

**SB**

**88**

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# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 88  
Fiscal Note Number: 1  
(S) Publish Date: 4/5/13

Identifier: SB088-DOA-DAS-4-2-13  
Title: ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER HOUSING  
Sponsor: FINANCE  
Requester: Senate Finance

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services  
Allocation: Administrative Services  
OMB Component Number: 46

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
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>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>Change in Revenues</b>								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 35,000.0

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version

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Approved By:	Curtis Thayer, Deputy Commissioner	Date:	04/02/13
	Department of Administration		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 88

**Analysis**

The bill authorizes sale of \$35 million in certificates of participation (COP) and is subject to appropriation obligation of the State of Alaska. The funds will finance construction of a residential housing facility to serve the Anchorage campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center and is the intent that the project be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

An annual debt service on the \$35 million is estimated at \$2.8 million for principal and interest using a 15 year assumption and an interest rate assumption of 2.3%. The estimated total lease payment for the full term of the lease-purchase agreement is estimated at \$42 million.

An annual appropriation in the language section of the operating bill will be made to the debt service fund.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 88  
Fiscal Note Number: 2  
(S) Publish Date: 4/5/13

Identifier: SB088-DHSS-HCMS-4-1-13  
Title: ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER HOUSING  
Sponsor: FINANCE  
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Medicaid Services  
Allocation: Health Care Medicaid Services  
OMB Component Number: 2077

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
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>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1002 Fed Rcpts			3,849.8	3,849.8	3,849.8	3,849.8	3,849.8
1003 G/F Match			(3,849.8)	(3,849.8)	(3,849.8)	(3,849.8)	(3,849.8)
<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>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Approved By: Sarah Woods, Deputy Director  
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Date: 04/01/13

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #2

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 88

**Analysis**

This bill would authorize the State to issue certificates of participation (COP) to finance a lodging facility at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC). This housing would be used to support the expansion of services at ANMC as outlined in the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Business Plan, dated March 27, 2013.

The Department has identified eight components of the ANTHC Business Plan that appear to be directly related to the proposed expansion of residential lodging that could result in the shift of care from non-tribal facilities to tribal facilities. These components are Maternal Child Health, Ophthalmology, ENT, Physical Therapy, General Surgery, Urology, increased Inpatient Day capacity, and Pre-natal Outpatient Medical Services. Under federal Medicaid rules, non-tribal health providers are reimbursed at 50% federal funds for services provided to Indian Health Services beneficiaries while tribal providers are reimbursed at 100% federal funds. By shifting services from non-tribal providers to ANMC, the total cost of services would remain the same, but the federal fund expenditures would increase and general fund expenditure would decrease.

Based on the Business Plan, the Department estimates that federal fund expenditures would increase by \$3,849.8 and general fund match would decrease by \$3,849.8. The Department estimates this change in expenditure source would begin in FY2015.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 88  
Fiscal Note Number: 3  
(S) Publish Date: 4/5/13

Identifier: SB088-DOR-TRS-04-01-13  
Title: ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER HOUSING  
Sponsor: FINANCE  
Requester: (S) FIN

Department: Department of Revenue  
Appropriation: Taxation and Treasury  
Allocation: Treasury Division  
OMB Component Number: 121

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel	15.0						
Services	400.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous	350.0		2,791.6	2,792.5	2,793.7	2,795.7	2,793.9
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>765.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,791.6</b>	<b>2,792.5</b>	<b>2,793.7</b>	<b>2,795.7</b>	<b>2,793.9</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund	350.0		2,791.6	2,792.5	2,793.7	2,795.7	2,793.9
1163 COP	415.0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>765.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,791.6</b>	<b>2,792.5</b>	<b>2,793.7</b>	<b>2,795.7</b>	<b>2,793.9</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial note.

