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94</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA27</COMM></TARGET>

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/9/11

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 94

SB 94 SECOND VERSE OF ALASKA'S STATE SONG

"An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song."

and recommends:

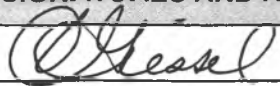
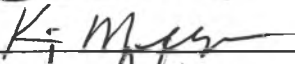



- be replaced with CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- adopt previous CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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 #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	Giessel			X	
	Meyer	X			
	Pasvik	X			
	Kookesh	X			
CHAIR: 	Wielhorski	X			

SB 94: Second Verse of the Alaska State Song

Legislative Intent

Adopted by the Senate State Affairs Committee on March 22, 2011

It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that no additional funds be spent to re-print state publications simply to include the second verse of the Alaska State Song. Instead, re-printing of publications should occur on the schedule it would otherwise have occurred had the second verse not been adopted.

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Memorandum

To: Senator Wielechowski
From: Senator Davis
Date: 3/10/2011
Re: Request for Hearing of SB 94

Enclosed is our committee packet for SB 94 an act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song. I have included a sponsor statement, a copy of the bill, Fiscal notes, and other supplemental information.

Please schedule a committee hearing before the State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. I look forward to moving this bill right along.

Please contact my staff member Pamela Marsch at 465-3822 with any questions or comments regarding this request

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettye Davis".

Senator Bettye Davis

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Senate Bill 94 Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 94 would add a second verse to The Alaska's Flag Song. The late Carol Beery Davis wrote a beautiful second verse, which gives recognition to Alaska Natives and to Benny Benson, who designed the Alaskan flag.

Similar bills have been introduced in the past. Last year The Alaska's Flag Song was performed with both verses as the Senate gaveled in on the first day of session. Also last year, the Senator from District G introduced SB 43. It passed the Senate, but stalled in the House.

This year is the year to join me in supporting a long overdue addition of the second verse to the Alaska Flag Song. By passing this bill you will be recognizing history, our progress as a state and our first people.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number 1
 Bill Version SB 94
 (S) Publish Date 3/9/11

Identifier (file name) SB094-GOV-OMB-3-08-11 Dept. Affected All
 Title Adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song Appropriation _____
 Allocation _____
 Sponsor Senator Davis
 Requester Senate Community and regional Affairs OMB Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

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							
Other (please identify)							
TOTAL	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

Not Applicable, initial version

Prepared by John Boucher, Senior Economist
 Division Office of Management and Budget
 Approved by Karen Rehfeld, Director
Office of Management and Budget

Phone 465-4677
 Date/Time 3/8/2011 2:00pm
 Date 3/8/2011

FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 94

Analysis

The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate.

"Alaska's Flag"

Written by Marie Drake
Composed by Elinor Dusenbury

Adopted on February 23 1955.

[Sheet Music](#) | [MIDI Tune](#) | [Realaudio Song](#)

1st Verse of Alaska's Flag Song

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you,
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
The mountain lakes and the flowers nearby,
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams,
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light,
O'er land and sea a beacon bright,
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.

**2nd Verse of Alaska's Flag Song
-- Words by Carol Beery Davis**

A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars
For Alaska's flag that there be no bars
Among our culture. Let it be known
Through years the Native's past has grown
To share life's treasures, hand in hand,
To keep Alaska our Great-Land;
We love the northern midnight sky,
The mountains, lakes and streams nearby.
The great North Star with its steady light
Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,
With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of the last frontier.

- *Source* : *Alaska Blue Book 1993-94*, 11th ed., Juneau, Department of Education, Division of State Libraries, Archives & Museums.
- Copyright for *Alaska's Flag* is held by the University of Alaska. For further

Origin of Song:

The words to the song Alaska's Flag were written by Marie Drake, The Territorial Legislature adopted Alaska's Flag as Alaska's official song in 1955.

