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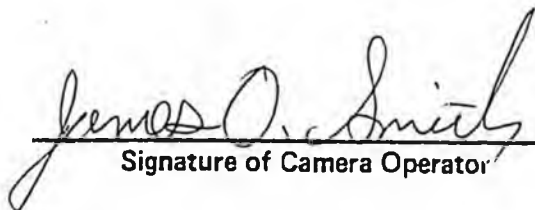
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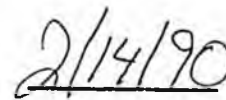


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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

6/27/77

May 11, 1977 Date

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Shannon _____

Hargrett _____

MEMBERS NOT CONCURRING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT:

21 recommends: No Rec

Rhode recommends: No Rec

Ferguson recommends: No Rec

Ferguson
Vice Chairman

Introduced: 3/28/77
Referred: Health, Education &
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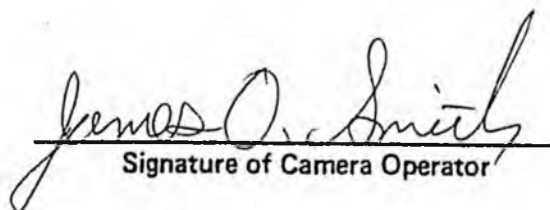
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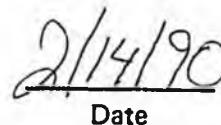


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SENATE

5/25/77

May 25 1977 Date

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...
...

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_____ recommends: _____

John C. ...
Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill 407

Title An Act relating to emergency medical services.

Requested by _____ Date 4/6/77

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services

Program Category Affected Learning and Research

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Emergency Medical Services

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL		11.3	12.4	13.6	14.9	16.3
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		11.3	12.4	13.6	14.9	16.3

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS		11.3	12.4	13.6	14.9	16.3
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

This legislation will not affect the current and proposed Emergency Medical Services BRU. Budget figures on this fiscal note reflect costs for State EMS Advisory Council meetings. Projected figures for FY 79 - FY 82 are based on a 10% inflation factor.

Projected Travel: Attend quarterly board meetings, 24 trips (4 meetings X average 6 council members travelling; X \$375 per trip (average air fare \$275 plus 2 days per diem @ \$50/day) \$9,000

1 council member to attend 1 regional and 2 national symposia. 3 trips X \$750 per trip. 2,250

IV. DATE 4/6/77

PREPARED BY Janice Oates

AGENCY Emergency Medical Services

Original: Legislative Finance

PHONE 465-3027

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) Starke Hubbard

HOUSE BILL 407

"An Act relating to emergency medical services; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 407 establishes an Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health and Social Services to advise the Department on policy matters related to developing and maintaining a statewide emergency medical services system in the State of Alaska. The bill also establishes the responsibility of providing emergency medical services as a function of the Department of Health and Social Services.

The Department strongly supports the creation of an Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to advise the Commissioner on policies and standards to be pursued by the EMS system. The Council will provide the EMS program with the necessary public input to ensure that it meets the needs of the people of the state and the particular problems unique to Alaska. The Council will also meet the requirements of federal law mandating public participation in support of the system. The Council will be relied upon to designate committees to provide the necessary technical assistance to the EMS Section in the various areas such as training, communications, transportation, facilities and critical care areas. House Bill 407 proposes to make the EMS Advisory Council a Committee of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). As the SHCC Council will have budgetary review authority over monies distributed under the Public Health Service Act (which incorporates the EMS program), it would appear logical to mandate a continuing relationship between the two bodies.

The Department also supports establishing statutory authority for emergency medical services functions within the Department. Many state and local agencies have direct or indirect involvement in EMS activities. The identification of the Department of Health and Social Services as the lead coordinating agency for all efforts aimed at improving emergency medical services will facilitate system improvement and avoid duplication of effort. Secondly, the Department requires the authority to award grants. Under the present system, only cost-reimbursable contracts may be used to support the regions with EMS grant money as directed by DHEW. This is an administratively cumbersome process that demands a substantial portion of both EMS staff time and Departmental fiscal services time. It also presents cash flow problems to the contractors who must spend their own funds before they can receive payment. The grant mechanism would permit advance payment and substantially reduce the administrative costs of this program.

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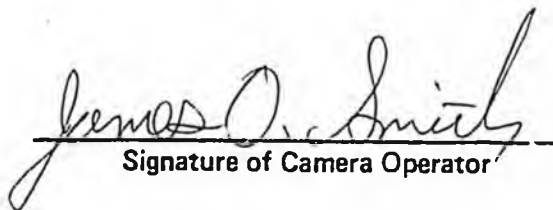
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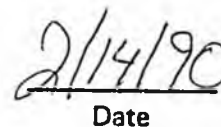


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BY MILES AND GRUENING

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HOUSE BILL NO. 408

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for making a grant to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center; and providing for an effective date."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$92,975 is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of making a
13 grant to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to be used

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(1) to purchase and install X-ray equipment; and

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(2) to pay for one year's operation of the X-ray equipment,

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including the salary of an X-ray technician.