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	Department of Revenue		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #3

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 88

**Analysis**

The bill authorizes sale of \$35 million in certificates of participation (COP), that is a subject to appropriation obligation of the State of Alaska, to finance construction of a residential housing facility to serve the Anchorage campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center. The bill declares an intent for the project to be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. This fiscal note and analysis contemplates 15-year level debt service, a 2.3% interest rate/true interest cost for the COPs, and state subject to appropriation credit ratings of AA+, AA+, and Aa1. The first payment would be interest only in FY14, at an estimated \$350,000, followed by 15 subsequent principal and interest payments approximately \$2.8 million. Following repayment of the COPs ownership of the facility would revert to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Additional financing assumptions include issuing tax exempt certificates of participation between July and September 2013, debt service beginning in FY14 with an interest payment and then principal and interest payments through 2029. Interest earnings on COP proceeds are estimated at \$150,000. Debt issuance costs, estimated at \$415,000, need to be included in the cost of the project. If interest rates go up by 1% the estimated cost of the financing would increase by \$315,000 per year.

It is anticipated that if current capital market conditions hold, the COPs will be issued with a structure generating original issue premium (funds that are generated due to the coupon rates on the COPs being higher than current yield requirements for a particular maturity). The structure and par amount of the COPs will be determined in consideration of any Original Issue Premium to result in the anticipated net deposit of \$35 million, after all costs of issuance are paid, to the project fund.

The operation of the facility will need to be conducted in a fashion that won't jeopardize the tax exempt nature of the COPs.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sponsor Statement – SB 88

"An Act authorizing the state bond committee to issue certificates of participation to finance the construction and equipping of residential housing to serve the Anchorage campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center; and authorizing the Department of Administration to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the benefit of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium."

Senate Bill 88 authorizes the Department of Administration to enter into a lease purchase agreement with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) for construction and equipping of a residential housing facility to be located on the Anchorage campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

The Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Tribal Health System are partners in providing community health care services throughout Alaska. The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), in Anchorage provides comprehensive medical services to 143,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people across the Alaska Native Tribal Health Care system. Patients who need medical services beyond their local health clinic's capacity are referred to ANMC for specialty care services.

Two years ago ANTHC and the Department of Health and Social Services began identifying ways in which working together could result in Medicaid cost savings for the State while providing a more robust array of services offered within the tribal health system. The State of Alaska manages the Medicaid Program. The Federal government and the State split the cost of services for most Medicaid patients 50/50. However, if the Medicaid patient is an Alaska Native/American Indian and receives services in a tribal facility, the State is reimbursed 100% of the cost. This additional 50% reimbursement rate results in significant savings to the State's Medicaid budget.

A key element in providing these health care services is housing. Families who

travel to Anchorage for services must have housing to have meaningful access to care. When the new hospital was built at the Tudor Road campus in 1997, it included a 54 semi-private room facility adjacent to the hospital, the Quayana House. As demand increasingly exceeded the current 110 bed capacity, the ANTHC began contracting with local hotels to provide for additional rooms. Even at increased cost, this still did not meet the demand.

Senate Bill 88 addresses the critical need for patient housing by authorizing \$35 million in State Revenue bonds for construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility with sky bridge access to ANMC. It is not surprising that housing is an integral part of ANMC's plans to increase services in the following areas: Maternal Child Health/NICU expansion, Operating Room Expansion, Endoscopy, Telemedicine Delivery, Advanced Radiology Services, Ophthalmology, ENT, General Surgery, Urology, Emergency Services, and Physical Therapy. Patients who have housing on campus will receive services at ANMC rather than another healthcare facility in the area. Those who are Medicaid eligible will save the State General Fund dollars.

SB 88 anticipates State General Fund Medicaid savings of approximately \$8.8 million per year. This number is likely to increase over the next 10 years due to increased utilization for all health care services provided to Alaska Natives/American Indians. The identified cost savings exceed the amount needed to pay debt service on the bond. It is a solid investment for the State and a good partnership outcome for the Alaska Native Tribal Health System.

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### SB 88 – Sectional Analysis

"An Act authorizing the state bond committee to issue certificates of participation to finance the construction and equipping of residential housing to serve the Anchorage campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center; and authorizing the Department of Administration to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the benefit of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium."

#### Section 1. Expresses the intent of the Legislature that:

1. Certificates of Participation (COP) in the amount of \$35,000,000 be issued to construct and equip a residential housing facility and pedestrian foot bridge on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage by the state bond committee;
2. The title of the facility will remain with the state until the bonds are repaid then transfer to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC);
3. Design, construction, operations, and maintenance are the responsibility of the ANTHC; and
4. Issuance of the COPs is contingent on a memorandum of agreement between the ANTHC and the State of Alaska and payments on the COP is subject to appropriation.