"Alaska's Flag" written by Marie Drake a long-time employee of the Alaska Department of Education, and set to music composed by Elinor Dusenbury, who husband was commander of Chilkoot Barracks at Haines from 1933 to 1936 was adopted as the official state song in 1955, and was gifted to the University of Alaska in April 1960. Carol Beery Davis wrote the second verse to "Alaska's Flag" and gifted the words (protected by copyright) to the University of Alaska Foundation in February 1987.

Carol Beery Davis, an Alaskan pioneer and poet laureate, as the maker of the second verse. While the official Alaska state song recognizes and describes Alaska's flag, the words of Davis in the second verse of "Alaska's Flag", "A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars, For Alaska's flag that there be no bars", provides recognition of Bennie Benson who designed Alaska's official flag in 1927. Benny Benson described his design of the flag:

"The blue field is for the Alaska Sky and the forget-me-not, an Alaskan flower. The North Star is for the future of Alaska, the most northerly in the union. The Dipper is for the Great Bear - symbolizing strength."

Marie Drake:

Marie Drake, author of the words to *Alaska's Flag*, the state song, was born February 11, 1888. In 1907 she married James Drake in Van Wert, Ohio, where she was engaged in social work with the Y.W.C.A. and the Red Cross. They came to Alaska when her husband was assigned to work with the Bureau of Public Roads. In 1917, Lester Henderson was appointed first commissioner of education, and he hired Marie Drake as his secretary. She remained with the Department for 28 years,

information contact the University Archivist at the Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6808.

- Verse 2 by Carol Beery Davis. 1986.

retiring July 1, 1945.

Marie Drake assumed the post of assistant commissioner of education in 1934. She edited and wrote most of the material for the department's *School Bulletin*, that was circulated throughout the territorial school system. The poem that later provided the words for the official state song first appeared on the cover of the October 1935 *School Bulletin*. In recognition of her devotion to the young people of Alaska, Marie Drake received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of Alaska in 1958. She died March 5, 1963.

- *Source : Alaska Blue Book 1993-94, 11th ed., Juneau, Department of Education, Division of State Libraries, Archives & Museums*

HB 117



Incorporated
1983

Denakkanaaga

201 First Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone (907) 452-8251 Ext. 289

August 31, 1984

The Honorable Fran Ulmer
1700 Angus Way
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Ulmer:

Attached is a copy of Resolution 87-01 passed at the Denakkanaaga', Inc. Elders Conference, held June 2-4, 1987 in Northway, Alaska. There were about 300 elders and youth that attended this conference.

We believe this resolution speaks clearly how the Elders feel about the Second stanza of the "Alaska Flag Song".

We are asking for your support on behalf of the Athabascan Elders.

Sincerely,

Don Lee
Executive Director

DL/as
Attachment

Resolution #87-01
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WHEREAS, Denakkanaaga' Inc. represents all the Elders of the Athabascan region, and

WHEREAS, the term "Natives" means anybody born to a certain country or state, and

WHEREAS, the second stanza would pay homage to Alaskan Natives,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denakkanaaga' Inc. support the proposal of adding the second stanza of the Alaska Flag Song to honor all Native Alaskans.

Certification

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Denakkanaaga' Inc. Board of Directors on June 4, 1987, at Northway, Alaska.

[Signature]
Secretary/Treasurer
Denakkanaaga' Inc.

SB 94
BACKGROUND
MATERIAL

Why a second verse for 'Alaska Flag Song'?

Editor's Note: A copy of the following letter to Betty Kjere, secretary of Pioneers of Alaska Auxiliary No. 8 in Fairbanks, was submitted for publication.

Dear Betty:

I have received your letter dated March 27, in which you objected to the adoption of the second verse of the "Alaska Flag Song."

I would like to explain to you why I introduced HB 117 and why I hope you will change your decision to oppose the bill.

No one loves the flag song any more than I do. For many years, I have sung it for groups, meetings, conventions, commencements and even for Gov. Bill Egan's memorial service here in Juneau. I offer the second verse out of deep respect for the first verse and for its recognition of Alaska's history. I believe the second verse complements the first verse and gives recognition not to one ethnic group, but to all Alaskans and their ability to work together in a unified and harmonious way.

