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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998

## Component Summary - FY98 Operating Budget

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<b>Engineering and Operations</b>							
16	Engineering and Operations	2,041.1	2,111.4	2,007.4	2,007.4	0.0	0.0%
17	Engineering Payroll Suspense	790.0				0.0	0.0%
18	CIP Program	3,218.2	3,755.9	4,137.7	4,137.7	-0.0	-0.0%
	* BRU Total	6,049.3	5,867.3	6,145.1	6,145.1	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Weights and Measures</b>							
	Weights and Measures			3,520.2	504.2	-3,016.0	-85.7%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	3,520.2	504.2	-3,016.0	-85.7%
<b>Central Region Administrative Services</b>							
19	Central Region Admin Services	1,819.5		1,821.7	1,821.7	0.0	0.0%
20	Central Region Admin & Leasing		2,301.5	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,819.5	2,301.5	1,821.7	1,821.7	0.0	0.0%
<b>Central Region Planning</b>							
21	Central Region Planning	1,214.7	1,246.4	1,274.3	1,274.3	0.0	0.0%
22	Planning Payroll Suspense	1,152.8				0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	2,367.5	1,246.4	1,274.3	1,274.3	0.0	0.0%
<b>Central Region Design and Construction</b>							
23	Central Reg Engineering Mgmt	3,878.3	4,157.8	4,159.7	4,159.7	-0.0	-0.0%
24	Design & Const Payroll Suspense	2,064.3				0.0	0.0%
25	Central Region CIP Program	18,558.5	21,015.1	21,114.0	21,114.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	24,501.1	25,172.9	25,273.7	25,273.7	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Northern Region Administrative Services</b>							
26	Northern Region Admin Services	2,035.4		2,085.3	2,085.3	0.0	0.0%
27	Northern Reg'n Admin & Leasing		2,496.2	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	2,035.4	2,496.2	2,085.3	2,085.3	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Northern Region Planning</b>							
28	Northern Region Planning	1,072.1	1,123.4	1,183.4	1,183.4	0.0	0.0%

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<b>Northern Region Planning</b>						
29	Planning Payroll Suspense	992.2				0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	2,064.3	1,123.4	1,183.4	1,183.4	0.0 0.0%
<b>Northern Region Design and Construction</b>						
30	Northern Reg Engineering Mgmt	2,908.7	3,008.5	3,057.8	3,057.8	-0.0 -0.0%
31	Design & Const Payroll Suspense	1,267.8				0.0 0.0%
32	Northern Region CIP Program	17,006.3	18,115.6	18,427.1	18,427.1	0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	21,182.8	21,124.1	21,484.9	21,484.9	-0.0 -0.0%
<b>Southeast Region Administrative Services</b>						
33	Southeast Region Admin Service	1,130.8	1,143.2	1,167.8	1,167.8	0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,130.8	1,143.2	1,167.8	1,167.8	0.0 0.0%
<b>Southeast Region Planning</b>						
34	Southeast Region Planning	524.1	539.0	566.0	566.0	0.0 0.0%
35	Planning Payroll Suspense	280.3				0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	804.4	539.0	566.0	566.0	0.0 0.0%
<b>Southeast Region Design and Construction</b>						
36	Southeast Reg Engineering Mgmt	2,120.1	2,055.9	2,098.8	2,098.8	0.0 0.0%
37	Design & Const Payroll Suspense	1,335.1				0.0 0.0%
38	Southeast Region CIP Program	6,794.7	7,176.4	7,293.6	7,293.6	0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	10,249.9	9,232.3	9,392.4	9,392.4	0.0 0.0%
<b>Statewide Maintenance and Operations</b>						
39	Statewide Highways & Aviation	75,352.4				0.0 0.0%
40	Central Highways and Aviation		27,166.5	27,699.5	27,699.5	0.0 0.0%
41	Traffic Signal Management	1,271.6	1,271.6	1,203.0	1,203.0	0.0 0.0%
42	Northern Highways & Aviation		36,698.4	36,831.4	36,831.4	-0.0 -0.0%
43	Southeast Highways & Aviation		9,144.2	9,163.6	9,163.6	0.0 0.0%
44	Statewide Facilities M & O	14,917.0				0.0 0.0%

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<b>Statewide Maintenance and Operations</b>							
45	Central Region Facilities		3,607.9	3,478.9	3,478.9	-0.0	-0.0%
46	Northern Region Facilities		7,454.0	7,480.0	7,480.0	-0.0	-0.0%
47	Southeast Region Facilities		4,011.2	3,968.4	3,968.4	0.0	0.0%
48	Central Leasing & Property Mgt	534.0		623.6	623.6	0.0	0.0%
49	North. Leasing & Property Mgt	468.8		567.4	567.4	0.0	0.0%
50	Maintenance Administration	985.6				0.0	0.0%
51	Central Region M & O Admin		459.5	386.0	386.0	0.0	0.0%
52	Northern Region M & O Admin		599.2	607.7	607.7	0.0	0.0%
53	State Equipment Fleet M & O	19,717.2				0.0	0.0%
54	M&O Unallocated Reduction		0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	113,246.6	90,412.5	92,009.5	92,009.5	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Statewide State Equipment Fleet</b>							
55	Central State Equipment Fleet		8,370.5	8,447.9	8,447.9	-0.0	-0.0%
56	Northern State Equipment Fleet		11,412.7	11,508.5	11,508.5	0.0	0.0%
57	Southeast State Equipmnt Fleet		2,005.7	2,022.1	2,022.1	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	0.0	21,798.0	21,978.5	21,978.5	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>International Airports</b>							
58	International Airport Systems	413.7	474.0	401.9	401.9	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	413.7	474.0	401.9	401.9	0.0	0.0%
<b>Anchorage International Airport</b>							
59	AIA Field Maintenance	4,594.0	4,855.7	5,172.4	5,172.4	0.0	0.0%
60	AIA Building Maintenance	5,727.3	5,840.8	5,869.5	5,869.5	-0.0	-0.0%
61	AIA Safety	5,526.8	6,110.1	6,310.3	6,310.3	0.0	0.0%
62	AIA Operations	1,789.5	2,090.4	2,330.1	2,338.0	0.0	0.0%
63	AIA Custodial	3,465.5	3,584.2	3,631.1	3,631.1	0.0	0.0%
64	AIA Equipment Maintenance	1,542.1	1,796.3	1,812.7	1,812.7	0.0	0.0%
65	AIA Administration	4,187.5	4,585.1	4,742.0	4,742.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	26,832.7	28,862.6	29,876.0	29,876.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Fairbanks International Airport</b>							
66	FIA Field Maintenance	2,235.9	2,519.8	2,547.8	2,547.8	0.0	0.0%
67	FIA Building Maintenance	1,252.0	1,382.3	1,390.6	1,390.6	0.0	0.0%

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<b>Fairbanks International Airport</b>							
68	FIA Safety	2,367.2	2,358.8	2,396.1	2,396.1	0.0	0.0%
69	FIA Operations	821.6	713.9	799.7	799.7	-0.0	-0.0%
70	FIA Custodial	695.4	744.6	755.5	755.5	0.0	0.0%
71	FIA Administration	1,207.9	1,353.4	1,369.0	1,369.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	8,580.0	9,072.8	9,258.7	9,258.7	0.0	0.0%
<b>Alaska Marine Highway System</b>							
72	Administration	141.3	300.9	305.6	305.6	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	141.3	300.9	305.6	305.6	0.0	0.0%
<b>Marine Management</b>							
73	Support Services	2,234.9	2,832.5	2,816.4	2,376.1	-440.3	-15.6%
	* BRU Total	2,234.9	2,832.5	2,816.4	2,376.1	-440.3	-15.6%
<b>Marine Engineering</b>							
74	Engineering Management	628.7	729.3	737.9	737.9	0.0	0.0%
75	CIP Program	869.5	1,295.1	1,262.0	1,262.9	0.0	0.0%
76	Overhaul	1,785.4	4,857.4	1,857.4	1,857.4	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	3,283.6	6,881.8	3,858.2	3,858.2	0.0	0.0%
<b>Marine Operations</b>							
77	Vessel Operations Management	1,385.4	1,071.9	924.0	924.0	0.0	0.0%
78	Vessel Operations Payroll Susp	32.0				0.0	0.0%
79	Reservations and Marketing	2,291.4	2,146.0	2,167.5	2,167.5	0.0	0.0%
80	Southeast Shore Operations	3,020.4	2,981.4	3,043.2	3,043.2	-0.0	-0.0%
81	Southeast Vessel Operations	49,221.4	53,031.2	53,556.3	53,556.3	0.0	0.0%
82	Southwest Shore Operations	696.1	890.8	864.1	864.1	0.0	0.0%
83	Southwest Vessel Operations	8,541.6	10,023.9	10,149.6	10,149.6	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	65,188.3	70,145.2	70,704.7	70,704.7	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Front Section</b>							
84	Marine Highway Stabilization	28,263.2	28,433.2	28,624.1	28,183.8	-440.3	-1.5%
	* BRU Total	28,263.2	28,433.2	28,624.1	28,183.8	-440.3	-1.5%
	<b>*** Total Agency Expenditure</b>	<b>333,508.2</b>	<b>339,612.0</b>	<b>343,997.9</b>	<b>339,916.6</b>	<b>-4,081.3</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>

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	Federal Funds	628.1	940.1	1,340.7	1,296.6	-44.1	-3.3%
	General Funds	129,787.1	128,179.0	131,940.2	128,343.3	-3,596.9	-2.7%
	Other Funds	203,093.0	210,492.9	210,717.0	210,276.7	-440.3	-0.2%

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<b>Statewide Programs</b>							
1	Commissioner's Office	687.1	679.8	676.0	491.3	-184.7	-27.3%
2	Unallocated Reduction			-100.0	-100.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	687.1	679.8	576.0	391.3	-184.7	-32.1%
<b>DBE/External Equal Employment</b>							
3	Dis: tivated Business En/VEEO	381.9	395.9	382.1	382.1	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	381.9	395.9	382.1	382.1	0.0	0.0%
<b>Statewide Internal Review</b>							
5	Statcwide Internal Review	201.6	237.1	237.5	237.5	-0.0	-0.0%
	* BRU Total	201.6	237.1	237.5	237.5	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Statewide Administrative Services</b>							
7	Statewide Admin Services	1,366.8	1,487.3	1,504.2	1,504.2	0.0	0.0%
8	Statewide Information Systems	1,684.0	1,514.5	1,527.5	1,527.5	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	3,050.8	3,001.8	3,031.7	3,031.7	0.0	0.0%
<b>Statewide Planning</b>							
10	Statewide Planning	151.0	155.7	150.6	150.6	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	151.0	155.7	150.6	150.6	0.0	0.0%
<b>State Aviation, Leasing and Airport Administration</b>							
12	Statewide Aviation	391.7	444.7	449.6	449.6	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	391.7	444.7	449.6	449.6	0.0	0.0%
<b>Technology Transfer Program</b>							
14	Technology Transfer Program	10.8	10.8	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	10.8	10.8	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Engineering and Operations</b>							
16	Engineering and Operations	957.1	1,006.1	975.2	975.2	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	957.1	1,006.1	975.2	975.2	0.0	0.0%
<b>Weights and Measures</b>							
	Weights and Measures			3,129.6	157.7	-2,971.9	-95.0%