#### Section 2.

- a. Authorizes the Department of Administration to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for a residential housing facility and pedestrian bridge to be constructed, equipped and operated by the ANTHC
- b. Authorizes the state bond committee to issue COPs in the aggregate amount of \$35,000,000 for the project and allows investment income on the proceeds to be used for the project. The estimate annual cost is \$2,800,000 and total lease payment for the term of the agreement is \$42,000,000. It includes costs of issuing the COPs in construction costs.
- c. Permits the state bond committee the ability to contract for services necessary in financing the project.

Section 3. Provides that Section 2 satisfies the legislative approval of a lease-purchase agreement required by AS 36.30.085.



# YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health"

April 10, 2013

Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-chair  
Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee, State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing  
Dear Representatives Stoltze and Austerman:

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, YKHC sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

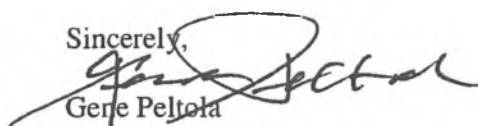
For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend several weeks waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-hospitalization rehabilitative services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

The Senate passed SB88 by a vote of 20 yeas & 0 nays. Senator Pete Kelly, co-chair of Finance did a fine job explaining the bill to members of the Senate. He said in his years of experience we often hear the phrase "we need to spend money to save money." In this case, he believes it is true. The 170 room housing project would be financed with a \$35 million state revenue bond. Once completed, housing on the ANMC campus will allow for expanded services for Medicaid eligible patients. Each time that happens at ANMC instead of a non-tribal facility, the state saves 50% of the Medicaid general fund. Each year approximately \$2.8 million of those savings (estimated at more than \$8 million) will be used to pay the debt service on the bond. When the bond is paid in full, 15 years from now, the property will be transferred to ANTHC.

If you have questions concerning YK's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gene Peltola  
President & CEO



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## Copper River Native Association

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April 1, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair

Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair

Senate Finance Committee

State Capitol

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

Copper River Native Association and its Board of Directors strongly support passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Copper River Native Association sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyan House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

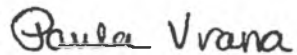
For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend several weeks waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-hospitalization rehabilitative

services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning Copper River Native Association and its Board of Directors position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Vrana".

Paula Vrana  
CEO, Copper River Native Association  
Drawer H  
Copper Center Alaska, 99573  
907-822-5241

St. Paul

St. George

## Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

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Aitu

Nelson Lagoon

False Pass

Belkofski

King Cove

Pavloff Harbor

Sand Point

Unga

Akulatan

Unalaska

Nikolski

Adak

Atka

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

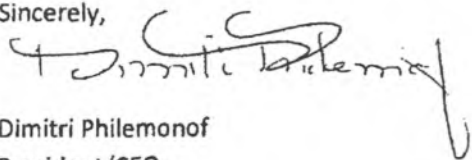
Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend any number of months waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

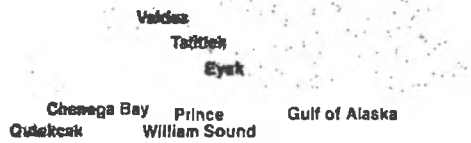
Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-hospitalization rehabilitative services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning our position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at 907-276-2700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dimitri Philemonof". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Dimitri Philemonof  
President/CEO



Port Graham  
Nanwalek

# Chugachmiut

April 01, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

Chugachmiut strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Chugachmiut sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend several weeks waiting to delivery her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

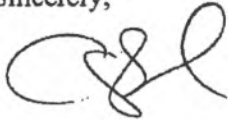
Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-



hospitalization rehabilitative services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning Chugachmiut's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at (907) 334-0153 or via email at [jan@chugachmiut.org](mailto:jan@chugachmiut.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AV', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Angela (Jan) Vanderpool  
Executive Director



Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The Arctic Slope Native Association strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

Campus housing for the tribal health system will ease the anxiety of elders who must travel into a large strange city, especially those for whom English is a second language. With kitchen facilities, extended family will be able to visit and share traditional foods.

For the high risk prenatal mother who can spend 6 weeks waiting to deliver her baby, campus housing will provide a closer community feel than a hotel, and they will have the added bonus of being close to the hospital when they deliver, supplemental prenatal education and supports.