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* Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of this appropriation
18 lapses into the general fund June 30, 1978.

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

4/26/77

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_____	recommends:	_____
_____	recommends:	_____
_____	recommends:	_____

_____ Chairman

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MEMBERS SIGNING THE MAJORITY REPORT:

<u>Archie Burtis</u>	<u>do pass</u>	<u>Charles Pan</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>
<u>Al Ose</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____	_____
<u>T. Buchheit</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____	_____
<u>R. D. E. Pelly</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____	_____

MEMBERS NOT CONCURRING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT:

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

Al Ose
Chairman

3841
McKenzie

Introduced: 3/29/77
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MILES AND GRUENING

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 408

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Health and Social Services for making a grant
8 to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center; and pro-
9 viding for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. The sum of \$92,975 is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of making a
13 grant to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center to be used

14 (1) to purchase and install X-ray equipment; and

15 (2) to pay for one year's operation of the X-ray equipment,

16 including the salary of an X-ray technician.

17 * Sec. 2. The unexpended and unobligated portion of this appropriation
18 lapses into the general fund June 30, 1978.

19 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

TENTH.. Legislature FIRST.. Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 408

By MILES AND CRUENING

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Health and Social Services for making a grant to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center; and providing for an effective date."

H&S grant to Anch. Neighborhood

Introduced in the House 3-29-1977

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

19 77
Mar. 29

Read first time and referred to Committee on H&S and Finance

Reported back with recommendation that

Read second time and

Read third time and

PASS	Effective Date
Yeas	Yeas
Nays	Nays
Absent	Absent
Excused	Excused

Reconsideration

PASS	Effective Date
Yeas	Yeas
Nays	Nays
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Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by Speaker
Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

19

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Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by President
Returned to House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

19

Received from Senate

Concurred in Senate amendment thus adopting:

Failed to concur in Senate amendment; asked Sen. to recede

Senate receded from amendment

Senate failed to recede from amendment

FCC appointed by House

FCC appointed by Senate

FCC adopted

To enrolling

Reported correctly enrolled

Sent to Governor

..... by Governor

Filed with Lt. Governor

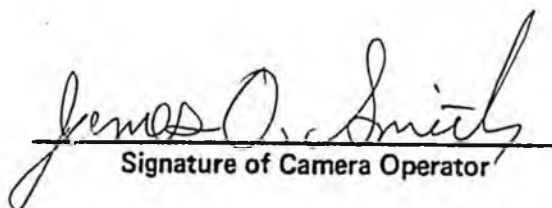
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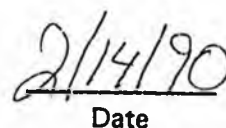


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Original sponsor: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to catastrophic illness; and providing
7 for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 3. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS ASSISTANCE.

11 Sec. 47.08.010. REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDERS. According to the
12 provisions of this chapter, the Department of Health and Social Services
13 shall reimburse providers of medical care for unpaid costs incurred in
14 the treatment of a person suffering an illness or accident which results
15 in financial catastrophe to the person or his family.

16 Sec. 47.08.020. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS COMMITTEE. There is created
17 the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review of-
18 ficer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a member ap-
19 pointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a
20 representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
21 appointed by the governor.

22 Sec. 47.08.030. NOTICE. The committee shall enlist the assistance
23 of medical providers in making the public aware of the catastrophic
24 illness assistance program.

25 Sec. 47.08.040. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE. An application for
26 financial assistance under this chapter may be filed by a person who has
27 suffered catastrophic illness or by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian
28 of that person, or by any other interested party with the written
29 consent of the person who has suffered the catastrophic illness.

Sec. 47.08.050. SERVICES EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE. Annually, the committee shall determine in light of appropriated funds and expected need the medical expenses reimbursable under this chapter, except that the following are not reimbursable:

- (1) dentistry and optometry unless prescribed by a licensed dentist or physician as medically necessary as the result of the injury or illness;
- (2) elective medical or surgical procedures;
- (3) drugs and medications not prescribed by a licensed physician;
- (4) services received as a result of a pregnancy or birth without unusual complications;
- (5) private psychological or psychiatric treatment or private alcoholism treatment, unless not available from public agencies or programs;
- (6) chiropractic services;
- (7) services not of a medical nature;
- (8) medical services currently provided to persons in the custody of the division of corrections;
- (9) costs incurred before July 1976.