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	<b>Weights and Measures</b>						
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	3,129.6	157.7	-2,971.9	-95.0%
	<b>Central Region Administrative Services</b>						
19	Central Region Admin Services	1,407.6		1,440.4	1,440.4	0.0	0.0%
20	Central Region Admin & Leasing		1,909.5	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,407.6	1,909.5	1,440.4	1,440.4	-0.0	-0.0%
	<b>Central Region Planning</b>						
21	Central Region Planning	144.0	145.3	138.9	138.9	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	144.0	145.3	138.9	138.9	0.0	0.0%
	<b>Central Region Design and Construction</b>						
23	Central Reg Engineering Mgmt	950.9	935.4	888.1	888.1	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	950.9	935.4	888.1	888.1	0.0	0.0%
	<b>Northern Region Administrative Services</b>						
26	Northern Region Admin Services	1,461.1		1,463.5	1,463.5	0.0	0.0%
27	Northern Reg'n Admin & Leasing		1,911.3	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,461.1	1,911.3	1,463.5	1,463.5	-0.0	-0.0%
	<b>Northern Region Planning</b>						
28	Northern Region Planning	101.5	98.7	90.0	90.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	101.5	98.7	90.0	90.0	0.0	0.0%
	<b>Northern Region Design and Construction</b>						
30	Northern Reg Engineering Mgmt	800.2	743.6	753.4	753.4	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	800.2	743.6	753.4	753.4	0.0	0.0%
	<b>Southeast Region Administrative Services</b>						
33	Southeast Region Admin Service	886.9	896.7	917.8	917.8	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	886.9	896.7	917.8	917.8	0.0	0.0%

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34	Southeast Region Planning	21.7	22.5	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	21.7	22.5	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0%
<b>Southeast Region Design and Construction</b>							
36	Southeast Reg Engineering Mgmt	608.4	520.2	522.5	522.5	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	608.4	520.2	522.5	522.5	0.0	0.0%
<b>Statewide Maintenance and Operations</b>							
39	Statewide Highways & Aviation	72,244.4				0.0	0.0%
40	Central Highways and Aviation		26,741.0	27,190.0	27,190.0	-0.0	-0.0%
41	Traffic Signal Management	1,271.6	1,271.6	1,203.0	1,203.0	0.0	0.0%
42	Northern Highways & Aviation		35,773.8	35,973.2	35,973.2	0.0	0.0%
43	Southeast Highways & Aviation		8,982.5	9,075.1	9,075.1	0.0	0.0%
44	Statewide Facilities M & O	13,040.7				0.0	0.0%
45	Central Region Facilities		2,995.6	2,866.6	2,866.6	0.0	0.0%
46	Northern Region Facilities		6,053.7	6,077.2	6,077.2	-0.0	-0.0%
47	Southeast Region Facilities		3,800.3	3,757.3	3,757.3	-0.0	-0.0%
48	Central Leasing & Property Mgt	532.2		550.0	550.0	0.0	0.0%
49	North. Leasing & Property Mgt	468.8		507.4	507.4	0.0	0.0%
50	Maintenance Administration	939.1				0.0	0.0%
51	Central Region M & O Admin		429.6	356.1	356.1	0.0	0.0%
52	Northern Region M & O Admin		582.6	591.1	591.1	0.0	0.0%
54	M&O Unallocated Reduction		-0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	88,496.8	86,630.7	88,147.0	88,147.0	-0.0	-0.0%
<b>Marine Operations</b>							
81	Southeast Vessel Operations	650.3				0.0	0.0%
83	Southwest Vessel Operations	162.5				0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	812.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Front Section</b>							
84	Marine Highway Stabilization	28,263.2	28,433.2	28,624.1	28,183.8	-440.3	-1.5%
	* BRU Total	28,263.2	28,433.2	28,624.1	28,183.8	-440.3	-1.5%

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***	Total Agency Expenditure	129,787.1	128,179.0	131,940.2	128,343.3	-3,596.9	-2.7%

# One Way Comparison - FY98 Operating Budget

from Gov Amd to House

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Trans Type	Total Exp	Personal Services	Travel	Contractual	Commodities	Equipment	Lands/ Buildings	Grants	Misc	PFT	PPT	Temp
<b>Statewide Programs</b>												
<b>Commissioner's Office</b>												
Unallocated reduction to Statewide Pgms	Dec	-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 Gen Fund		-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
*** BRU Total ***		-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-184.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Weights and Measures</b>												
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Travel Re Nat Conf of Wts & Measures	Dec	-14.9	-0.0	-14.9	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
1091 GF/Desig		-14.9	-0.0	-14.9	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Deny Governor's amendment E.O. 98	ATrOut	-3,001.1	-2,534.8	-150.5	-271.4	-26.1	-18.3	0.0	0.0	-45.0	-7.0	0.0
Pgm transferred from DCED												
1002 Fed Rcpts		-44.1										
1004 Gen Fund		-1,618.1										
1005 GF/Prgm		-1,314.5										
1091 GF/Desig		-24.4										
*** BRU Total ***		-3,016.0	-2,534.8	-165.4	-271.4	-26.1	-18.3	0.0	0.0	-45.0	-7.0	0.0
*** BRU Total ***		-3,016.0	-2,534.8	-165.4	-271.4	-26.1	-18.3	0.0	0.0	-45.0	-7.0	0.0
<b>Marine Management</b>												
<b>Support Services</b>												
Unallocated reduction to the Marine Highway System	Dec	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
1076 Marine Hwy		-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
*** BRU Total ***		-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Front Section</b>												
<b>Marine Highway Stabilization</b>												
Unallocated reduction to the Marine Highway System	Dec	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 Gen Fund		-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
*** BRU Total ***		-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-440.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
***** Agency Total *****		-4,081.3	-2,534.8	-165.4	-271.4	-26.1	-18.3	0.0	-1,065.3	-45.0	-7.0	0.0

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Comp: Commissioner's Office

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# Alaska House of Representatives



Majority Whip

## MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Mark Hanley  
House Finance Co-chair

From: Rep. Richard Foster *R*  
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Finance Subcommittee

Re: DOT/PF Subcommittee Recommendations

Date: March 20, 1997

The House Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Budget Subcommittee held six joint meetings with the Senate Budget Subcommittee to reduce the amount of departmental travel and time associated with the overviews of each of the major components.

On March 5th the House Subcommittee held another brief meeting to hear individual committee member concerns.

A close-out meeting was schedule for 4:00 p.m. in Room 408 on March 13th. Since no other committee members were present the Subcommittee Chair announced that he would meet with committee members.

On Monday March 17th the subcommittee chair met individually with all committee members or with staff to outline the proposal that is being submitted to the House Finance Committee.

The targeted reduction for DOT/PF is 625.0 below the Governor's purposed FY98 Operating Budget. This is 6.6 above the approved FY97 Operating Budget.

The Committee agreed to submit unallocated cuts and intent language to clarify the committees priorities.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**ADD:**

Intent Language

It is the Legislature's intent that Maintenance be held harmless of any cuts in the Highway System and in the Rural Airports System and that the existing primary service levels in the Marine Highway System be maintained.

**ADD:**

Intent Language

It is the Legislature's intent that the Department look carefully at the upper layers of management as a part of its effectiveness review and in the distribution of the unallocated cut.

**ADD:**

Technical Amendment

Transfer Measurement Standards BRU from Commerce to Transportation as per the Governor's Executive Order.

**ADOPT:**

Governor's Amended Budget - Executive Order 98 (see attachment 1)

Transfer from Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement to:

Department of Transportation  
Measurement Standards BRU

53.6 gf  
104.1 gf match  
346.5 federal

Total 504.2

**ADOPT:**

Representative Cowdery's Amendment (see attachment 2)

Net Budget Impact 0.0

**DELETE:**

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Unallocated Reduction

Marine Highway System BRU 440.3 general fund

Statewide Programs BRU 184.7 general fund

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Representative Cowdery - Amendment**



## Representative John J. Cowdery

Alaska State Legislature . District 17

Interim: 700 W. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 258-8188

Session: State Capital, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (907) 465-3879

### EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Cowdery", written over the title "EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT".

This amendment has zero net impact on DOT/PF's budget. It is a Line Item Redistribution within each Regional Maintenance and Operations budget.

Money is being transferred from the accounts for Personal Services, Travel and Supplies into the Contractual account.

The purpose of these transfers is to require the department to contract with the private sector for sizable, urban jobs that have recently been done by force account, i.e., in-house. For example, in 1996 the department spent \$950,000 doing a chip-seal job on 30 miles of the Seward Highway. They also did a similar \$800,000 job in Fairbanks.

This amendment takes the average expenditures for urban force account projects from the last three years and puts that amount into contractual services. In this way, the department will begin the fiscal year with the money in the right account to contract with the private sector. While it is true that the department may reprogram the money back to other accounts and ignore this amendment, the legislature will consider this in the next budget cycle.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES  
AMENDMENT  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COWDERY**

**LINE ITEM REDISTRIBUTION**

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Statewide Maintenance and Operations BRU  
Central Highways & Aviation Component

Personal Services	(\$179,520)
Travel	(\$10,560)
Contractual	475,200
Supplies	(\$285,120)

(Project total for Special Services in the Contractual Line is \$528,000)

**LINE ITEM REDISTRIBUTION**

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Statewide Maintenance and Operations BRU  
Northern Highways & Aviation Component

Personal Services	(\$164,560)
Travel	(\$9,680)
Contractual	435,600
Supplies	(\$261,360)

(Project total for Special Services in the Contractual Line is \$484,000)

**LINE ITEM REDISTRIBUTION**

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Statewide Maintenance and Operations BRU  
Southeast Highways & Aviation Component

Personal Services	(\$29,920)
Travel	(\$1,760)
Contractual	79,200
Supplies	(\$47,520)

(Project total for Special Services in the Contractual Line is \$88,000)

Back up documentation to amendment presented for DOT/PF by Representative Cowdrey based on averages of information provided in 3/18/97 memo from DOT/PF to Representative Cowdrey forwarded to Jim Hauck. Averages and assumptions were agreed upon by Ginger Patton, Fiscal Analyst and Marko Pignalberi.

The force account work was divided by rural and urban by Marko. The sum of \$1.1 million was determined for urban work. It is the intent of the Representative to make these funds available to be contracted out by the municipalities instead of using State resources.

Based on the estimated project costs by region for FY96, the same percentages will be applied to the \$1.1 million for the purpose of this amendment.

<b>1996 Actuals</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cost</b>
Central Region	\$1,288,100	48%
Northern Region	\$1,186,900	44%
Southeast Region	\$ 234,560	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,709,560</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>1998 Amendment</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cost</b>
Central Region	\$ 528,000	48%
Northern Region	\$ 484,000	44%
Southeast Region	\$ 88,000	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on the line item breakout for the chip seal project provided in a March 6, 1997 memorandum from Summit Paving and Construction to Representative Cowdrey, the same percentages will be applied to the appropriate line items per component to reflect the project work done by a private contractor.

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Line Item Cost</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cost</b>
State Personnel	\$327,165	34%
Travel & Per Diem	\$15,299	2%
Contractual & Misc. Costs	\$96,606	10%
Material Costs	\$510,491	54%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$949,561</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Central Region</b>	<b>Line Item Cost</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Cost</b>
State Personnel	\$179,520	34%
Travel & Per Diem	\$10,560	2%
Contractual & Misc. Costs	\$52,800	10%
Material Costs	\$285,120	54%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$528,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# CORRECTION

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S)  
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Central Microfilm Services  
Department of Education  
State of Alaska

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# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

TO: Annalee McConnell, Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Office of the Governor

DATE: March 20, 1997

TEXT NO: (907) 465-3652

FAX NO: (907) 586-8365

TELEPHONE NO: (907) 465-3900

  
FROM: Joseph L. Perkins, P.E.  
Commissioner

SUBJECT: FY98 House Subcommittee  
Proposal

The House Finance subcommittee for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities reduced our budget by \$625,000 General Funds from the FY98 Governor's budget. This reduction is split between our two appropriations with general funds in the following manner:

Alaska Marine Highway System - \$440,300  
Statewide Programs - \$184,700

The subcommittee has indicated that they do not want any of this reduction to be applied to our maintenance and operation of highways or airports. Therefore, in the calculation of the reduction to be applied to the two above appropriations, they removed the M&O funding from Statewide Programs before applying the ratio of GF to the total reduction amount. In our analysis of the impact of this reduction, we have not assessed any of the cut against service in our maintenance components. The subcommittee further indicated that they did not want the funding reduction to result in primary service reductions in the Marine Highway System.