Patients who can be discharged from the hospital but need follow-up care before returning to their home village will benefit from being on campus, close to the services they need. Our trauma patients receive outstanding care at ANMC, but trauma patients often need post-hospitalization rehabilitative services. Patient recovery times are faster when the patient receives the prescribed follow-up on the prescribed schedule.

If you have questions concerning Arctic Slope Native Association/Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Carroll".

Marie Carroll, President/CEO

# COUNCIL ANNETTE ISLANDS RESERVE

VICTOR C. WELINGTON, SR., MAYOR  
DENSA M. YLISEVAL, SECRETARY  
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April 1, 2013

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Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
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Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

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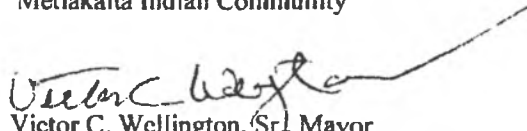
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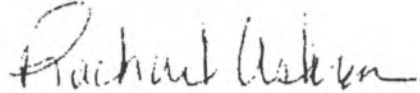
If you have questions concerning the Annette Island Service Unit's (Metlakatla Indian Community) position in support of this most important bill; please feel free to contact my office at 907-886-4441 or 907-886-5810.

Sincerely,

Metlakatla Indian Community

  
Victor C. Wellington, Sr., Mayor

Annette Island Service Unit

  
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Service Unit Director



# Alaska Native Health Board

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Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center. ANHB is a statewide organization representing tribes and tribal organizations carrying out health services on behalf of the 229 federally-recognized tribes in the state of Alaska.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, the Alaska Native Health Board represents tribal health organizations that send patients whose medical needs are beyond their capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

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If you have questions concerning ANHB's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lincoln A. Bean Sr.".

Lincoln Bean, Sr.  
Chairman, Alaska Native Health Board

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Clark's Point  
Dillingham  
Egegik  
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Igikugik  
Ilamna  
Ivanof Bay  
Kanatak  
King Salmon  
Krugank  
Kokhanok  
Kallganek  
Levelock  
Manokotak  
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New Stuyahok  
Newhalen  
Nondalton  
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Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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If you have questions concerning our position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at; (907)842-5201.

Sincerely,  
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Robert J. Clark  
President/CEO

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**Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing**

**Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:**

The Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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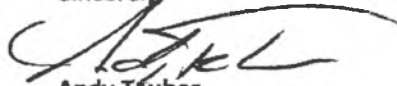
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If you have questions concerning KANA's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely



Andy Teuber  
President and CEO



SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

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April 1, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
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Senate Finance Committee  
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Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170-bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

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If you have questions concerning Southcentral Foundation position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at this number 1-907-729-4938.

Sincerely,  
Southcentral Foundation



Katherine Gottlieb MBA, DPS (h.c.)  
President/CEO

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Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

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If you have questions concerning Tanana Chiefs Conference position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Victor Joseph, Director Health Services



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Monday, April 01, 2013

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Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Senators Meyer and Kelly:

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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If you have questions concerning YKHC's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at 907-543-6020.

Sincerely,

Gene Peltola, CEO and President  
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation



April 8, 2014

Representative William Stoltze, Co-Chair  
Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Re: Support for SB 88—Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Representatives *Stoltze* and *Austerman*:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council writes this letter in support of SB 88, introduced by the Senate Finance Committee. The bill authorizes the Department of Administration to enter into a lease purchase agreement with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for construction of a 170 room patient housing facility for the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC).


Over half of the people who receive health care from ANMC travel from outside of Anchorage to access health services. This residential facility is crucial for long term services for rural patients, such as chemotherapy, high risk prenatal care, post-hospitalization rehabilitative services for trauma patients, and infusion and radiation therapy, and other outpatient specialty medical care.

Furthermore, Alaska Native and American Indian people, who are also Medicaid beneficiaries, save the State 100% federal match (FMAP) every time they are seen in a tribal facility like ANMC, jointly operated by ANTHC and SCF. Based upon ANMC's increased capacity, a savings of \$8.8 million in general funds is estimated.