Sec. 47.08.060. CALCULATION OF APPLICANT'S SHARE. (a) As frequently as necessary the committee shall adopt, in light of appropriated funds and expected need, a formula to be used in determining the applicant's share of total medical expenses incurred as a result of a catastrophic illness, based on the applicant's annual gross income, number of dependents, amount of assets, and forthcoming third-party payments, all considered in light of the requirement that the applicant's share will be paid to the provider on a payment schedule covering a period of at least three years.

4 (b) For the purposes of applying the formula to determine the
5 applicant's share, multiple catastrophic illness occurring within a
6 12-month period to the applicant or other members of the applicant's
7 family shall be treated as one catastrophic illness.

8 (c) In applying the formula to determine the applicant's share,
9 the total gross income and the total assets of the family of the appli-
10 cant may be taken into account, with the following exceptions:

- 11 (1) the applicant's permanent place of abode;
- 12 (2) one noncommercial vehicle;
- 13 (3) tools, equipment, vehicles and other assets required in a
14 trade or business;
- 15 (4) ordinary household and personal effects;
- 16 (5) \$1,000 of liquid assets;
- 17 (6) all nonliquid assets unless such an exclusion would bring
18 about an inequitable result; however, all income derived from such pro-
19 perty shall be taken into consideration in determining the recipient's
20 gross income;
- 21 (7) inalienable shares in a Native corporation created under
22 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 92-203; 43 U.S.C. 1601
23 et seq., for the period of their inalienability as specified in the Act;
- 24 (8) Alaska longevity bonus payments;
- 25 (9) any other assets specifically restricted for the use of
26 the recipient by state or federal law.

27 (d) Assets received by the applicant as a custodian, guardian,
28 conservator, or trustee for another are not considered assets of the
29 custodian, guardian, conservator, or trustee himself.

30 (e) The applicant's share shall be reduced in the amount of any
31 premiums paid for disability insurance or a prepaid medical plan up to
32 \$500 if incurred in the 12-month period beginning with the occurrence of

1 the injury or the onset of the illness.

2 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the committee
3 may waive payment of an applicant's share when the catastrophic illness
4 is the proximate result of an immunization required by law.

5 Sec. 47.08.070. STANDARDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO PROVIDERS. The
6 amount that the committee reimburses providers for medical services
7 rendered to a person who has suffered catastrophic illness may not be
8 greater than 100 per cent of the total unpaid bills related to the
9 catastrophic illness and shall be determined by the following standards:

10 (1) Only unpaid medical expenses for periods not to exceed 12
11 months, and related to catastrophic illness, may be considered. The
12 initial 12-month period begins with the date of the first charges in-
13 curred because of the illness.

14 (2) The committee may not reimburse a provider if the appli-
15 cant's total medical expenses related to the catastrophic illness are
16 less than \$1,000 in any period not exceeding 12 months described in (1)
17 of this section after all sources of third-party payment have been ex-
18 hausted by the applicant or by someone acting on behalf of the appli-
19 cant.

20 (3) The committee may not reimburse a provider for the appli-
21 cant's share of the total medical expenses; moreover, a reimbursement to
22 the provider shall be conditioned on the provider's agreement that the
23 provider enter into a payment schedule with the applicant which will
24 result in full liquidation of the applicant's share. Payment schedules
25 may not be for a term of less than three years.

26 Sec. 47.08.080. RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION BY COMMITTEE. The
27 committee shall promptly notify an applicant of its decision with writ-
28 ten reasons for the amount of the award or denial. An applicant who is
29 dissatisfied with a decision of the committee may apply to the committee

1 for reconsideration within 30 days of receipt of the decision. The
2 request for reconsideration must include a written statement of grounds
3 for reconsideration and any supporting documentation which was not
4 available to the committee for its original decision. Within 30 days
5 after receipt of a request for reconsideration, the committee shall
6 affirm, amend, or reverse its original decision. The committee shall
7 promptly notify the applicant of its decision upon reconsideration with
8 written reasons for its action. Information describing hearing rights
9 and procedures must be furnished with the written notification of de-
10 nial.

11 Sec. 47.08.090. HEARING. An applicant who is dissatisfied with
12 the committee's decision upon reconsideration may request a hearing in
13 accordance with procedures established under AS 47.25.180.

