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 Sponsor Rep. Fairclough, Rep. Gardner, Rep. Herron
 Requester Senate Finance Committee OMB Component Number 2651

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Updated fiscal note to reflect current fiscal year.

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Analysis

This bill will increase the size of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council by one member, from a total membership of 16 to 17. The bill would add a representative from the military. In addition, the bill amends the definition of the youth member to include an age demarcation, and eliminates the requirement that the student be currently enrolled in a secondary school in Alaska.

The proposed changes will result in increased travel costs for the Council. Four meetings are held each year at varying locations. Based on historical costs, it is estimated that the additional travel costs for an additional council member will be \$4,000 per year.



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough – House District 17

House Bill 21

“An Act relating to the membership of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council.”

House Bill 21 would simply increase the number of members appointed to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council from 16 members to 17 members and create an age requirement for the youth member.

The additional member would be appointed by the Governor and would give representation on the council for members of our military. Suicide among our military is on the rise and having an individual familiar with the lives and challenges our military members face on a daily basis is crucial to their overall well-being.

The new member must be one of the following; discharged from, retired from, or engaged in active duty military service or someone who is a mental health provider, social worker, or other person actively providing a health care service to discharged, retired, or active military personnel.

House Bill 21 also changes the requirement for the youth member who is appointed to the council. Currently this appointee has to be enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade of a secondary school. This member would be changed allowing the youth to be 16 years of age when appointed, but not older than 20 years of age. This will allow our youth members to continue to serve beyond completion of their secondary school education and allow for continuity on the council.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I appreciate your support of House Bill 21.



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough — House District 17

CSHB 21- Explanation of Changes

1) House State Affairs Committee Change-

Page 2, line 20, following “States”: inserted “, including the United States Coast Guard, the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, or a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States,”

This change was made to expand and specify the military service organizations which qualify for the new position on the council.

2) House Finance Committee Change-

Page 2, line 16: changed **20** years of age to **24** years of age.

This change was made to allow more continuity on the council with the high school and secondary school age member. Most young people do not complete their secondary school education by the age of 20. Moving the age to 24 will give this member the ability to serve through their secondary school completion.

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January 18, 2012

Representative Anna Fairclough
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Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 21 (CSHB 21)

Dear Representative Fairclough,

On behalf of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, I express our full support for HB 21 expanding the membership of the Council to include representatives from the veteran and military community and a wider group of youth.

In 2010, the Council received public comment during its meetings requesting representation from the military and veteran service systems on the Council. These populations are a particularly high-risk group for suicide, with high incidence of post traumatic stress disorder, depression, substance abuse, and other disorders contributing to suicide.¹ In Alaska, the Veterans Health Administration is engaged with the suicide prevention system as a partner. The state suicide prevention plan, *Casting the Net Upstream*, includes a specific strategy to increase suicide prevention efforts related to active and veteran military service members. Thus, having a representative from the veteran/military systems will be of great benefit to the Council's work.

The Council currently has a seat reserved for a high school age youth. We have discovered that these members are often appointed as juniors or seniors, which limits the time they have to serve with the Council. HB 21 serves to expand the eligibility for the youth representative to age 24, so that this member can serve a full 4 year term. Also, this better reflect the actual age group with the highest risk of suicide in Alaska – youth age 15-24.²

The Council supports HB 21, and we thank you for your work on behalf of – and as a member of – the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council.

Sincerely,



J. Kate Burkhardt
Executive Director

cc: William Martin, Chairman

¹ See *Losing the Battle: The Challenge of Military Suicide*, Center for a New American Security (October 2011).

² The age-adjusted rate of suicide for young men age 15-24 in Alaska between 2000-2009 was 56.1/100,000.

From: Sami Velez-Douglas [<mailto:mtsamiyam@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:20 PM

To: Rep. Anna Fairclough

Subject: CSHB21(Fin)

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am currently a graduate student at the University of Alaska in Anchorage pursuing my Masters of Social Work degree. As part of my Policy practice course, I have been following with great interest HB 21 (now known as CSHB21(Fin)). My primary graduate research and professional interests include the analysis and development of innovative community-based programs that provide post-combat resource navigation and trauma/crisis intervention strategies.

I am a veteran of the United States Army and have held the distinct honor of serving as a federal civilian contractor at Fort Wainwright (2007) and a federal civilian employee at Fort Richardson (2008-2010). In my role as a Family Readiness Support Assistant, I worked directly with the command group of a deployable unit at Fort Richardson. Together, we implemented and sustained a comprehensive Family Readiness Program to support nearly 500 Soldiers and their family members through all phases of the unit's two-year deployment cycle -- pre-deployment, mobilization, deployment, and reintegration. Through these experiences, I have learned first-hand -- the challenges of post-combat integration can only be expressed by those who have walked that difficult path.

Combat veteran and military family member voices *must* be heard. I offer my wholehearted support for the inclusion of a *combat* veteran representative on the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for sponsoring this bill, and for your service to the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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