Senate Bill 88 is scheduled for a Senate floor vote on Monday, April 8. We urge the full support of the Senate for this legislation, and encourage quick passage in the House of Representatives before adjournment of the first legislative session.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Gloria O'Neill  
President/CEO

cc: Bush Caucus

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Sincerely,

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Victor Joseph, Director Health Services

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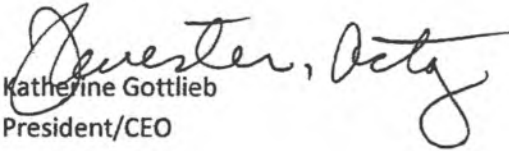
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Katherine Gottlieb  
President/CEO

Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-chair  
Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing

Dear Representatives Stoltze and Austerman:

The Norton Sound Health Corporation strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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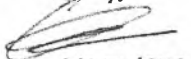
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If you have questions concerning NSHC's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

  
President /CEO

Angie Gorn



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April 9, 2013

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House Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Dear Representatives Stoltze and Austerman:

Mt Sanford Tribal Consortium strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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If you have questions concerning MSTC's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Beeter, President/CEO

# Maniilaq Association

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Kotzebue, Alaska 99752  
(907) 442-3311

April 9, 2013

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Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
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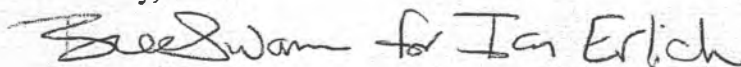
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If you have questions concerning Maniilaq's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,



Ian Erlich, President  
Maniilaq Association

## Member Villages

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April 9, 2013

Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-chair  
Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**Re: Support for SB 88 – Alaska Native Medical Center Housing**

Dear Representatives Stoltze and Austerman:

The Kodiak Area Native Association strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

As part of the Alaska Tribal Health System network, the Kodiak Area Native Association sends patients whose medical needs are beyond our capacity into Anchorage for specialty clinic appointments and hospitalization. Coordination of patient appointments includes planning for travel and housing. With limited capacity at the current Quyana House and the challenge of placing people who travel into local hotels, dependent on taxi services, our region strongly supports construction of the on-campus facility.

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If you have questions concerning the Kodiak Area Native Association's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Andy Teuber  
President and CEO



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If you have questions concerning the Alaska Native Elder Health Advisory Committee's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

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Dear Representatives Stoltze and Austerman:

The Arctic Slope Native Association strongly supports passage of SB 88, which will bring construction of a 170 bed residential housing facility on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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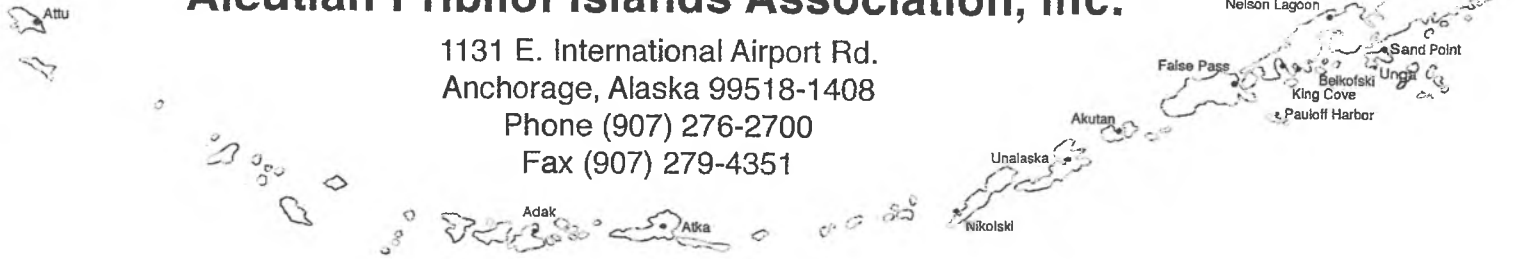
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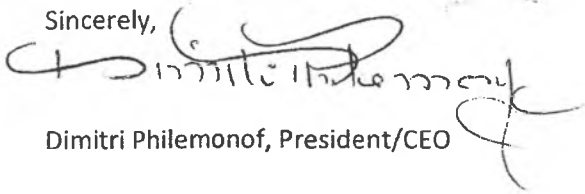
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If you have questions concerning Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me 907-276-2700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dimitri Philemonof". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dimitri Philemonof, President/CEO



## *Access to Care:* Expanding lodging for patients at Alaska Native Medical Center

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage provides comprehensive medical services to 140,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people across the Alaska Tribal Health System.