The following potential actions to apply these reductions have attempted to minimize the impact to public service levels.

### Alaska Marine Highway System

#### Administrative deletions - \$190,300

This reduction would result in deletion of three administrative shoreside positions, potentially in the procurement function, and other administrative efficiencies to be identified in the department review. Response time for procuring routine vessel supplies, small contracts and bids on annual maintenance contracts will be slowed.

Delete assistant second cook position on the M/V Aurora and M/V LeConte - \$100,000  
Reduction in hours of food service

Delete M/V Columbia day seaman - \$100,000

Less efficiency in the vehicle loading and unloading process. This deck position is not required for the safe operation of the vessel.

Combine second steward and storekeeper positions on three mainline vessels in the winter season - \$50,000

Reduction in time for direct supervision of galley staff and inventory control

Statewide Programs

Commissioner's Office - \$10,000

Reduce contractual services

Internal Review component - \$11,900

Reduce the contractual line for auditors' training

Statewide Administrative Services - \$15,000

Reclassify a Procurement Specialist I, range 14, to Supply Tech II, range 12, through a reassignment of duties

Statewide Information Systems - \$15,000

Reduce the commodities line by renegotiating software licenses

Statewide Planning - \$7,700

Reduce those activities which cannot be charged to Federal Planning funds such as support of the port and harbor capital budget request and responses to public inquiries not related to an on-going federal planning project

Statewide Aviation - \$10,500

Convert a Leasing Officer II, to a seasonal position, which will reduce the ability to respond to public inquiries regarding bankruptcy issues and disputes related to implementation of Title 17 regulations

Central Maintenance and Operations, Highways and Aviation - \$25,000

Convert snow removal equipment at the Aniak airport to wet, nonrental status, requiring us to rely on federal Airport Improvement Program funds for its replacement

Central Maintenance and Operations, Facilities - \$25,000

Reduce janitorial maintenance at the Anchorage Courthouse building

Northern Design and Construction, Engineering Management - \$29,900

Delete the Technical Services Chief position and reorganize this section

**Southeast Maintenance and Operations, Facilities - \$34,700**

Reclassify an Administrative Clerk from full-time to part-time, creating some delays in processing paperwork (\$18,600)

Reclassify Engineer I to a Building Management Specialist after the incumbent retires, to put greater emphasis on environmental and regulatory matters (\$16,100)

In addition to these reductions, the subcommittee did not include the \$3,016,000 budget amendment for the transfer of the Weights and Measurements function from the Department of Commerce. It is our understanding that this will be offered as an amendment to the budget in House Finance committee.

cc: Kurt Parkan, Deputy Commissioner  
Regional/System Directors  
Nancy Slagle, Director, Administrative Services

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March 13, 1997

Honorable Representative Mark Nordby  
Finance Committee Co-Chair  
Name of Representative  
State of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Nordby:

It has come to my attention that the Finance Sub-Committee is recommending a transfer of \$1,000,000 in the Child Care Program. A large sum that is approved this recommendation. The Child Care Grant program provides support and incentive for child care providers. It is essential that we make sure that they would otherwise be unable to do so because of the financial limitations of parents. The majority of child care providers are parents. That provides a direct on a value adding benefit. Corporate child care centers are not doing their child care responsibility because they believe it is important and they care about children and families.

In this time of budget I know it is important that child care is accessible for the working poor, as well as those who will be, and are, transitioning off of the welfare system. By me as a staff as well as make that same priority children

will be staying home alone, as in the past when there was a focus on "latch key" children.

We are the richest and largest State in the nation. It would certainly be an example to other States if Alaska would take the leadership role in caring for children and families in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Regina Whunget  
7701 Lass Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
Phone & Fax : 907-349-6758

March 20, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley:

I am writing to remark on the upcoming proposal eliminating funding for Resource and Referral Programs, which I am currently using. This Program insures my two and a half year old son Seth is receiving the best care possible. From a wonderfully warm caring, educated child care provider. Who educates herself with the Grant Money provided to help better herself and the care she provides to Seth ,Philip, Trevor, Aly, Jacob currently and many other children in the past.

I am a working single mother, I receive no Child Support at this time. I really depend on this Program and my child's care provider to help me ensure that my son grows to be a responsible, productive, caring, citizen of Alaska. I am currently working for the ACPE , I receive a net total of \$1380.00 per month, I pay \$800.00 per month for rent for a modest two bedroom apartment, in Juneau, we have electric heat which in the winter is quite a hefty expense averaging \$120.00 per month, my child care costs with the Program are \$125.00. This leaves me \$255.00 to pay other monthly expenses as well as groceries. I see no way possible to be able to afford the added expense of paying the entire cost of his very reliable, nurturing and caring ,child -care. I do not by any means ever get ahead. I live paycheck to paycheck month to month. I do not have a nest egg on which to draw, I do have the means to provide the daily necessitates for Seth and myself.

Seth's care provider receives less than a State File Clerk. Each job is important in it's own right however, the job of a child-care provider has impact on children in their formative years which are the most important . The care received or neglect from an unlicensed day -care can determine who and what these children will become. We need to compensate these people who care for the future Alaska State Employees, State Representatives, Governors as well as blue collar workers in Alaska. Good grown-ups start as happy well cared for children. It is our responsibility as **Good-grown ups** to see that we glve them every chance to live up to their potential. As well as the expectations held by lawmakers.

I do not have the opportunity to stay at home and care for Seth and be an income earning, productive, tax paying citizen. I am able to work and therefore feel I should. If I am forced to pay for Seth's entire child care that would calculate to 1/3rd of my net pay I would not be able to pay my other monthly expenses. Therefore, would more than likely have to apply for state-aid (AFDC) I do not take advantage of the Child Care and Family Resources Program, I

utilize every avenue to insure that Seth has the foundation of self that will prove that he will be a wonderful adult.

Until, he reaches adulthood I must be the voice that speaks for him. I am sure that he would want you to know that he is receiving the best possible care from Michelle Zeiger, since his Mommy is unable to be with him during the day. If the Program were cut he would be very disillusioned by the adults who make these choices of cutting funding where the future of potentially great Alaskans could be compromised. PLEASE consider the future of Seth and many other children who have parents that choose to work and provide their children with licensed professional child care.

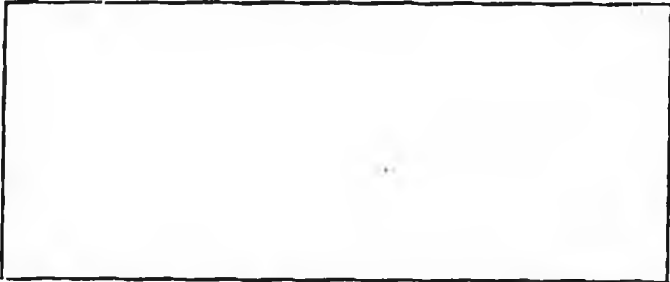
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER

Sincerely,

*Sara L. Buckley*  
*789-4626*

message:

PROPOSED CUTS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR AND DISABLED. I REALIZE THE HUGE TASK OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE IN TRYING TO PRODUCE A WORKABLE BUDGET, BUT SURELY THE PEOPLE WHO SO DESPERATELY NEED HELP SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO SUFFER. MEDICAID CUT, AND THE LOSS OF THE FEDERAL MATCH MAKES LITTLE SENSE. DENYING PEOPLE THESE SERVICES WILL ONLY ADD UP TO MORE EXPENSE AND PAIN LATER ON. THE SAME WITH CUTS TO ALASKA WORK PROGRAMS. I THOUGHT WE'D FINALLY COME UP WITH ASSISTANCE TO HELP PEOPLE CLIMB OUT OF THE WELFARE RUT? FOSTER CARE - TRY RAISING KIDS ON \$20-\$40 A DAY. WHY SHOULD A FOSTER PARENT HAVE TO TAKE MONEY, LOTS OF IT, FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS, TO CARE FOR THE KIDS. WE CAN'T ATTRACT PEOPLE TO DO FOSTER CARE NOW. UNLESS WE CAN DO BETTER THAN MAKING MORE CUTS, WE, AND THE KIDS, ARE IN TROUBLE. WHEN I LOOK OVER ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS, I'M DISMAYED. PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO TURN THESE PROPOSALS AROUND AND PUT THE FUNDING BACK INTO THE PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT DISABLED AND POOR INDIVIDUALS.





## Coastal Villages Fishing Cooperative

204 N. Franklin, Suite 1 • Juneau, AK 99801 • Phone 907-586-2360 • Fax 907-586-2331

March 22, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley, Co-chair  
House Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hanley:

I understand that the House Finance Committee will be taking up the Department of Commerce, Division of Trade and Development FY98 budget in the next several days. On behalf of the Coastal Villages Fishing Cooperative ("CVFC"), we would like to support continuation of the division's budget at existing levels.

Our primary concerns are related to the division's trade staff and fisheries development support staff functions. As an organization participating in the western Alaska community development quota program, CVFC is working hard to bring economic development through the private sector to western Alaska. Not only will this have a favorable impact upon the people who live in the more remote areas of Alaska, but it will also assist the State's policy of moving people from welfare to work. There is not another program in western Alaska that is providing the level of opportunity for western Alaska residents to work in the private sector.

As we become more involved in the fishing industry, we see the impacts of foreign competition and the world market. What happens in the Far East, Russia, Chile, and northern Europe, directly affects our ability to gain the full benefits of the CDQ program for Alaska. However, it takes more than our resources to make this work. That is where the Alaska Department of Commerce's programs come into action. We believe that there needs to be a partnership between government and industry to keep markets open and provide new opportunities around the globe for fisheries products. Over the past several years, our organization has been contributing its part through the payment of State corporate income taxes. Beginning in 1998, a portion of the new federal tax on CDQ revenues will be passed to the State to support their oversight responsibilities. We hope that the State will be able to continue supporting these programs and economic development in Alaska through the activities contained within the Division of Trade and Development. We ask for your support in funding these programs at current levels.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman A. Cohen".

Norman A. Cohen  
Executive Director

THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF ALASKA

28 5 John Street #2  
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March 21, 1997

House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear House Finance Representative,

On behalf of League of Women Voters members throughout the state, I urge you to protect the funding of programs which promote the self-sufficiency of Alaskan families and individuals. Specifically, we request increased funding of the HESS FY98 Operating Budget related to child care benefits, Alaska Work Programs, and Medicaid in order to assist families to get back into the work force and stay off of welfare.

Based on years of study, the League of Women Voters has taken a position that one of the goals of social policy should be to promote self-sufficiency and that the most effective social programs are those designed to prevent or reduce poverty. The League believes that job training, basic education, child care and health care (Medicaid) are required in order to accomplish this goal. Adequately funded child care benefits, for example, help the working poor of Alaska to stay off of welfare since the cost of childcare without assistance outweighs their wages.