14 Sec. 47.08.100. FINALITY OF DECISIONS. Decisions as to catas-
15 trophic illness awards are final

16 (1) 30 days after the applicant receives the committee's
17 decision unless a reconsideration is requested during that time;

18 (2) 30 days after the applicant receives the committee's
19 decision upon reconsideration unless a hearing is requested during that
20 time;

21 (3) 15 days after the applicant receives the hearing author-
22 ity's decision if that decision is not appealed to the director during
23 that time;

24 (4) upon being notified of the decision of the director if an
25 appeal is taken to the director under AS 47.25.180;

26 Sec. 47.08.110. EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS. Time limits for recon-
27 sideration or for requesting an appeal may be extended, at the dis-
28 cretion of the committee, upon application or upon the committee's own
29 motion. A request for reconsideration or for a hearing shall be con-

sidered made on the date when the request is dispatched rather than the date when it is received by the committee.

Sec. 47.08.120. RECOVERY FROM A COLLATERAL SOURCE. If the applicant or a provider receives payment from any other source for medical expenses which have been paid by the committee, the applicant or provider is liable to the committee in the amount of that payment. An application may not be considered by the committee unless the applicant agrees to this provision. A provider may not be paid by the committee under this chapter unless the provider agrees to this provision.

Sec. 47.08.130. REGULATIONS. The department may adopt regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, which establish rates of reimbursement to providers for medical expenses incurred, as well as other regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 47.08.140. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "applicant" means a person who has suffered a catastrophic illness and is applying for assistance under this chapter or is the subject of an application for assistance under this chapter;

(2) "applicant's share" means the amount of the total medical expense related to the catastrophic illness which the committee determines the applicant can reasonably be expected to pay based on income, assets, and number of dependents under sec. 60 of this chapter;

(3) "catastrophic illness" means illness or injury which result in medical expenses of over \$1,000 during a period not to exceed 12 months, after all other sources of third-party payment have been exhausted;

(4) "committee" means the Catastrophic Illness Committee, created under sec. 20 of this chapter;

(5) "elective medical or surgical procedures" means treatment

1 which is not essential to the life or health of a person;

2 (6) "family" means two or more persons related by blood or
3 marriage or adoption living as one economic unit;

4 (7) "liquid assets" means assets which can be readily con-
5 verted to cash;

6 (8) "medical expense" means any financial obligation incurred
7 in the course of treatment of illness as prescribed by a physician, in-
8 cluding bills for ancillary services, patient transportation, transpor-
9 tation of a medical or family escort when reasonably necessary, or
10 living expenses while receiving outpatient treatment in a community to
11 which the applicant is not reasonably able to commute from his permanent
12 place of abode;

13 (9) "nonliquid assets" means all assets which are not liquid
14 assets;

15 (10) "permanent place of abode" means a dwelling, or a dwell-
16 ing unit in a multiple dwelling, including lots and outbuildings or an
17 appropriate portion of these, which are necessary to convenient use of
18 the dwelling unit;

19 (11) "provider" means a licensed physician, pharmacist, den-
20 tist, or other health service worker or a licensed hospital, clinic,
21 skilled nursing home, intermediate care facility or health maintenance
22 organization which has provided services not excluded by sec. 50 of this
23 chapter to an applicant as a result of a catastrophic illness;

24 (12) "third-party payments" means payments of medical expenses
25 related to a catastrophic illness by sources other than the applicant or
26 the committee, including but not limited to state and federal medical
27 assistance programs, private health insurance, employment-related health
28 insurance, military health insurance, workmen's compensation, violent
29 crimes compensation, Indian Health Service of the United States Depart-

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SCS for CS for House Bill 409
 Title Catastrophic Illness
 Requested by Senate Finance Date 3-15-78

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Public Assistance Administration & Support

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES			24.7	25.9	27.5	28.6
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL			6.7	7.0	7.4	7.7
400 COMMODITIES			.5	.5	.4	.4
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL			31.7	33.2	35.1	36.7

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
GENERAL FUND			31.7	33.2	35.1	36.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
FULL TIME			1	1	1	1
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

One staff position to handle the administrative and clerical supporting function to the claims review committee would involve an Administrative Assistant II. Offices would be in Juneau.

This staff position is needed to handle all day to day administrative and clerical duties necessary to administer the catastrophic illness program. This position would be required to handle all correspondence, request for information, investigation of applications, preparation and distribution of information, certify and code all billing for payment, keep accurate up to date records of appropriation expenditures and prepare each applicant file with pertinent facts written up for the Committee to review. The Catastrophic Illness Committee of three persons appointed by the Governor to review and make determinations on all applications meets twice monthly. The members all hold full time positions in various departments of the State and cannot administer the program without this support.