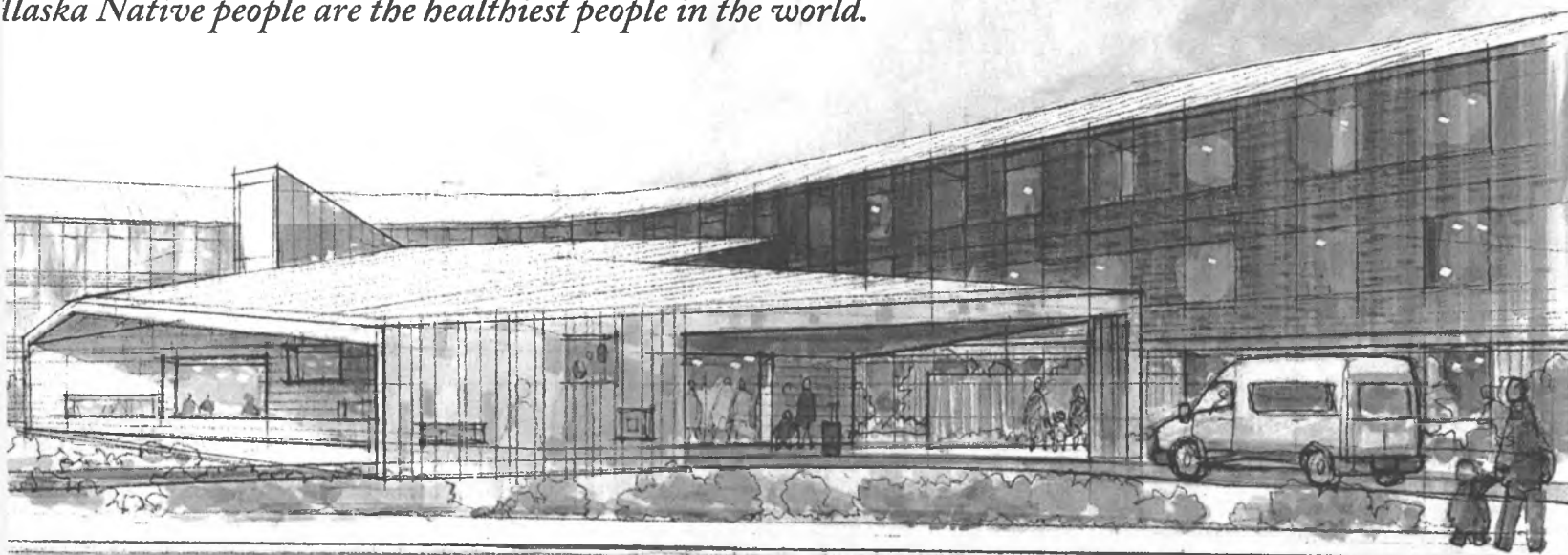
**M**ore than half of our patients travel from outside Anchorage to access a broad variety of health services. A lack of supportive housing limits our ability to provide the very best care to our patients and their families. Our families who travel to Anchorage for health services must have housing have meaningful access to care.

Patients may delay care or not complete their recommended plan of care due to a simple lack of housing. Providers sometimes admit patients to the hospital to ensure they receive appropriate supportive care, but this comes at a higher cost. Our priorities are expanding services and support for our people who need care and providing an environment that facilitates their recovery so they can return home.

**We need your help. We do not have housing to meet current and future demands to provide this access to care. With your support, we can provide more services and build a 170-room patient lodging facility on ANMC's campus to meet the needs of our people.**

# *Our Vision:*

*Alaska Native people are the healthiest people in the world.*



*Facility Exterior*



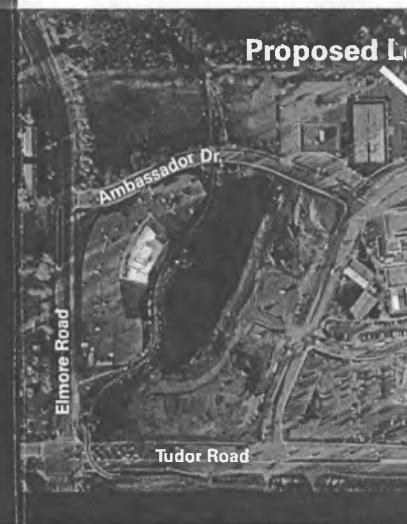
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**B**efore moving to its Tudor Road campus in 1997, ANMC had just 15 rooms available on a priority basis for our patient and escort stays. It wasn't enough. Since, ANMC's Quyana House has offered 54 semi-private rooms adjacent to the hospital for our patients and their escorts so they have ready access to care. Demand often spikes above the Quyana House's 110-bed capacity. We contract with a local hotel to accommodate all of our patients' needs. This still isn't enough. More rooms will improve access to care.

