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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/10/12

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 304

HB 304 ALASKA FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL

"An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council."

and recommends:

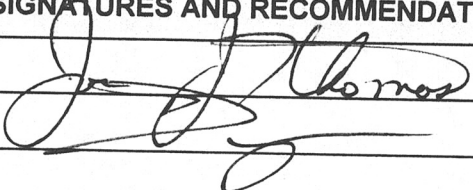

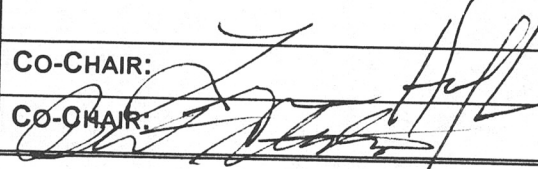

- be replaced with SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LEG
CED	LAW
COR	LWF
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DPS	✓			1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Thomas	✓			
	EGAN	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman				
CO-CHAIR: 	Stedman	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version HB 304
Fiscal Note Number 1
(H) Publish Date 2/22/12

Identifier (file name) HB304-DPS-FSC-02-17-12 Dept. Affected Public Safety
Title ALASKA FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL Appropriation Alaska Fire Standards Council
Sponsor Representative Johnson Allocation Alaska Fire Standards Council
Requester (H) STA OMB Component Number 2428

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					
Personal Services							
Travel	2.2		2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	2.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF	2.2		2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL		2.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

CHANGE IN REVENUES								

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

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (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)

Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared by Gordon Descutner, Council Administrator
Division Fire Standards Council
Approved by Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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Date 2/17/2012

FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 304

Analysis

This bill will add one seat to the Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) and designate one existing firefighter seat under AS 18.70.330(b)(3) to the Alaska Professional Firefighters Association (AKPFFA).

The addition of one seat will increase travel costs related to AFSC meeting attendance. Costs for attendance per AFSC member includes airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and per diem. The average travel cost per attendee is \$1,100 per meeting.

The AFSC meets twice per year; therefore, the increased annual costs of \$2,200 is reflected in this fiscal note.

Alaska House of Representatives

Representative Craig Johnson

House Rules Chairman

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Sponsor Statement for House Bill 304

Alaska Fire Standards Council

"An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council."

House Bill 304 makes three changes to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council (the Council): it designates an existing seat to a member of the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association; it adds a seat that must be filled by a member of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and it reclassifies the existing seat from a "Firefighter Administrative Officer" to a "member of" the Alaska State Firefighters Association.

The mission of the Council is to establish (1) professional standards for fire service personnel and (2) curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs. The 11-member Council must include:

- two chief administrative officers or fire chiefs of local governments;
- four representatives of fire fighters (including at least one fire fighter administrative officer from the Alaska State Fire Fighters Association);
- two volunteer fire fighters (one from a community of less than 2,500; one from a community of greater than 2,500);
- two members of the public at-large (one from a community of less than 2,500; one from a community of greater than 2,500);
- The State Fire Marshall or his/her designee.

The Alaska Professional Fire Firefighters Association (APFFA), which is the Alaska affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters, represents roughly 500 professional career fire fighters throughout the state.

The mission of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) is to serve the people of the State of Alaska by influencing fire and emergency service programs and legislation; advancement of fire and emergency services professionals; and providing for the safety and well-being of fire fighters and their communities.

The mission of the Alaska State Firefighters Association (ASFA) is to serve our members through professionalism and leadership thereby enhancing the Fire/Rescue services of Alaska.

Under HB 304, the Governor appoints one member of the APFFA, one member of the AFCA, and one member of the ASFA to the Council from "a list of at least three nominees submitted by each association."

The intent of HB 304 is to ensure that the APFFA, the AFCA, and the ASFA are represented on the Alaska Fire Standards Council and to guarantee that the designees from these three important statewide firefighting groups can speak with the full confidence of their respective associations.



ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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April 13, 2012

Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau AK, 99801

Reference: HB304 "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council."

Dear Senator Stedman,

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association I would like to ask you to schedule HB304 for a hearing before Senate Finance.

HB304 will accomplish the goal of having all of the state fire service organizations represented on the Alaska Fire Standards Council. The Fire Standards Council establishes the professional standards and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs. We believe the inclusion of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and the Alaska Professional Firefighters Association, along with the Alaska State Firefighters Association will only enhance the ability of this Council to accomplish its mission.

This bill has support from all of the involved organizations including the Alaska Fire Standards Council and there had been no opposition.

I want to thank you for your hard work and encourage you to schedule this bill for a hearing.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief
Immediate Past-President AFCA



State of Alaska
Department of Public Safety
Fire Standards Council

Sean Parnell, Governor
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner

April 4, 2011

Alaska Fire Chief's Association
Chief Jeff Tucker- President
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North Pole, AK 99705

Dear Chief Tucker,

On January 31, 2011 the Alaska Fire Chief's Association (AFCA) solicited support from the Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) for a designated seat on the Council. The AFSC recently reconvened for consideration of this request and passed a motion to support the AFCA in establishing a designated seat. This support is specific to the proposal for the designation of an additional seat (under AS 18.70.330 [b] {1}) for a representative of the AFCA.