Of prime importance is the economic well-being of our state. Alaskan economists have warned that, since Alaska's economy is driven by state spending, sudden and drastic cuts in state spending will hurt the overall of economy of our state, possibly bringing on a recession. Another concern involving our state's economy is the loss of federal dollars if cuts in Medicaid are made. And, if we do not meet target work participation rates, we will lose significant block grant funds.

Please protect the funding of the HESS budget so that Alaska's welfare reform efforts will succeed. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Marianne Mills, President

League of Women Voters of Alaska



March 20, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

I have reviewed the summary of House Finance Subcommittee recommendations for FY98 reductions to the budget of the Department of Health and Social Services.

United Way of Anchorage has been supportive of welfare reform and believes it can have positive outcomes across all sectors of our community.

Reform is a catalyst that has promoted a new spirit of cooperation between the public and private sectors. Examples include the welfare summit held in Anchorage in November, the collaborative funders group initiated almost a year ago, the Anchorage Planning Initiatives Coordinating Committee and the community-based Anchorage Healthy Future Project.

Commissioner Karen Perdue has provided vigorous leadership to promote inter-sector collaboration and seek creative ways to promote local leadership development in community health and community development. The COMPASS program is a good example of pilot programs to promote local empowerment and increased responsibility at the local level.

Anchorage's nonprofit and private sectors will continue to do all they can to help people impacted by welfare reform. The past year's collaborative planning for capacity-building successful outcomes depends on programs that are being significantly reduced. There is no way our local efforts can make up for all that is being cut.

We urge you to make slow and steady changes in funding. Drastic cuts such as those proposed are likely to overload the private sector's ability to respond.

We will continue to do our utmost to support positive efforts to help people successfully navigate the difficult transition from welfare to more independent lives.

Sincerely,

Bernie Washington, President  
Board of Directors,  
United Way of Anchorage

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March 20, 1997

Mr. Mark Hanley  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Hanley,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed budget cuts directed at the Division of Tourism and the ATMC. As you are well aware tourism funding has been going down for the last several years. If these drastic cuts were to take place it would put Alaska in dire straights in terms of our ability to attract visitors.

There seems to be a misconception that this marketing is only done to help the large well known operators. Those folks will survive and prosper regardless of what the state funds. The only people being hurt are the mom and pop businesses along our highways and in rural areas of the state. There are some businesses and locations that can only support a vacation planner ad and the benefits derived from this program. If you cut the DOT and eliminate the chance for small business to reach out to a worldwide audience the state as a whole will be shortchanged.

Tourism is a growth industry and a major employer. My town runs on Tourism. If we do not have the support of the State we will suffer financially and jobs and families will be lost in our community. Tourism is worth over 1 billion dollars in economic impact to the state. Maintaining and increasing the Tourism budget is a wise investment.

Sincerely,



Steve Halloran  
Tourism Director  
City of Skagway

FAX: 465-2418

TO: LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: JOAN ROBERTS, PHONE # (home) 789-9861 (work) 586-5258

SUBJECT: CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM

MY DAUGHTER IS A DAY CARE PROVIDER. THE CUTS BEING PROPOSED WILL MEAN THE CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE QUALITY PUZZLES, WOOD TOYS, OUTSIDE GYM TYPE EQUIPMENT, PLAY HOUSE ITEMS, ETC... TO LEARN, PLAY, AND GET ALONG WITH OTHER CHILDREN IN A GROUP SETTING BEFORE GOING OFF TO KINDERGARDEN OR FIRST GRADE.

IT WOULD MEAN THAT MY GRANDCHILDRENS TOYS WOULD HAVE TO BE SHARED WITH THE DAY CARE CHILDREN.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO COME IN AND PLAY WITH YOUR TOYS THAT WERE GIFTS OR ITEMS YOU HAD SAVED YOUR MONEY FOR? I THINK NOT. CHILDREN ARE HARD ON TOYS.

THE GRANT PROGRAM LETS MY DAUGHTER GET EDUCATIONAL TYPE ITEMS FOR THE DAY CARE CHILDREN TO USE THAT WILL HELP THEM BECOME SOCIAL PEOPLE.

SOMETIMES THE DAY CARE SETTING IS THE ONLY PLACE THEY GET THIS TYPE OF TEACHING AS HOME LIFE IS NOT THE GREATEST FOR MOST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE JUNEAU AREA.

**IF YOU WANT TO MAKE CUTS, CUT SALARYS OF THE TOP LEGISLATERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO MAKE UP FOR THE SHORTFALL. ARE THEY GIVING THEMSELVES RAISES THIS YEAR???**

DO NOT CUT THE CHILDRENS FUNDING. THEY NEED IT MORE THAN THE POLITICAL GROUP TRYING TO CUT THE FUNDING.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

JOAN ROBERTS,  
A CONCERNED MOTHER OF A DAY CARE PROVIDER

March 20, 1997

RE: House Finance Subcommittee Recommendations for the Department of  
Health and Social Services FY 1998 Operating Budget.

The Honorable Mark Hanley, Co-Chairman  
House Finance Subcommittee

Dear Representative Hanley,

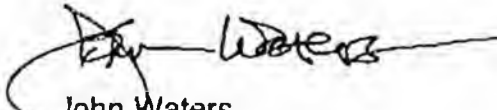
I am requesting your Subcommittee reconsider the significant cuts you are recommending to the 1998 HESS budget submitted by the Governor. Your suggested cuts to Medicaid will only add to the numbers of the currently estimated 27,000 uninsured Alaskans. It will also place a greater burden on our health care system and increase the cost of health care and health insurance for individuals and businesses in Alaska. Taking access to physical and mental health care away from poor people will not make them well. We will end up paying more for their care in emergency rooms and more frequent and/or longer hospital stays. During this time of difficult budget decisions it also may not be prudent to severely cut a program in which we receive one federal dollar for each Alaskan dollar we spend.

Last year the federal and state governments in acted welfare reform. To make this initiative successful requires welfare recipients have adequate child care and assistance to find and keep work. In each of these areas you have proposed budget cuts that make the possibility of achieving meaningful welfare reform more difficult if not impossible.

I am opposed to the deep cuts you are proposing to the programs and services that aid the poor people of our state. Please reconsider the merits of the Governor's budget which is a more balanced and humane approach to reducing spending without risking economic and social harm to poor and middle class Alaskans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Mark Hanley  
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Dear Representative Hanley,

I am writing to express my support for the budget as submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). I find it ironic that the legislature would consider cuts in the funds provided to this essential agency. Ironic because the Department of Fish and Game administers a source of revenues to Alaska second only to petroleum.

Wards Cove Packing company has been processing salmon in Alaska under present ownership since 1928, and has operations from Ketchikan to Western Alaska. Over the past several years I have watched with concern as ADF&G has taken several cuts to their budget. In a consequence, that agency has had to abandon programs that have produced the harvest, escapement, or other life-history index data that managers rely upon to make management decisions. As the budget and programs have been reduced, there has also been an increasing appeal from fishermen and their families for supplementation from the private sector.

The private sector has supported several management programs in Bristol Bay, the most prominent of which is the University of Washington Fisheries Research Institute test fishing program at Port Moller. The data generated by Port Moller provide in-season run estimates that are remarkably accurate, and provides huge benefits for managers, fishermen, and the resource. This example, however, is also unique because the industry has a long history of support in that region. Recently, the private sector has been asked to support a new sea urchin fishery in Southeastern Alaska. ADF&G Has advised that, due to budget restraints, this 3 million pound per year fishery would not proceed without supplemental contributions. As funding for ADF&G is reduced, so are opportunities for new or emergent fisheries.

The seafood industry is vitally important to the Alaskan economy. It is the largest private sector employer in the state, with one-sixth of the states' employment attributable to fish harvesting or processing. Alaska has seen more salmon in recent years than at any time in recorded history, but maintaining the impressive number of returning salmon is no small accomplishment. Prudent fisheries management will ensure the continuation of this vital resource into the new millennium.

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While Alaska is enjoying the results of prudent resource management, Canada and the Pacific Northwest states faces serious problems with their salmon resources. The Department of Fish and Game is primarily responsible for the success of salmon fisheries in Alaska, and further reductions in the Departments budget can only reduce their ability to manage these indispensable resources. I urge your support for the budget as submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alec W. Brindle  
President

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March 11, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley  
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Dear Representative Hanley,

This is an open plea for strong support of the University of Alaska's Plant Pathology Laboratory budget request.

The Alaska Seed Potatoes Export Program conceived and set in place by a non-profit group, Alaska Agricultural Development and Marketing, Inc., endorses that request.

The Alaska Seed Potato Export Program has pried open a window of opportunity on the huge Asian market.

This is not just for potato growers, for if the present project can successfully be continued and expanded, the export marketing program will be open to other production from Alaska as well.

Alaska cannot afford to by-pass so promising an opportunity to invest modestly in its own future. All of us know far too little about what will grow in the great north land. We know far too little about how to protect from contamination and market successfully what can thrive here.

The University's Plant Pathology Laboratory, the mission of which is advancement of knowledge, is not in competition with any other government activity. It is a necessary partner if others are to function properly in carrying out their long-term missions in the best interest of resident Alaskans.

The cynical will always lay claim to a larger slice of the State's fiscal pie. Given the support it merits on its own, however, the Alaska Seed Potatoes Export Program, made possible by the stringent check on virus diseases of the potato by the Plant Pathology Laboratory, will in time increase the size of the fiscal pie.

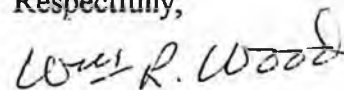
It is a sound investment, considerably overdue, and not at the expense of anything else. As small as the Potato Project is, it is a beginning. To abandon it now and try to restart it later will cost ten-fold more. Such postponement, Ernest Gruening would have noted, could be termed negligence or folly.

Encouraged now, the Seed Potato Project should increase production for export and in a few years approach self-sufficiency while adding to the state's economy.

We all eat potatoes, the only crop other than fish that provides more than fifty percent of the product Alaska residents consume each year.

The request submitted is not a large one, not in a billion plus budget, but the thrust of the Alaska Seed Potatoes Export Program is major.

Respectfully,



Wm. R. Wood  
President (Emeritus)  
University of Alaska



March 20, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley, Co-chair  
Full House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hanley:

As the General Manager for the Anchorage Hilton hotel, I am outraged with your subcommittee's budgetary recommendation to eliminate the Division of Tourism (DoT) and cut the Alaska Tourism Marketing Council (ATMC) budget. This will produce the most anemic tourism marketing program in the last decade. The results will be devastating, particularly to small businesses, which comprise 90% of our industry. I have no choice but to view your proposal as a direct attack on tourism.

At a time when legislators have pledged to promote a climate ripe for greater economic development, this recommendation goes 180 degrees the other way. Frankly, I find it sadly ironic that the subcommittee on Commerce and Economic Development could come up with such a scenario.

Over the years, tourism has proven to be one of Alaska's best investments. The visitor industry provides extraordinary opportunities for Alaskan entrepreneurs to start and succeed in small business ventures. As the state's second largest employer, tourism provides thousands of jobs in every single region of the state. Through business and visitor assessments, the visitor industry does pay its fair share -- to the tune of over \$124 million injected into state and local treasuries each year. The few million dollars the state has contributed to tourism marketing and other programs has yielded a remarkable return.

The opportunity for small business start-ups and more jobs will suffer under your proposal. A bed and breakfast in Fairbanks, a cultural tour in Kotzebue, a rafting enterprise in Eagle River...none has the means to reach a national travel market alone. They, like local convention and visitors bureaus, rely on the effort of the ATMC and DoT to lure travelers to Alaska.