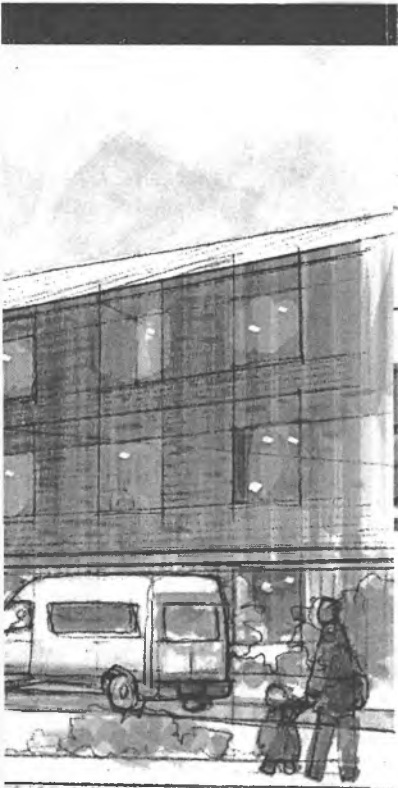
**One of our greatest challenges is that the Alaska Native Tribal health care system only receives half of the funds needed for basic health care. Despite that, ANMC continues to provide world-class care.**



## Proposed Lo

Elmore Road

Tudor Road



Facility Exterior



Lobby Interior

**Meeting patients' needs:**

- Outpatient specialty medical care
- Expectant mothers and their families
- Infusion and radiation therapy
- X-rays, MRIs, and CTs
- Children and their parents

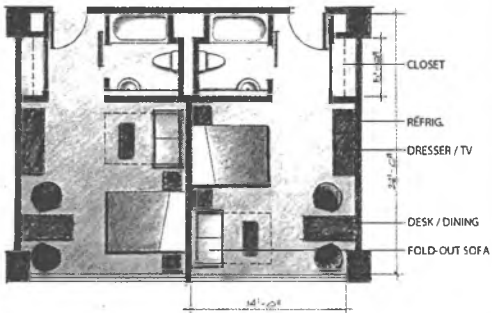
**Facility amenities:**

- 170 rooms
- Shared kitchens
- Gathering area
- Dining area
- In-room sleeper sofas



**Proposed Location**

Alaska Native Medical Center



Room Layouts

**ANMC patients benefit from:**

**Increased capacity:**  
170 rooms triples our current capacity.

**Better access:**  
Patient lodging will be located on campus and will provide direct access to the hospital for elders, expectant mothers, and our other patients.

**Increased care for expectant mothers:**

For our high-risk pregnancies from other regions, ANMC is their home away from home. The expectant mothers must come to Anchorage for the last 4-6 weeks of their pregnancy so they have immediate access to their hospital care. They also receive education and access to health programs. Currently our expectant mothers primarily stay in hotels across Anchorage at significant expense.

**Expanded opportunity:**

This lodging facility allows for further development of a progressive housing model which cares for our community of children to elders.

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## *Our Mission:*

*Providing the highest quality health services in partnership with our people and the Alaska Tribal Health System.*

### ANMC by the numbers\*:

Serving **140,000** Alaska Native people

**7,286** inpatient admissions

**1,560** babies born

**333** full-time physicians

**152** Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners

**443** Magnet<sup>®</sup> nurses

**383,317** outpatient visits

**55,982** Emergency Department visits

**22,988** surgical procedures performed

**2,078** ANTHC employees working to meet our vision of Alaska Native people being the healthiest people in the world.

*\*2011 figures*



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April 9, 2013

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If you have questions concerning ANHB's position in support of this bill, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Bean, Sr.  
Chairman, Alaska Native Health Board