IV. DATE March 15, 1978 PREPARED BY Randy Moore & Rita Hamilton
 AGENCY Health & Social Services-Div. of Public Assistance
 Original: Legislative Finance PHONE 465-5364
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FY 79

100	Personal Services		24.7
	1 PFT position- Administrative Assistant II - 14A		
	1606 x 12 mo. = 19,272 + 3324 (17.25%) + 1143(Fica) +986(11th Ins)		
300	Contractual		6.7
310	Communications		
	Telephone	.5	
	Postage	<u>1.0</u>	
			1.5
320	Printing & Advertising		2.0
	(Information pamphlets, applications and forms)		
364	Equipment Rental - Word Processing		3.2
	1 Mag Card II - 269.50/mo x 12		<u>3.2</u>
400	Commodities		.3
	General office consumables and minor supplies		
			<u>.3</u>
	Total FY 79 Expenditures		31.7

An inflation figure of 5% annually was utilized in computation of future fiscal years.

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Tenth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CS for HB 409 (Finance)

Title: Catastrophic Illness

Requested by: Peter P. ...

Date: 5/20/77

Return Date Requested: ASAP

Agency: Department of Health & Social

Program: Health

Services

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: General Relief Medical

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		20.0	21.0	22.0	23.1	24
200 TRAVEL		4.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2
400 COMMODITIES		1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1
500 EQUIPMENT		3.0	5	5	5	
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		30.0	28.8	30.2	31.7	33

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		30.0	28.8	30.2	31.7	33
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

A two person part time staff to handle the administrative and clerical supporting function to the claims review committee would involve an Administrative Assistant III (part time) and a Clerk Typist III (part time). Offices would be located in Juneau.

No provision has been made in the above for claims. This is normally included in the Governor's requested budget. The Request for FY 78 is \$450,000.

An inflation figure of 5% annually was utilized in computation of future fiscal years.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 5/20/77

PREPARED BY:

Don Kemp, Acting Director
Division of Public Assistance

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management

Handwritten signature: Donald Kemp

Original sponsors: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

Offered: 5/21/77
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to catastrophic illness; and providing
7 for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 08. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS ASSISTANCE.

11 Sec. 47.08.010. REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDERS. According to the
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13 shall reimburse providers of medical care for unpaid costs incurred in
14 the treatment of a person suffering an illness or accident which results
15 in financial catastrophe to the person or his family.

16 Sec. 47.08.015. REIMBURSEMENT OF APPLICANTS. Subject to the pro-
17 visions of sec. 30 of this chapter, the committee may, in its discretion,
18 reimburse a person who has suffered a catastrophic illness for certain
19 medical bills already paid when the person or his family has sold a home
20 or the assets of a trade or business in order to pay these bills. The
21 burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the funds derived from
22 the sale of the home or assets were used to pay medical bills resulting
23 from a catastrophic illness.

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25 the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review of-
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5 health care coverage from all other sources. Other sources include, but
6 are not limited to, state and federal medical assistance programs,
7 private health insurance, employment-related health insurance, military
8 health insurance, workmen's compensation, violent crimes compensation,
9 and Indian Health Service. In order not to exceed the budget appro-
10 priated by the legislature, the committee shall establish priorities for
11 those eligible for assistance under this chapter. The committee may not
12 make reimbursement for costs incurred before July 1, 1976.

13 Sec. 47.08.035. NOTICE. The Catastrophic Illness Committee shall
14 seek the assistance of medical providers to assure that the public is
15 aware of the catastrophic illness assistance program.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.255 is repealed.

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18 070(c).

Introduced: 3/29/77
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY BUCHHOLDT, BEIRNE, BRADLEY,
COTTEN, GARDINER, MCKINNON,
OSTERBACK AND RUDD

1 IN THE HOUSE

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4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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13 persons suffering catastrophic illness. If (1) costs of a catastrophic
14 illness were paid by the person suffering the illness or by a parent,
15 spouse, child or other person related by blood to that person; (2) debt
16 was incurred to pay all or part of the cost; and (3) the debt has not
17 been fully repaid, the person paying the costs shall be reimbursed the
18 allowable cost to the extent of any payment made by that person. The
19 determination of allowable costs and levels of reimbursement shall be
20 made by the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical
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Original sponsors: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

Offered: 5/9/77
Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409

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Signature of Camera Operator

2/14/90
Date

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

5/9/77

Date

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HR 409

under consideration. A majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it do pass
- recommends it do not pass
- recommends it do pass with attached amendment(s)
- recommends it be replaced with CS for HR 409 and that CS for HR 409 do pass
- (and) recommends it be referred to the _____ committee
- reports it back without recommendation
- AND attaches a report of its intent
- (other) see original notes (see over)

MEMBERS SIGNING THE MAJORITY REPORT:

McSparr _____

J. Hangan _____

MEMBERS NOT CONCURRING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT:

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 409 (Finance)
 Title Catastrophic Illness
 Requested by _____ Date _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected Dept. of Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected Health
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected General Relief Medical

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		20.0				
200 TRAVEL		4.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0				
400 COMMODITIES		1.0				
500 EQUIPMENT		3.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		30.0				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		30.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME		2				
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

IV. DATE 5/19/77 PREPARED BY House Finance Committee
 AGENCY _____
 PHONE _____
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

SB 50

Original sponsors: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to catastrophic illness; and providing
7 for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 08. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS ASSISTANCE.