Alaska's Cooperative Marketing Program, executed by the ATMC, is considered a model for public-private ventures. Yet, your proposal unravels the ATMC success story in two ways:

- Additional \$600,000 in cuts to the ATMC budget. This reduction will further erode critical promotional elements, including vacation planner production, as well as national TV, magazine and newspaper advertising.

- Transfer of division responsibilities. Since corresponding funds are NOT transferred with these programs, operating costs will eat away at dollars meant for marketing. The net affect of cuts and unfunded transfers is \$1 million less in marketing power for Alaska.

What about the Division of Tourism programs that will be lost? In a recent survey conducted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, tourism businesses statewide expressed how important these programs were to their livelihood.

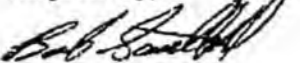
- Developing international contacts through overseas promotion was viewed as extremely important. Your proposal guts international marketing in key markets like Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Responding to calls and requests for travel information scored high on the importance scale. While this program would be transferred to the ATMC under your proposal, there is no corresponding funds to cover personnel or fulfillment costs.
- Visitor research was also considered very important by tourism businesses, as these statistics provide the basis for developing viable business plans and making sound tourism business decisions. Research is eliminated under your proposed budget.
- Creating business leads through participation in travel trade shows and national tour operator familiarization trips were deemed to be critical functions. Again, these elements disappear under your plan.

In a nutshell, you're not hurting larger companies with the budget proposal, you're hurting the small operators. Given the lack of state budget shortfall (in fact the state shows a \$100 million budget surplus) I cannot find any compelling reason to whittle away at programs that have contributed to economic development.

If reorganizing is the goal, then the industry and government should sit down and find workable solutions together. Thoughtful reorganization does not belong in the budget process. It belongs in a forum where affected parties can deliberate on the best course of action. AVA has along history of working with the state government to promote economic prosperity through tourism programs and promotion. I am available for discussion on this or any other issue that impacts Alaska's visitors industry.

If you or your committee members have any questions as all, or need additional information, call me directly at 907-255-7118.

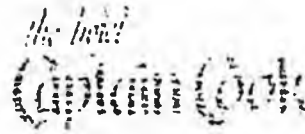
Respectfully,



Bob Southall  
General Manager

cc: House Finance Subcommittee on Commerce & Economic Development  
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March 20, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE

Rep. Mark Hanley, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eldon Mulder, Vice-Chair  
House Finance Committee

Dear Mark:

The Hotel Captain Cook was notified that Rep. Vic Kohring, Chairman of the House Finance Subcommittee for Commerce & Economic Development, is proposing that the Committee eliminate the Alaska Division of Tourism and reduce the state tour budget by \$3.5 million.

I was amazed to hear of this scenario and quite frankly, to read of this situation, as we should remind ourselves that Alaska receives over 1.4 million visitors annually and tourism generates over 17,000 jobs.

I oppose any cuts to the state tourism budget and would recommend that we increase the money spent for tourism promotion, as we do compete for tourism dollars with other destinations who are aggressive in attracting this industry to their area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter..

Sincerely,  
THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK

Walter J. Hickel Jr.  
President and General Manager

cc: Bill Elander

## *Kenaitze Indian Tribe I.R.A.*

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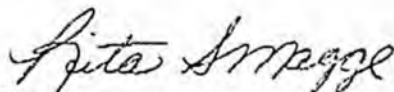
Representative Mark Hanley  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Mark Hanley:

As advocates for our Tribal Members and other Alaskan Natives/Native Americans residing within our service delivery area, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, IRA strongly opposes the proposed Department of Health and Social Services budget cuts for fiscal year 1998.

Although we feel there is a need to trim the budget and downsize state government, we are concerned that the proposed budget reductions will negatively impact the opportunities that will ensure the success of welfare reform. We are therefore asking the legislature to reinstate the \$6.6 million in reinvestment funds into the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal year 1998. The reinvestment funding will not only allow DHSS to increase efforts in assisting AFDC recipients transition into productive employment opportunities, but will also assist in successful transitional services such as; work activities, child care and teen parent support. Without these reinvestment dollars, it will be extremely difficult for DHSS to meet the challenges imposed by welfare reform.

Sincerely,



Rita Smagge  
Executive Director  
Kenaitze Indian Tribe, IRA

State Capitol  
Representative Mark Hanley,  
Chair, House Finance Committee  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Honorable Mark Hanley,

My name is Valarie J. Romanc, I am an Inupiaq Eskimo and a resident of Kotzebue, AK. I am writing to express my concerns of proposed funding cuts that will directly affect our local as well as regional school children.

Loss of \$8 million in federal funds for special education:

The Special Education needs in our district are important and necessary for the future children of this region. Loss of these funds will only cause more work toward regular education teachers that are not qualified to educate these special children.

Loss of \$4.4 million in Carl Perkins funds for vocational education:

There are many high school kids in the NANA Region that are being trained in welding, wood shop and mechanical aspects they will use once they have graduated. Losing these funds will be detrimental to the economic well-being of this region in regards to the demands for high school graduates with these skills of trade.

Elimination of all statewide student assessment, including statewide student achievement testing at grades 4, 8, and 11, and statewide student writing assessment at grades 4, 7, and 10:

The elimination of all statewide student assessments creates hardship on the school that would like to see these children placed into a program that best fits the needs of those students.

As far as achievement testing is concerned, how will the school system identify children that are in need of special education? Will they be ignored and forced into a program that does not meet their needs?

All students statewide must continue to enhance their skills in writing because when they have graduated, the real world demands an individual to have strong writing skills that are adequate for their personal and professional growth.

Elimination of statewide involvement in school accreditation:

Cutting this involvement only states that we do not wish to be a part of the national scene in whether or not our children are being taught by professionals that work in a school that is recognized as accredited. Most scholarships that are distributed to high school graduates require that they attend a school that is nationally recognized as an accredited school.

Elimination of the student leadership program:

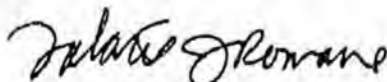
Leadership is important and begins when an individual student cares enough to participate in endeavors such as student government. Many of these students go on to college and return to their communities to become leaders. Eliminating the student leadership program will deter these best and brightest students to be lost in the shuffle of government cutting. Were you once a student leader?

Elimination of the Rural School Vocational Program:

Rural Alaskans have albeit suffered the most from budget cuts. Since President Clinton passed the new welfare reform bill, this will force the private sector of businesses to absorb the new workers that are entering the workforce. *But, before they can enter the workforce, they need job training.* Cutting the Rural School Vocational Program would hurt Alaskans more than help them. As a former student of the Alaska Technical Center (formerly Kotzebue Technical Center), I must admit that it has helped me tremendously in obtaining and keeping a job. If this training entity is cut, we will be forcing many rural Alaskans to become indigent. The Alaska Technical Center will be able to absorb the new trainees that will be seeking trade school skills.

In an era of declining oil production, we must think of the future Alaskans who will ultimately be seeking employment in rural Alaska as well as urban Alaska. Your egalitarian conscience in these matters will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



Valarie J. Romane  
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cc: Senator Al Adams  
Representative Reggie Joule



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## **Alaska Science & Technology Foundation: Creating Real Jobs, Real Economic Growth and Real Opportunity for Alaskans**

For more than eight years, the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation has worked to create jobs and opportunity for Alaskans by providing seed and venture capital to Alaska entrepreneurs. ASTF projects already are beginning to pay tangible dividends in terms of new technologies developed, jobs created, new knowledge used to benefit Alaskans and repayments returned to the foundation by successful ventures. In 1996, ASTF actively managed 119 projects with \$12.4 million in ASTF funds matched by \$29 million in other funds.

### *Here are just a few examples of economic returns on those ASTF investments:*

- A 1994 investment by ASTF in Alaska Power Systems to develop a device for the remote monitoring of power generation equipment has led to the creation of 60 jobs, with 10 more jobs expected to be added by the company in the coming month. Alaska Power Systems has signed an agreement with Emerson Electric to market that company's equipment worldwide, and discussions are now underway with AIDEA, the Municipality of Anchorage and private investors that could lead to an additional 100 manufacturing jobs in Alaska by 1999;
- Eight jobs at the new Alaska Wood Products mill in Tyonek exist today because of a preservative process co-funded by ASTF, and developed by former UAF professor Kevin Curtis, now of Forest Products Development in Wasilla. This production process, using Native-owned white spruce, has led to orders for three local bridges, as well as railroad ties for the Alaska Railroad. Now that the preservative process has proven effective on hemlock, a Southeast mill is being planned as well as an additional mill in the Interior;
- At least \$1.6 million in income has been received by Integrated Power Technologies, an Anchorage-based company that has now repaid back to ASTF \$70,000 of its original \$293,000 grant, which launched the company. The firm now employs four full-time engineers conducting research and development to produce surge protectors for worldwide distribution;
- Marlene Cameron of Wasilla began her birch sap business in 1991 with \$93,756 from ASTF. In the next few months, she intends to sign an agreement with the Matanuska Susitna Borough to lease up to 150 acres of land in Willow for construction of a full scale birch syrup production facility and commercial kitchen. Cameron estimates the new facility will employ scores of full-time and seasonal workers, some of whom will come from the Mental Health Services organization in Wasilla. Cameron says her partners are major producers in the national maple syrup industry who will invest heavily here, bringing now revenue to the Alaska economy;

- **35 Alaskan oil service firms will be working with ASTF**, the Alliance and the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation to compete for business on Sakhalin Island, Russia. This project will put in place the security necessary to provide electronic commerce links for those 35 firms, bringing new revenue to the Alaska economy;
- With contributed labor, ASTF will provide the missing link in connecting classrooms to the world. ASTF has said that schools with clear connectivity plans can receive up to \$10,000 per school from ASTF to cover the costs of hardware (routers, wiring, etc.) necessary to wire classrooms to each other and to the Internet. Schools, through active PTA involvement, will cover the cost of computers and other equipment and are getting lots of help from NetDay, an organization committed to wiring schools throughout the state by organizing parents, teachers, PTAs and volunteers;
- A project of Arctic Alaska Seafoods, North Pacific Processors and ASTF has produced year-round processing jobs in Kodiak, and a demand for pinks when no other processors were buying. The Kodiak firm is processing 1.5 million pounds of chunk-style flake pink salmon into a retortable pouch with sales now generating a royalty payback to ASTF, bringing new revenue to the Alaska economy.

### **ASTF and the University of Alaska**

Currently, only 20 percent of ASTF funds support projects at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Fairbanks campuses. But those projects play an important role in Alaska's economy. ASTF-funded projects are significantly different than other projects funded by university or federal funds. ASTF requires the participation of the customer or end user of the science or technology being developed as well as clear practical plans to achieve a direct benefit to Alaskans. ASTF does not pay overhead or indirect expenses of any grantee. Since the University contributes those costs, it is a co-investor in every ASTF project at the University. In effect, projects at UAF, UAA, and UAS must meet standard ASTF criteria including:

- Solid technical work and economic feasibility
- Cost sharing
- Practical benefits

*Recent examples of University projects realizing a direct Alaska benefit:*

- Gour Choudhury of the Fisheries Industries Tech Center has developed a process to turn arrowtooth flounder, an underutilized fish dominating the Gulf of Alaska, into food products. International Seafoods of Alaska has licensed the process with intent to produce a number of food products from arrowtooth at their Kodiak plants.
- The classic practical guide to arctic construction, *Building in the North*, by late UAF Professor Eb Rice, has been updated by engineering professors at UAF and UAA. Free copies are available from ASTF to any interested Alaskan.
- UAF Engineering Professor Tom Kinney is working with a Sitka foundation firm to develop a better anchor system for new construction and to fix permafrost-damaged buildings that would otherwise be abandoned.