The mission of the AFSC is to provide fire service personnel within the state of Alaska realistic and attainable standards to safely and effectively serve Alaskan communities. As the AFSC continues to establish training and performance standards for Alaska's Fire Service, we have a vision that includes maintaining the highest level of professional standards and comprehensive certification program requirements. Overall, we strive to have the greatest positive impact toward the safety and welfare of fire service personnel and their communities.

In review of your request we have concluded that the AFCA would augment our ability to fulfill our mission. This decision is based on the AFCA's continued efforts to enhance fire service leadership, its longstanding support of the AFSC, and its commitment for continued support of the mission of the AFSC. As such, the AFSC endorses the AFCA efforts for the addition of a seat on the Council that is designated for a representative of the AFCA.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Descuthner
AFSC Executive Director

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Buddy Lane
AFSC Chairman

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Greg Coon
AFSC Vice Chairman

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Sean Parnell, Governor
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April 4, 2011

Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association
Thomas Wescott- President
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Dear Mr. Wescott,

On January 31, 2011 the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association (AKPFFA) solicited support from the Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) for a designated seat on the Council. The AFSC recently reconvened for consideration of this request and passed a motion to support the AKPFFA in establishing a designated seat. This support is specific to the proposal for designation of an existing seat (AS 18.70.330 [b] {3}) for a representative of the AKPFFA.

The mission of the AFSC is to provide fire service personnel within the state of Alaska realistic and attainable standards to safely and effectively serve Alaskan communities. As the AFSC continues to establish training and performance standards for Alaska's Fire Service, we have a vision that includes maintaining the highest level of professional standards and comprehensive certification program requirements. Overall, we strive to have the greatest positive impact toward the safety and welfare of fire service personnel and their communities

In review of your request we have concluded that the AKPFFA would augment our ability to fulfill our mission. This decision is based on the AKPFFA's history of active participation in statewide fire service issues and its commitment to support the mission of the AFSC. As such, the AFSC endorses the AKPFFA effort to seek seat designation within an existing seat on the Council.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Descutner
AFSC Executive Director

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Buddy Lane
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Honorable Craig Johnson
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital Room
Juneau AK 99801

Representative Johnson:

My name is Tom Wescott and I'm the President of the Alaska Professional Firefighters Association. The AKPFFA represents roughly 500 firefighters from Kotzebue to Ketchikan and on behalf of these hard workingmen and women I'm writing you today to encourage our Alaska State legislators to support HB 304.

HB 304 will reassign a seat on the Alaska Fire Standards Council to the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association (AKPFFA). We feel the importance behind this reassignment is to better coordinate with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), the parent organization to the AKPFFA, to which the Council references training and certification standards for education here in Alaska. The IAFF has a vast well-respected library of training modules and proven standards that they have compiled for the fire service since 1918. This relationship will open up those paths making it easier for the Council to access this information along with education towards receiving grants that can assist smaller departments with training needs, an obvious benefit for our small town Alaska fire departments.

The seat that the AKPFFA is asking to reassign to their organization is a seat that is represented by a city consisting of a population greater than 2,500. This seat historically has been filled by a firefighter from either the city of Fairbanks or the city of Anchorage, both to which our organization represents.

The AKPFFA has had extensive meetings and discussions with the Standards Council on this legislation. The council is positive on this reassignment knowing it will bring a voice to the table not only representing roughly 500 Alaskan Fire Fighters from some of Alaska's largest cities, but also a valuable tool with international resources for training and standards education.

Thanks for your support on this legislation,

Thomas A. Wescott
President AKPFFA
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February 12, 2012

To: Representative Johnson

Reference: House Bill 304, "An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska Fire Standards Council."

Dear Rep. Johnson,

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chief's Association I want to thank you for sponsoring House Bill 304. HB 304 will allow the Alaska Fire Chief's Association and the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association to join with the Alaska State Firefighters Association in contributing to the success of the Alaska Fire Standards Council.

The Alaska Fire Standards Council's mission is: "To establish professional standards for fire service personnel, and curriculum requirements for the certification of training programs." The mission of the Standards Council's compliments the mission of the Alaska Fire Chief's Association which is: "To serve the people of the State of Alaska by influencing fire and emergency service programs and legislation; advancement of fire and emergency services professionals; and providing for the safety and well-being of firefighters and their communities."

Each of our associations works to improve the fire service in Alaska. The Fire Standards Council has a direct impact on how we provide those services to our residents and visitors. By having a seat on the Council we each would have a representative who would speak for all of the members of our associations and would allow us to better work with the Fire Standards Council in order to accomplish its mission.

The Fire Standards Council and its members unanimously support the inclusion of the Alaska Fire Chief's and Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Associations on the Council and we encourage all legislators to support HB 304.

I would like to again thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Tucker, Fire Chief

Chair, Alaska Fire Chief's Association Legislative Committee

February 23, 2012

Honorable Craig Johnson
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 216
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Representative Johnson,

The Alaska State Firefighters Association supports the changes to the Fire Standards Council that is being presented by HB 304. As a member of the Fire Standards Council at the time the change was presented, I did have some input into these changes. As president of the ASFA I, believe that the change from Administrative Officer to ASFA Member will allow us to continue to have good representation filling on the Fire Standards Council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-738-0601. Thank you.

Sincerely

Robert Dennard,
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