11 Sec. 47.08.010. REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDERS. According to the
12 provisions of this chapter, the Department of Health and Social Services
13 shall reimburse providers of medical care for unpaid costs incurred in
14 the treatment of a person suffering an illness or accident which results
15 in financial catastrophe to the person or his family.

16 Sec. 47.08.015. REIMBURSEMENT OF APPLICANTS. The committee may,
17 in its discretion, reimburse a person who has suffered a catastrophic
18 illness for certain medical bills already paid when the person or his
19 family has sold a home or the assets of a trade or business in order to
20 pay these bills. The burden of proof is on the applicant to show that
21 the funds derived from the sale of the home or assets were used to pay
22 medical bills resulting from a catastrophic illness.

23 Sec. 47.08.020. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS COMMITTEE. There is created
24 the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical review of-
25 ficer from the Department of Health and Social Services, a member ap-
26 pointed by the governor who has suffered a catastrophic illness, and a
27 representative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development
28 appointed by the governor.

29 Sec. 47.08.030. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. The Catastrophic

1 Illness Committee shall determine eligibility, allowable costs and
2 levels of reimbursement. It shall make reasonable classifications of
3 persons according to the size of family, family income and assets, and
4 health care coverage from all other sources. Other sources include, but
5 are not limited to, state and federal medical assistance programs,
6 private health insurance, employment-related health insurance, military
7 health insurance, workmen's compensation, violent crimes compensation,
8 and Indian Health Service. In order not to exceed the budget appro-
9 priated by the legislature, the committee shall establish priorities for
10 those eligible for assistance under this chapter.

11 Sec. 47.08.035. NOTICE. The Catastrophic Illness Committee shall
12 seek the assistance of medical providers to assure that the public is
13 aware of the catastrophic illness assistance program.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25.255 is repealed.

15 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
16 070(c).

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST
 Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 409
 Title Catastrophic Illness
 Requested by _____ Date 4/6/77

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Agency Affected DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
 Program Category Affected Health
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected General Relief Medical

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		40.0	42.0	44.1	46.3	48.6
200 TRAVEL		6.0	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.2
300 CONTRACTUAL		6.5	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.9
400 COMMODITIES		1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
500 EQUIPMENT		3.0	.5	.5	.5	.5
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		750.0	1,000.0	1,250.0	1,312.5	1,375.0
TOTAL		806.5	1,056.6	1,309.4	1,374.9	1,440.5

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
GENERAL FUND		806.5	1,056.6	1,309.4	1,374.9	1,440.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
FULL TIME		2	2	2	2	2
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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

A two person staff to handle the administrative and clerical supporting function to the claims review committee would involve an Administrative Assistant III, and a Clerk Typist III. Offices would be located in Juneau.

The Committee would be provided travel and per diem for each meeting, as required.

In the absence of cost history with regard to possible claims settlements, this fiscal note has assumed that as awareness of claimability increases the settlement figure will rise sharply to equal the estimate of the Alaska State Hospital Association, Inc. by FY 1980 and then will experience the normal inflationary increases thereafter. All other costs are inflated annually at 5%. Figures provided by Division of Public Health.

Don Kemp

IV. DATE 4/15/77 PREPARED BY Don Kemp, Acting Director
 AGENCY Division of Public Assistance
 PHONE 465-3355
 Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

POSITION PAPER/Department of Health and Social Services

An Act relating to catastrophic illness; and providing for an effective date.

The Catastrophic Illness Committee has been working under an existing, one paragraph statute, AS 47.25.255, for six months and has encountered many problems in attempting to formulate regulations and policies with the inadequate guidance supplied by the Statute. CS HB 409 answers three of the major problems encountered:

1. It removes the Catastrophic Illness statute from the chapter on needy persons eligible for general relief and creates a new chapter on Catastrophic Illness assistance in AS 47. This reflects the intent of the legislature to assist persons of middle income rather than low income persons eligible for other forms of public assistance;

2. It specifically gives the Committee the power to determine eligibility for catastrophic illness assistance in addition to allowable costs and levels of reimbursement and to establish reasonable classifications of persons based on certain criteria which is set out in the bill; and

3. It expresses the intent of the legislature that the Committee remain within its appropriation rather than return to the legislature requesting a supplemental appropriation. In order to do so, the Committee is instructed to establish priorities.