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March 20, 1997

Dear Mr. Hanley,

I am writing this in a feeble attempt to understand why our current Legislature is proposing such a drastic cut to our children's welfare.

As a director of a licensed child care center in Anchorage I am appalled by the proposed cuts to child care assistance, the child care grant program, and the elimination of state matching funds to resource & referral agencies.

My center received approx. 13,000.00 dollars last year from the Child Care Grant Program. This monies was used to hire staff and also to help our staff make a living wage.

Our center only gets CCG monies because we agree to accept DCA attendance clients. Generally these families cannot pay the difference between what their subsidies program pays & what we charge.

Often times they leave our programs owing us money. We absorb the cost because we are here to provide a consistent, stable place for children.

It is apparent that current funding does not meet the needs of families & programs. If we cut funds more will we be known as the state that leaves our children & families by the wayside.

Please help us maintain current funding.

Thank you,

Mandy Munnell

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fax - 258-9188

Representative Mark Hanley  
Finance Committee Co. Chair  
State Legislature  
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The Finance Sub-Committee is considering reducing the amount of the Child Care Grant by ONE MILLION DOLLARS! Please reconsider!

1) Quality Child Care is important to me because

it means that our children are getting a better start to a better future!

2) The Child Care Grant is important to Alaska's children because, it provides for families to choose quality programs even when times are tough.   
a. Keeps the cost of child care down for all children by ensuring QUALITY care.

b. Improves the quality of care for my children by providing a way for all children to be part of quality programs; ~~and~~ keeping costs down; providing more culturally diverse centers; proving socio-economically training for teachers etc.  
I would like to know what your actions are regarding Child Care issues

Reducing this grant can cause families, programs and teachers to suffer - reducing the quality of our programs in turn reducing the quality of our children's education... IS THAT WORTH IT?



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March 5, 1997

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Dear Representative Hanley:

I would like to thank you, on behalf of the more than 30,000 faculty, staff and students of the University, for taking the time to meet with us during our February trip to Juneau. I realize that your schedule is full, and that sometimes it is hard to meet with constituents.

We realize that you believe you have a mandate from your constituents to cut state government while protecting education and providing for the economic future of your district, your constituents, the state and its citizens. We are trying desperately to keep the university in a position to continue to offer quality programs and to prepare students to be productive members of the Alaskan work force without gutting academic programs and adversely impacting university students and employees further, some or many of whom may be in your district. This has become nearly impossible.

The university general fund budget has declined over 30 percent in the past decade while the demand for programs and university resources has increased exponentially. It is education that positions citizens to be productive members of the work force, thereby securing our economic future. By the year 2000, two thirds or more of the jobs above minimum wage will require at least some college education. Yet the legislature continues to under-fund higher education.

We were told by nearly every legislator that we spoke to that unless constituents change their mandate to cut state spending, cuts to the university operating budget will continue. Legislators advised that the only way they can change their position is to convince the constituents to change their mandate. Their advice was well-taken. Closing the university, as recommended by some Anchorage legislators, is not an option.

I will be back to Juneau in April, and I hope you will have time to speak with me again. If there is any information I can provide which may help you in your budget decisions, please let me know.

We are very proud of the University of Alaska and we will exhaust all our efforts to see higher education in Alaska remain strong.

Sincerely,

*Marie M. Scholle*

Marie M. Scholle, Chair  
System Governance Council  
and Staff Alliance





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*Diana M. Strzok, Executive Director*

March 20, 1997

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that there has been a proposed budget cut of 13 million dollars in state general funds. Included in this overall cut, there is a proposed 6.9 million dollars that would drastically affect the state Medicaid program.

As a provider of Intensive Rehabilitative Services to individuals who experience mental illness, I am gravely concerned of the ramifications that these budget cuts will have on this population. As you may be aware, there is a continual influx of institutionalized individuals discharged into the community which increases the need for community based services. If these budget cuts become a reality, individuals will suffer greatly because the support services, including case management, provided by mental health clinics/agencies will not be available due to the necessity to downsize. This downsizing may result in an inadequate number of staff available to provide the current quality of support necessary to keep individuals and the community safe. In addition, individuals will lose current services due to the lack of funding. If services are lost, this could result in re institutionalization, incarceration, or homelessness of the individuals.

Past budget cuts have left social service agencies over burdened, under staffed, and having a great difficulty meeting the needs of the individuals they serve. There already is a lack of funds available to hire the necessary staff to meet the needs of the individuals.

The cost to the state at this point is far less than it would be if individuals were not able to access services for their continued support and success in the community. The average cost per day at a state institution is \$1000 compared to \$100 for Intensive Rehabilitation Services.

It is my hope that when you cast your vote for this proposed cut that you will vehemently oppose any budget cuts that will affect Rehabilitation and case management services for individuals that experience mental illness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly A. Barber".

Kimberly A. Barber  
Clinical Associate, Assets Inc.



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Representative Pete Kelly, Chairman  
House Finance Subcommittee on Education  
State Capitol  
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Dear Representative Kelly:

RDC and the Alaska Miners Association are writing to urge your support of a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 for the Department of Education's (DOE) Alaska Minerals and Energy Education Program for fiscal year 1998. The appropriation would help ensure that the long-standing public/private partnership between the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF) and DOE continues.

AMEREF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works with the Department of Education to support the Alaska Minerals and Energy Education Program. AMEREF has worked with DOE for more than 15 years to deliver the Alaska Resources Kit, an Alaska-specific interdisciplinary set of lessons, activities and support materials on Alaska's mineral and energy resources. The kit is a helpful "tool box" of user friendly ideas for teachers, as well as a dynamic hands-on program of activities for students.

The Alaska Resources Kit is one of the most balanced sources of mineral and energy information designed for teachers and students. AMEREF has introduced more than 7,000 educators to the kit through teacher training courses and presentations at conferences. Approximately 150,000 students have been exposed to its materials over the past 15 years. At their most formative age, children today are inundated with information on why

America must preserve the earth's resources, but very little on why it must develop them responsibly. As a result, children have little or no understanding of mineral and energy resources and their essential role in society, leaving parents complaining their children are receiving environmental indoctrination rather than education.

With coordination by DOE, and support from school administrators, educators throughout Alaska developed and continue to review, revise and use the kit's five major modules. Scientists and other resource managers from the private and public sector provide relevant input and contribute their time in helping develop and modify the educational materials within the kits.

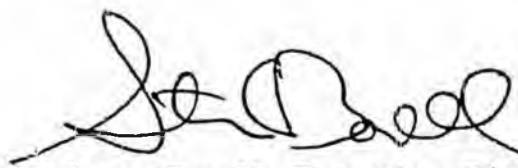
If Alaska's partnership in resource education is to survive, it is imperative that both government and industry commit to adequately fund the program. This partnership has thrived since 1982, and the continued popular acceptance of the program reflects its success with teachers and students.

Representative Kelly, be assured that your support of AMEREF serves as a wise investment in resource education and the children of Alaska -- our future decision-makers and leaders. Through an effective and long-standing partnership, AMEREF and the State of Alaska have made a big difference in promoting a better general understanding of natural resources and the public benefits they provide.

Sincerely,



Becky Gay, Executive Director  
Resource Development Council



Steve Borell, Executive Director  
Alaska Miners Association

cc: House Finance Subcommittee on Department of Education members  
Representative Gail Phillips  
✓ Representative Mark Hanley  
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**ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION  
1997 PROGRAM PROFILE**

*The Corporation:*

Alaska Legal Services Corporation was formed in 1966 as a private, non-profit corporation to provide legal services to the poor. It is governed by a statewide 15 member board of directors in consultation with local client councils.

ALSC operates six offices with a combined staff of 18 attorneys and a total staff of 32. Offices are located in:

Anchorage                      Bethel                      Juneau  
Barrow                          Fairbanks                  Ketchikan

*ALSC Clients:*

To be accepted as a client, personal income must be at or below a figure which is tied to the federal poverty guidelines.

**Maximum Income Guidelines**

One person ..... \$12,075/year  
Two persons ..... \$16,175/year  
Three persons..... \$20,275/year  
Four persons ..... \$24,375/year

For each additional family member add \$4,100/year.

*The Need:*

Alaska needs to provide legal services for low-income persons. Society encourages citizens to settle their differences in an orderly manner, which is why we have a court system. There is no justice if justice is available only to those who can pay for it.

There are also special considerations in Alaska. Outside a few urban areas, there are only a handful of private lawyers available. Many persons are denied legal help unless government acts to provide legal services in these areas. In addition, large numbers of rural Alaskans have found themselves thrust into contact with a legal system that is not familiar. ALSC is the predominant source of legal advice and representation for these people: nearly 40% of ALSC clients are Alaskan Natives.

*Services Provided:*

Census figures estimate that between 60,000 and 70,000 Alaskans live at poverty levels. ALSC handled 3,961 requests for service in 1996 and has approximately 800 open cases. This number of cases only scratches the surface of the needs of the client population. Ninety percent (90%) of the services provided by ALSC are routine matters dealing with divorce, adoption, child custody, landlord-

tenant disputes, public benefits, unemployment, wills and probates, and Native Allotments. Although a few controversial cases tend to get the headlines, the bulk of ALSC's services address immediate -- and often life-threatening -- crises in Alaskans' lives. The success rate of the agency is high. Of the 109 cases which have gone to the Alaska Supreme Court, ALSC has won 86.

*Cost-Effectiveness:*

ALSC is one of the most cost-effective agencies in existence anywhere. Private lawyers charge at least \$125.00 an hour plus expenses -- and up from there. For approximately \$70.00 an hour, including expenses, ALSC lawyers provide a broader range of services than private lawyers provide for the much higher figure. We keep six offices open around the state so that legal services are accessible to all; we do considerable village travel where no private lawyers ever go; and we act as a referral agency for persons we cannot help directly.

