really are the "gift of life" for thousands of Alaskans every year. Establishing a Blood Donation Awareness Fund, to which contributions will be voluntary, is a positive step in ensuring that Alaskans have this "gift of life" from Alaska's generous volunteer blood donor when it is needed.

Thank you for introducing this legislation and I look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Al Parrish".

E. Al Parrish
VP/Chief Executive Officer Alaska Region

EAP:lb

Cc: Laurie Herman



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February 2, 2009

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 125
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator McGuire:

America's Blood Centers (ABC) is the largest network of non-profit, community-based blood centers in North America, collecting about half the blood used in US hospitals. We are proud to be affiliated with the Blood Bank of Alaska, which meets the blood needs of patients at more than 25 hospitals in the nation's largest state. CEO Jack Williams has worked tirelessly to assure a safe and adequate blood supply for all Alaskans.

We understand that you have introduced SB 49, a bill that would establish a funding mechanism to enable Alaskans to contribute to blood donation, collection, and education efforts. SB 49 would allow a motor vehicle applicant to donate \$1 or more to a Blood Donation Awareness Fund.

A similar program that was established in 2004 to encourage organ donations by Alaskans generated over \$55,000 last year, with the funds appropriated to Life Alaska Donor Services. SB 49 would provide similar support for the Blood Bank of Alaska and by doing so help save Alaskan lives.

Every day the Blood Bank of Alaska works hard to recruit blood donors, but with an aging population, more donors are becoming patients and are ineligible to donate blood. The younger population replacing loyal donors is smaller and harder to reach, requiring new and more expensive efforts. In 2008, more than 25,000 blood donations were made to Blood Bank of Alaska. While those numbers are an indicator of Alaskans' generosity in donating blood, that will not be enough in the years ahead.

The fact is Alaska's blood supply runs on perilously thin margins. Approximately 2,200 people must donate blood each month for the Blood Bank to assure an adequate supply for patients. That's about 75 units of whole blood and plateletpheresis (the technical term for platelets and blood cells) each day.

ABC and its members strongly support the establishment of a Blood Donation Awareness Fund. Not only will this program help to assure the blood is there when needed by Alaskans, but it can serve as a model for the lower 49 states as well. We thank you for your great insight putting forth SB 49.

Sincerely yours,

Don Doddridge
President

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/21/09

FURTHER: Finance

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

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2-26-09

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 49

SB 49 BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS FUND

"An Act relating to an awareness fund and monetary donation program for blood donations."

be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt _____ Letter of Intent

further referral to _____ Committee

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#
Admin.	2/20/09			✓	
Adm/DMV	2/20/09	5000 ⁰⁰			

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Allynt Gobler</i>	KOOKER	X			
<i>Joe Parkin</i>	PASKWAN	X			
<i>K. Meyer</i>	Meyer	X			
CHAIR: <i>Guida Amend</i>	MENARD	X			