The Department views this bill as a "bandaid" approach to Catastrophic Illness assistance, which will make it possible for the Committee to function until next year. Without the changes in its authorizing statute, the Committee could be subject to legal attack for giving assistance to the "non-needy" and for exercising powers which have not been delegated to it.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports this bill.

Recommended by: Robert I. Fraser Date: 5/18/77
Robert I. Fraser, M.D.
Director, Division of Public Health

Approved by: Francis S. L. Williamson Date: 5/19/77
Francis S. L. Williamson
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Legal Services

DEPT. _____

DIV. _____

SEC. _____

FROM: Pat Williams
Legislative Finance
Room 411 Capitol
Ph: 3796

XXX : CSHB 409 (Finance)

DATE :

SUBJECT: 5/19/77

Would you please do a retype of CSHB 409 (Finance) and return it to Pat Williams in Legislative Finance, with the changes indicated on the attached draft.

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Original sponsors: Buchholdt, Beirne,
Bradley, et al

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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7 for an effective date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-070(c).

Introduced: 3/29/77
Referred: Health, Education &
Social Services and Finance

BY BUCHHOLDT, BEIRNE, BRADLEY,
COTTEN, GARDINER, MCKINNON,
OSTERBACK AND RUDD

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 409

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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10 Sec. 47.25.255. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS. Notwithstanding the provi-
11 sions of secs. 230 and 240 of this chapter, the department shall reim-
12 burse providers of medical care for costs incurred in the treatment of
13 persons suffering catastrophic illness. If (1) costs of a catastrophic
14 illness were paid by the person suffering the illness or by a parent,
15 spouse, child or other person related by blood to that person; (2) debt
16 was incurred to pay all or part of the cost; and (3) the debt has not
17 been fully repaid, the person paying the costs shall be reimbursed the
18 allowable cost to the extent of any payment made by that person. The
19 determination of allowable costs and levels of reimbursement shall be
20 made by the Catastrophic Illness Committee, consisting of a medical
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26 070(c).

FISCAL NOTE

I. **REQUEST**
 Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 409
 Title Catastrophic Illness
 Requested by _____ Date 4/6/77

II. **FISCAL DETAIL**
 Agency Affected DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
 Program Category Affected Health
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected General Relief Medical

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
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OTHER (Specify)					

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FULL TIME	2	2	2	2	2
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IV. DATE 4/15/77 PREPARED BY Don Kemp, Acting Director
 AGENCY Division of Public Assistance
 PHONE 465-3355

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

POSITION PAPER/Department of Health and Social Services

ON

CS HB 409

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Recommended by: Robert I. Fraser Date: 5/18/77
Robert I. Fraser, M.D.
Director, Division of Public Health

Approved by: Francis S. L. Williamson Date: 5/19/77
Francis S. L. Williamson
Commissioner

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIV. OF INSURANCE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 409
Title relating to catastrophic illness
Requested by _____ Date 3/29/77

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Commerce & Economic Development
Program Category Affected Protection
Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Division of Insurance

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	NONE					
	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	NONE					
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

	NONE					
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

NONE

IV. DATE April 5, 1977 PREPARED BY James F. Pfeifer
AGENCY Insurance
PHONE: 465-2515

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

HB 409

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Tenth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CS for HB 409 (Finance)
 Title: Catastrophic Illness
 Requested by: Health Finance Date: 5/20/77
 Return Date Requested: ASAP
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services Program: Health

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: General Relief Medical
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		20.0	21.0	22.0	23.1	24.3
200 TRAVEL		4.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.9
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4
400 COMMODITIES		1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
500 EQUIPMENT		3.0	.5	.5	.5	.5
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		30.0	28.8	30.2	31.7	33.4

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		30.0	28.8	30.2	31.7	33.4
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

A two person part time staff to handle the administrative and clerical supporting function to the claims review committee would involve an Administrative Assistant III (part time) and a Clerk Typist III (part time). Offices would be located in Juneau.

No provision has been made in the above for claims. This is normally included in the Governor's requested budget. The Request for FY 78 is \$450,000.

An inflation figure of 5% annually was utilized in computation of future fiscal years.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 5/20/77 PREPARED BY: Don Kemp

Don Kemp, Acting Director
Division of Public Assistance

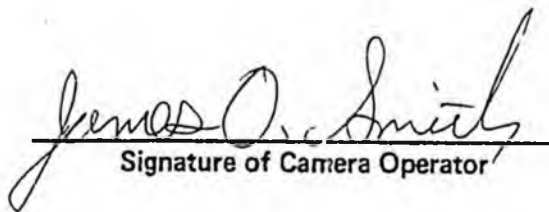
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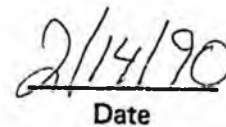
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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

HB 411

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 411
Title An Act providing grants for championship dog mushing contests
Requested by House State Affairs Committee Date 4/5/77

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Revenue
Program Category Affected Fiscal Services
Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Audit Division

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
400 COMMODITIES		.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
500 EQUIPMENT		.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

This bill would require the addition of an Administrative Assistant to handle all phases of the grant program.