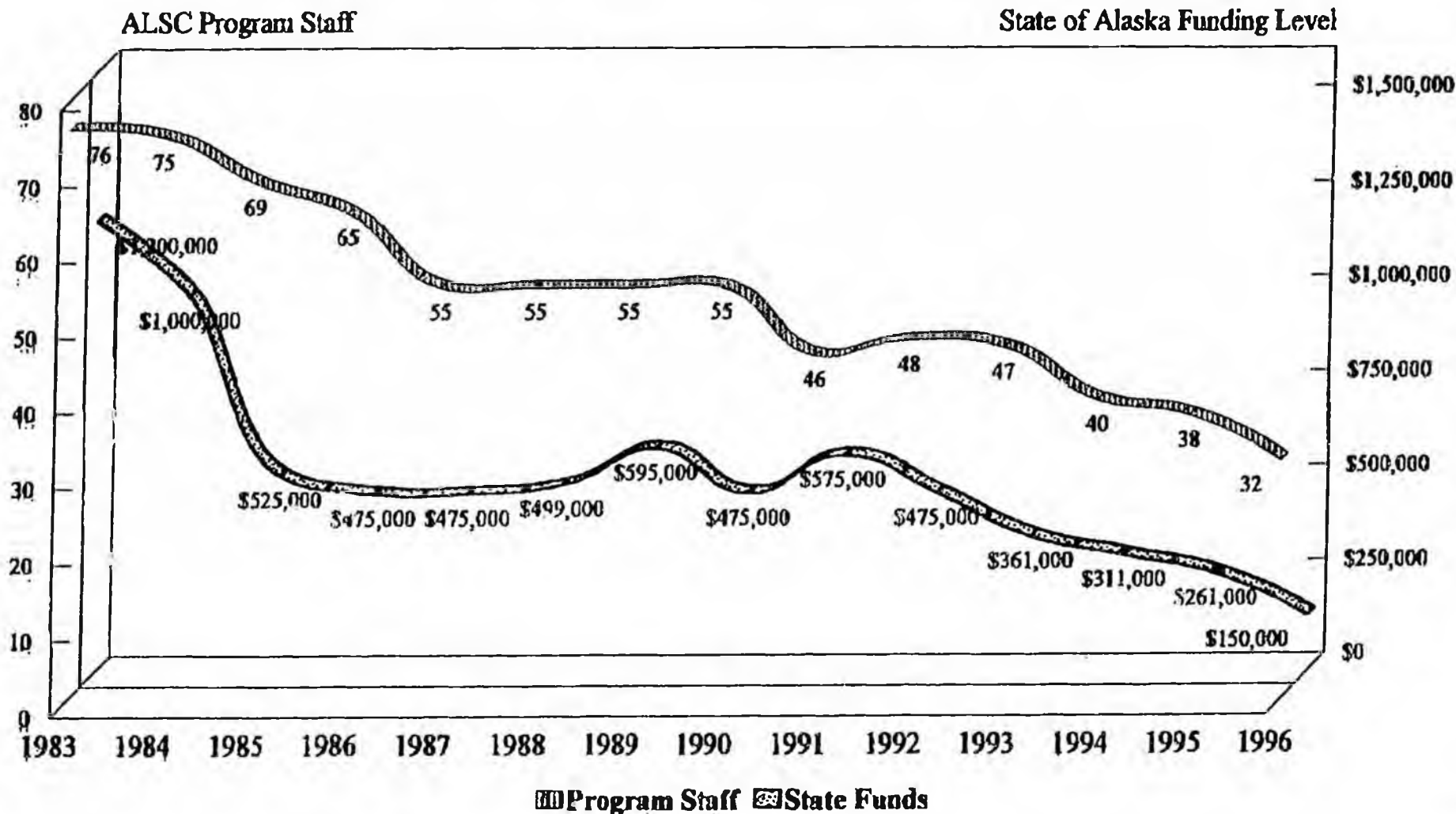
*Funding:*

ALSC's budget for 1997 is \$2.36 million. Current federal funding for the program is \$956,275.

*Summary:*

ALSC is in the business of providing quality legal services to low-income individuals and groups. ALSC offers thirty years of accumulated expertise in providing vital legal services to the poor.

# Alaska Legal Services Corporation State Funding and Staffing Trends



1996 Appropriation Consists of \$100,000 from Community and Regional Affairs and \$50,000 from Health and Social Services

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ALASKA LEGAL  
SERVICES CORP.

Dear Mr. Hickerson:

I am writing on behalf of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to express our support of Alaska Legal Services budget line in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

As you know, the Council provides grants to locally based domestic violence and sexual assault programs. These programs provide advocacy, shelter, counseling and crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The victims that they serve are too often in need of legal representation and consultation when faced with the criminal and civil justice systems. Most of their clients do not have sufficient financial resources to obtain private counsel. While some of the programs have volunteer attorneys who are willing to provide part of the needed consultation and pro bono services, the demand far exceeds the availability. Our grantees consistently report that Alaska Legal Services have provided a significant portion of these services in the past. The budget reductions over the past few years in Alaska Legal Services have resulted in the decrease and in some areas, the elimination of these services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Council commends Alaska Legal Services in its on-going work on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.


Sincerely,

*Jayne E. Andreen*  
Jayne E. Andreen  
Executive Director

cc: Council Members

B-4 Thursday, January 2, 1997

**Anchorage Daily News**



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## Legal work

### *Lawyers do it for free*

The flak that attorneys receive about how they make their living is unwarranted, at least in one respect. The Alaska legal profession deserves a gold star for the high rates of participation among attorneys offering free legal assistance to poor people.

Thanks to more than 950 attorneys who donated their time, more than 1,300 low-income Alaskans were helped in 1996 by Alaska Legal Services' Pro Bono Program. That's an impressive number. Only the volunteer-oriented state of New Hampshire, says Legal Services executive director Robert Hickerson, has Alaska beat.

The amount of free legal work done by attorneys is actually greater than ALS rates indicate. Some lawyers do pro bono work for churches, community groups and individuals that is not tracked through Legal Services' offices.

The pro bono work by hundreds of lawyers — both for Alaska Legal Services and independently — was not done in a vacuum. It was complimented by groups and organizations pitching in to help the cause. That cause — to offer legal aid to poor people who cannot afford their own — is a basic tenet of this country's judicial system.

Free legal help is all the more important in these trying times for Alaska Legal Services. Federal and state budget cuts have forced the closure of four of ALS' 10 offices. Two of the remaining six — Barrow and Ketchikan — remain open because they are locally financed. The Bethel ALS office, serving the state's poorest region, is likely to close next if further cuts are made, Mr. Hickerson says.

If government is to serve all people, free legal services for poor people tangled in the legal system must be a basic function of government. By voluntarily completing pro bono work, almost 1,000 attorneys with business in Alaska are doing their part to ensure justice for all.

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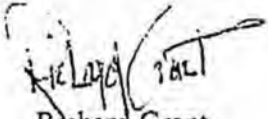
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State Representative Vic Kohring  
State Representative Beverly Masek  
State Senator Rick Halford  
State Representative Mark Hanley  
c/o Alaska State Legislature

Ref: Enclosed Fax

I do not write to my legislative representatives very often unless your actions or inactions are more important to me because they affect me personally. And because you don't have the time to answer every piece of correspondence you receive, however I encourage you to read the enclosed fax very carefully. It affects all Alaskans in one way or another, young and old, in all walks of life. The impact statement originated in the Division of Land and is in response to projected budget cuts, some of which are being carried out now due to the last round of funding reductions. I think you will find as I did the consequences of this document will affect other agencies as well, their employees and families far into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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**FY 98 HFSC - DNR BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**  
**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Land development Component - (\$217.9) GF**

***The Division of Land is the critical path through which almost all resource actions must pass!***

A reduction of \$217.9 in the Land Development Component for the Division of Land has drastic and wide ranging impacts not only to the public served, but to the services and revenue generating ability of other DNR Divisions, departments, as well as local governments. The reduction of \$217.9 will become even more dramatic when considering a \$388.0 vacancy factor in personal services coupled with the \$399.0 cost of implementing the RIP program. The division took advantage of the RIP program to allow more costly personnel to be replaced by cheaper personnel, to give the division a chance to restructure, and to streamline its operations in an effort to reduce processing delays. The combined impact of the HFSC reduction, vacancy factor, and RIP liability to the division is in excess of \$1,000.0. This translates into a reduction of 15-20 employees added to the more than 70 positions the division has lost since 1992. This will force us to consider the implementation of the following options:

***GENERAL IMPACTS***

The largest impacts will be to the oil and gas industry, mining industry, the sagging timber industry, and general public including recreation and tourism. Small and large projects, both public and private, will be stalled. The result will be to delay job creation and commercial projects if DNR Division of Land personnel do not exist and the time delays are significantly longer than the present processing schedule.

The unauthorized use of uplands and tidelands will multiply since the division cannot respond in a timely manner to granting authorizations. The revenue losses from leases, permits, and material sales processing delays will be significant, especially when considering the reoccurring annual fees.

***IMPACT TO SERVICES***

1. Elimination of the Northern Region Office located in Fairbanks. The Office will be reduced to an application intake office with limited capability to address land and resources management responsibilities and issues unique to northern operations. Other services will be curtailed or centralized to Anchorage. Leases, permits, rights -of- way, and material sales applications will be forwarded to Anchorage for processing.

***Direct impacts to Northern Region***

- Delays in or failure to issue leases/permits for guides and commercial ventures on state land. This will increase unauthorized use on state land and potentially lead to damage of the state's natural resources. Revenues generated by these authorizations would be lost.

- Delays in or failure to issue surface leases/rights-of-way/permits for oil and gas exploration and development. Developments such as Alpine, Badami, and North Star require permits from the Division of Land. Failure to authorize these uses could lead to costly delays in this major Alaskan industry and revenue generator.
- The positions associated with Northern Region tasks have gained years of experience in dealing with the Arctic environment, as well as developed a cooperative working relationship with industry permitting and environmental staff. This experience would be lost through elimination of most of the positions or by loss of individuals choosing not to relocate to Anchorage.
- Lease administration and monitoring and compliance functions would suffer from the loss of expertise. Discontinuity in management of these leases would be harmful to the environment, as well as in the loss of a good working relationship between the division's staff and the lessees. Such discontinuity in the past has led to major and costly (million dollar) contamination cleanups being required, such as the Forward and Child's pads cleanups.
- Cross-country travel permits would be delayed or unauthorized. This increases the potential for damage to Alaska's resources and would delay mineral exploration, oil and gas exploration, and the use of state lands by other developers.
- Material sales would not be issued in a timely manner or would fail to meet deadlines of contractors/industry. Of special merit are million cubic yard sales that would not be conducted for north slope oil and gas development of new fields or expansion of existing ones.
- RS 2477 Project Support and Continued Research would not occur. The Northern Region has housed the research program for the last four years. This staff is junior to other resource officers and would be laid off as a result of a major office reduction. This expertise would be difficult to replace and its loss would seriously hamper the state's ability to assert its rights.
- Field personnel with long-term knowledge of the region would be lost.
- Golden Valley Intertie right-of-way would not be issued timely. This multi-million dollar construction/operation is expected to start construction in 1998. This would be delayed.
- MFS Fiber Optics Right-of-Way from Valdez to Prudhoe Bay would not be issued timely. Delay of this major communications project would be detrimental to the pipeline communication upgrade, as well as potential ripple effects to communities that may be able to tie into this new communication system.

- Delay in authorizing material sales and rights-of-way for DOT/PF construction projects slated for this summer. Several authorizations are pending, including the Dalton Highway upgrades, Elliott Highway upgrades, and associated waysides for travelers.
- Cooperative efforts between the state, federal government, municipalities, and local interests groups would suffer. The region is involved in several programs that are responding to public access needs; of special note are:
  - Nenana River Canyon public access and TRAAK proposals
  - Denali North Access feasibility study
  - Dalton Highway coordination group (a group of citizens, municipal leaders, and agencies)
  - Alaska Trails System participation
  - Other cooperative land use management programs are:
    - Reindeer permits on the Seward Peninsula
    - Alaska Guard training site on the Seward Peninsula.

These cooperative efforts would be hindered without participation of the Division.

2. Elimination of the Southeast Regional Office located in Juneau. The office will be reduced to an intake office with limited capability to address land and resource management responsibilities and issues unique to the Southeast Region. Other services will be curtailed or centralized to Anchorage. Leases, permits, rights-of-way, and material sales applications will be forwarded to Anchorage for processing.