The addition of a second verse has been discussed for many years by various groups. At one time, funds were inserted into the House's version of the budget to hold a contest for selecting a second verse. Carol Beery Davis was asked to write another verse to the flag song to recognize the contribution of Native Alaskans, who were here long before you or I, or even the Pioneers. She did so, and offered it as a gift to the State of Alaska. I was asked to support its adoption and to introduce a bill to make it officially recognized by the state. I did so, and it has passed the House.

In order to understand the special significance of this verse, you must know about Carol Beery Davis, a former poet laureate of Alaska. She is a 68-year resident of Juneau. Her husband, Trevor, was born here 94 years ago, and is the only living member of the original selection committee for the design of Alaska's flag, which selected Benny Benson's North Star and Big Dipper (to whom the second verse refers in lines 1 and 2). Carol has written dozens of books about Alaska, including "The Alaska Flag Song" book which is credited with helping to make the song so well-known. I have enclosed a copy of this book. She knew personally both Elnor Duncanson and Mabel Drake, the two women who decided to write the song and offer it to the state, just as Carol

once, is still contributing to her loved state by offering this beautiful verse, a tribute to unity of all Alaskans:

"A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars

For Alaska's flag that there be no bars

Among our cultures..."

She is recognizing history and our progress as a state:

*"Be it known
through years, the Natives' past
has grown.*

To share life's treasures, hand in hand.

To keep Alaska our Great Land."

She is focusing our attention on the natural beauty of our land and reminds us of the treasures of its beauty:

"We love the northern, midnight sky,

The mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.

The great North Star with its steady light

Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,

With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,

The simple flag of a last frontier."

It is hard for me to understand why anyone who has read these words could object to them. It is impossible for me to understand how anyone who knows who Carol Beery Davis is and the contributions she has made to art, music and literature in Alaska could object to her offering this beautiful gift.

Why did this legislator propose HB 117? Out of respect for a beautiful Alaskan lady who has offered a beautiful verse to a beautiful song about a great state.

Sincerely,
Rep. Fran Ulmer
Juneau

Michelle Sydeman

From: Sen. Albert Kookesh
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:13 PM
To: Michelle Sydeman
Subject: FW: HB 94

For the Senate State Affairs members.

From: MARIE OLSON [<mailto:naayadi3@gci.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1:24 PM
To: Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; [Senator Hollis French@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Hollis_French@legis.state.ak.us); Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Joe Thomas; [Senator Bill Weilchowski@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Bill_Weilchowski@legis.state.ak.us)
Subject: HB 94

I am Marie Olson, a member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2 of Juneau. I urge you to please vote for the passage of this bill. It is an historical song that will truly belong to ALL the people in the State of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,
Marie Olson, Member
ANS Camp 2
Juneau, Alaska

A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars

For Alaska's flag that there be no bars

Among our cultures. Be it known

Through years the Natives' past has grown

To share life's treasures, hand in hand,

To keep Alaska our Great Land;

We love the northern, midnight sky,

The mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.

The great North Star with its steady light

Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,

With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,

The simple flag of the last frontier.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number _____
 Bill Version **SB 94**
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) _____ Dept. Affected _____
 Title SB 94 - Second Verse of Alaska's State Song Appropriation _____
 Allocation _____
 Sponsor Senator Davis
 Requester _____ OMB Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CHANGE IN REVENUES								

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

Prepared by SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
 Division _____
 Approved by /s/ Senator Wielechowski, Chair

Phone 465-2435
 Date/Time 3/22/11 8:00 AM
 Date _____

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 94

Analysis

No Fiscal Impact

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 43
 (S) Publish Date: 1/29/10

Identifier (file name): SB043-GOV-OMB-1-26-10 Dept. Affected: All
 Title Adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Sen. Menard
 Requester Sen. Community & Regional Affairs Committee Component Number _____

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								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	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								
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	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation will not have a significant fiscal impact on any State agency.

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 Approved by: Karen Rehfeld, Director
Office of Management and Budget

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