IV. DATE 4-5-77

PREPARED BY *Ray Berlin*
AGENCY Department of Revenue, Audit Division
PHONE 465-2320

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

MEMORANDUM

TO: [] John R. Messenger
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Revenue

DATE : April 5, 1977

FROM: Gary L. Jenkins
Director
Audit Division

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 411

The referenced bill provides for the awarding of grants to associations sponsoring championship dog mushing contests. The bill is quite basic and should be fairly easy to administer.

One question which arises regarding the administration of this program is whether the only basis for determining who should receive the money, once an organization has met the stipulated qualifications, is first come, first serve. We would make payments to qualified organizations based on their date of application up until the time we ran out of money. Is it the legislative intent that this shall be the sole guideline for payment?

During 1976 there were 25 organizations which had a Games of Chance and Skill permit for a dog mushing contest. I assume that all of these organizations have had their races certified and approved by the Alaska Dog Mushers Association, although at this time we have no way of knowing for sure. The Fiscal Note requests one position to handle the processing of the claims for aid under this bill.

House Bill No. 412 is merely a companion measure appropriating the sum of \$80,000 to fund this grant program.

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

2/28/78

FURTHER: _____

Date: _____

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 411
"An Act providing grants for championship dog mushing contests; e.d."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

recommends it do pass recommends it do not pass

recommends it do pass with attached amendment(s)

recommends it be replaced with CS for _____

and _____ new title same title

AND attaches a Letter of Intent New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation

and recommends it be referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORT

3-30-77

FINANCE

HOUSE

February 27, 1978 Date

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had HB 411 under consideration. A majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it do pass
- recommends it do not pass
- recommends it do pass with attached amendment(s)
- recommends it be replaced with CS for HB-411 (same title) and that CS for _____ do pass
- (and) recommends it be referred to the _____ committee
- reports it back without recommendation
- AND attaches a report of its intent
- (other) _____

MEMBERS SIGNING THE MAJORITY REPORT:

<u>L. S. Bradley - Do Pass</u>	<u>Joe McKinnon</u>
<u>[Signature] - DO PASS</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature] - DO Pass</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>[Signature] - Do Pass</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

MEMBERS NOT CONCURRING IN THE MAJORITY REPORT:

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends: _____

L. S. Bradley
chairman

Introduced: 3/30/77
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

BY COTTEN, BRADLEY, MCKINNON,
AKERS, BROWN, MALONE, NAKAK
AND SWANSON

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 411

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing grants for championship dog mushing
7 contests; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 05.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 ARTICLE 2A. CHAMPIONSHIP DOG MUSHING.

11 Sec. 05.15.185. STATE AID TO CHAMPIONSHIP DOG MUSHING CONTESTS.

12 (a) The state may grant aid to associations sponsoring championship dog
13 mushing contests under this section.

14 (b) Associations organized for the planning and operation of a
15 championship dog mushing contest shall be considered eligible for aid
16 not to exceed \$20,000 if the contest has been in existence for at least
17 three years, is open to entry by any person, and has been certified and
18 approved by the Alaska Dog Musers Association.

19 (c) An association seeking aid under this section for a champion-
20 ship dog mushing contest shall apply to the commissioner at least three
21 months before the scheduled contest date. It shall submit with the
22 application a planned program of operation of the proposed dog mushing
23 contest, the rules and regulations governing the contest, and a certi-
24 ficate signed by the president and secretary of the association certi-
25 fying that the association guarantees that a sum of money at least two
26 times as large as the amount of aid received under this section will be
27 dedicated to the awarding of prizes. If the commissioner determines
28 that the association is entitled to state aid under this section and
29 that funds are available for that purpose, he shall have a warrant

1 drawn in favor of the association in the sum to which it is entitled.

2 (d) An association receiving state aid under this section which
3 fails to hold the dog mushing contest in accordance with its program, or
4 does not comply with the regulations adopted by the commissioner, shall
5 return the funds to the department within five days after notification
6 by the commissioner. If an association fails to comply with this sub-
7 section, the attorney general shall institute proceedings to recover the
8 funds.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1977.

Original sponsors: Cotten, Bradley
McKinnon, et al

Offered: 2/28/78
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	FCC appointed by House
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