*Direct impact to Southeast Region*

- Extended delays or no leases/permits issued for the timber industry (private and US Forest Service). Failure to provide timber for the sawmills and creating value added jobs to replace the 500 jobs lost in Ketchikan due to the pulp mill closure. Congress and the USFS have agreed to provide enough timber from federal lands to keep the sawmills operating for the next three years, which retains the 500 remaining jobs after mill closure. The division's reduction will have a negative impact on this situation by being unable to authorize the multiple requests by the USFS.
- Upland lodge operators in the Yakataga area, who have clients booked from the US and Europe for the 1997 summer season, will operate in trespass without any revenue return to the state.
- Material contracts to the City of Petersburg could not be issued for the road construction leading to the Cabin Creek Reservoir. This multi-million dollar city project is essential to meet the high water demands of the fish processing plants during the peak summer season.
- City of Skagway is in immediate need of a landfill site which could be accomplished through a municipal land entitlement. A city RFP is presently being advertised to

create an incinerator building on state land. Existing landfill capacity will be reached in 1997 and an approved site is critical by this fall.

- Lack of a tideland authorization to the City and Borough of Sitka for a facility to export water to Korea could result in a multi-million dollar loss of annual revenue to the city.
- Delay of authorization for the proposed Tongass Coast Aquarium in Ketchikan will result in the loss of jobs to help replace those caused by the mill closure.
- No authorizations could be issued to DOT/PF, Alaska Marine Highways, for the Auke Bay ferry terminal expansion, and the nearby 1.5 mile road bypass, both to be out to bid this spring.
- The Goose Creek Phase II Subdivision at Thorne Bay would be delayed or shelved. The city is fronting the survey money because DNR's Phase I did not fulfill the demand for commercial land. DNR could be faced with repayment of survey costs to the city. KPC mill closure has added increased interest in additional land to diversify the economy.

3. Elimination or reduction of Central Office and Southcentral Region programs.

*Central Office*

- Eliminate appraisal assistance to other divisions and departments including EVOS work in support of on-going projects.
- Eliminate lease reappraisals. As leases require reappraisal, rentals will remain the same as no reappraisals necessary to establish the fair market rent will be completed.
- Eliminate survey assistance provided in support of activities of other divisions and departments.
- Eliminate all title analysis work done in support of departmental activities.
- Reduce intake and review activities necessary for the state to receive its land entitlement from federal government.
- Reduce support to Attorney General's Office on state's rights issues.
- Eliminate graphics support services, including maintenance and preparation of easement atlases which identify access on state owned lands.
- Eliminate processing of interagency land management transfers to other state agencies, such as DOT/PF.

### *Impact to Southcentral Region*

- Eliminate shorefishery and mariculture/aquatic farming programs.
- Reduce land use permitting activities.
- Reduce land leasing program activities.

### *Impacts to Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands Management*

- Alaska Mental Health Trust (AMHT) lands are managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. The Trust Land Office (TLO) within DNR is responsible for all aspects of AMHT land management unless the TLO delegates responsibility to other DNR divisions pursuant to a written agreement.
- Accordingly, the TLO has contracted with the Division of Land (DOL) for assistance in protecting Trust Land values and generating revenues from the Trust surface estate. The DOL currently assists the TLO in the following areas of AMHT land management:
  - Application receipt and adjudication
  - Lease and contract administration
  - Title research and maintenance
  - Field inspections
  - Decision document preparation
  - Public notice
  - regulatory enforcement
  - Entitlement acquisition

Budget reductions projected for the Division of Land for FY 98 will undoubtedly have an impact on TLO management of AMHT lands. Impacts will likely include:

1. Increased costs due to contracting with third parties
2. Reduction in response time to applications
3. Less field presence
4. Postponement of entitlement acquisition

Additionally, the TLO, like the private sector, relies on the DOL for certain regulatory actions. The effects of a DOL operational fund shortfall will affect the TLO as it will affect the private sector - if the DOL is unable to respond to regulatory actions as before, projects will be delayed.

4. Public customers will experience prolonged delays for land authorizations and even greater delays for activities requiring field work, surveys, appraisals, and title work.
5. Services provided to other state agencies will be reduced causing delays to resource use such as oil and gas leasing, DOT/PF road construction, large mining development projects evaluation and authorization, receiving title to state land from the federal government, assistance with timber sales, agriculture contracts, and mental health lands application adjudication.

#### *Impact to Division of Oil and Gas*

- The Area-Wide leasing program was established through legislation passed last session. This program accelerates the leasing program and when fully implemented in 1999 it will mean that virtually all available state land on the North Slope, in the Beaufort Sea, and in Cook Inlet will be available for lease on a yearly basis. This program helps Alaska to remain competitive in the international marketplace. The Division of Land does much of the title work for these lands. Since drilling cannot commence until clear title is established, it makes little sense to create a bottleneck in an otherwise very streamlined program.
- If the Special Masters' decision is upheld by the Supreme Court (decision expected this summer), Alaska will come into possession of the lagoonal areas around ANWR. Naturally, we would like to get these lands into our Area-Wide leasing program as soon as possible. First the lands have to be surveyed. Budget cuts contemplated by the House Budget Subcommittee will delay this work.

#### *Impacts to Division of Mining and the Mining Industry*

- Conveyances for Potential Large Mines will be delayed a few years. DMWM works with national mining firms to accelerate conveyance to land with significant industry activity. Our goal is to allow large mines to come into production on state, not federal land. These conveyances are dependent on the Title Section within Division of Land. If conveyances slow down, we can expect that land title for some important mineral prospects will be set back by two or more years. This could delay future production where important mineral properties await state conveyance.
- Conveyances for Alaskan Placer Miners delay causes some placer miners to go bankrupt. BLM's recently proposed regulations will require placer miners on federal land to put up a large cash bond. If enacted, the regulations will eliminate the ability for most placer miners to operate on federal land. We expect these miners to quickly plead for state to accelerate Tentative Approval (TA), which would allow them to operate on state rather than federal mining claims. The conveyance work for the many small placer claims requires significant work by the Title Section within Division of Land. This will almost certainly not be possible in light of the proposed cuts.

- Assertion of RS2477: Some of Alaska will Become Off-limits to Development. We assume that budget cuts of this magnitude will slow or stop Division of Land from asserting state management of RS 2477 access routes. These routes can be critical for access to some state and private land. Without them, the land becomes essentially inaccessible for development.
- Material Sales: Delay. To the extent that the proposed cuts delay material sales by Division of Land, the cuts may also delay mining operations that are dependent on the sales for building roads or other facilities. Off-site material sales occur for a number of the larger mines. Both Fort Knox and Usibelli Coal Mines have used state material sites for their development.
- Land Classification: Delay. Large mining projects frequently require off-lease development. Where a land-use plan has not been completed, state law requires a site-specific plan to proceed land classification before the lease can be issued. Lack of staff can delay these activities.
- Mineral Opening Orders: Delay. We expect that the few mineral opening orders that the state processes each year will be significantly delayed.

*Impacts to Division of Forestry*

- The Division of Land supports the Division of Forestry and the forest industry by providing surveys, title searches, site-specific plans, and rights-of-way for timber sales and permits and leases for log transfer facilities and other development sites. This year for example, sorely needed timber sales to local operations on Wrangell Island would have been delayed without planning support from the Division of Land. Division staff also provided surveys for spruce bark beetle timber salvage sales on the Kenai Peninsula, and work with Forestry staff on access authorizations on a regular basis.

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Mail &amp; Telefax

Re: Alaska Legal Services Corporation - House Finance Committee

Dear Representative Hanley:

Mr. Hanley, as Co-Chair of the House Finance Committee, you will soon be reviewing and approving a recommended budget for the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (C&RA). The House C&RA Sub-Committee Budget includes, in the Office of the Commissioner budget line, a \$100,000 grant for Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC). This is the same amount received by ALSC during state FY'97, and a reduction from the \$261,000 received in state FY'96.

Enclosed are four attachments which may assist you in reviewing this appropriation: (1) the Program Profile which describes the programs services; (2) the State Funding and Staffing Trends graph which details the downward trend in state support; (3) a letter of support from the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and, (4) an editorial praising the work of the ALSC Pro Bono Program.

In the past three years, ALSC has closed offices in Dillingham, Kodiak, Kotzebue, and Nome. The offices in Bethel and Ketchikan are currently hanging by a thread. Unfortunately, the federal share, which was reduced by almost \$1 million in 1996 and 1997, could easily be reduced again. Please keep these facts in mind when reviewing this relatively small part of the State of Alaska budget.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



Robert K. Hickerson  
Executive Director

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Attachments: (4)

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March 19, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley  
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Dear Representative Hanley:

We have reviewed the proposed reductions regarding the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal year 1998. Although we applaud the efforts of the legislature to trim spending and downsize the state government, we are concerned that the proposed budget reductions will negatively impact the opportunities that will ensure the success of welfare reform.

We are asking the legislature to reinstate the \$6.6 million in reinvestment funds into the Department of Health and Social Services budget for fiscal year 1998. The reinvestment funding will allow DHSS to increase efforts in assisting AFDC recipients transition into productive employment opportunities. It is essential that the Department of Health and Social Services receive full appropriation of the \$6.6 million in reinvestment dollars. These reinvestment dollars will assist in successful transitional services such as; work activities, child care and teen parent support.

To meet newly imposed federal work requirements the state will have to double current efforts with regard to work and training programs. Without these reinvestment dollars it will be extremely hard for DHSS to meet the significant challenges proposed by welfare reform. If we do not take a pro-active role in welfare reform and ensure that the needed resources such as, child care and welfare to work services are available to AFDC recipients the costs will only increase and will become even more burdensome upon the state in future years.

Sincerely,



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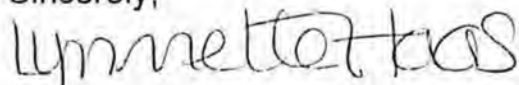
To : Mark Hanley

I am writing to you regarding the budget for Developmental Disabilities. I am concerned that this may be an area that you will consider cutting programs. I am the parent of a severely disabled child. I know that without the programs available for my daughter, our family would have given up hope. I ask that when you consider the Health and Social Services budget, please don't forget those individuals out there that are disabled and can't do much for themselves. Remember my job is 24 hours a day, and even though it is difficult, I am willing to do it, but I can't, if programs for my daughter, Katie, suffer cut-backs. Please remember her when you make important decisions.

I would like to bring to your attention that this area received a 19% cut back in 1987 and we have never regained any of that money back. In fact, we have eroded the present programs available, by having more people needing service. When you think of that fact, we have taken a cut each year, and still we have a waitlist.

Thank-you for you time. I don't envy your job!

Sincerely,



Lynnette Haas  
Soldotna

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To	Representative Mark Hanley	From	Frances Andringa		
Co./Dept.		Co.	Politician		
Phone #	907 465-4935	Phone #	276-6661		
Fax #	907 465-2418	Fax #	276-5042		

March 19, 1997

Representative Mark Hanley  
Finance Committee Co-Chair  
State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hanley:

The Finance Sub-Committee is considering reducing the amount of the Child Care Grant by One Million Dollars!

**Please reconsider!**

Quality Child Care is important because all children deserve a safe, nurturing, caring environment.

Quality Child Care is important to me because I have three children and our family is in a position where I must work. Many other families are in the same position. Our children's safety and well-being should not be put in jeopardy because quality child care is not available.

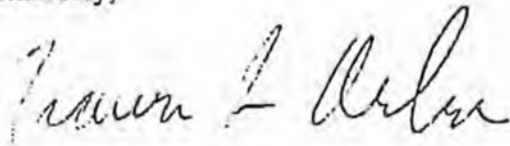
Quality Child Care should be readily available to all children regardless of their parents ability to pay for it. Cutting the Child Care Grant will cause costs for quality programs to rise, eliminate incentives for quality centers to accept children who receive subsidy, and diminish the quality of child care.

Quality Child Care is a basic necessity and there are not enough **quality** programs available in Alaska now. Cutting the Child Care Grant will be detrimental to our children and families. Please Reconsider!!

I would like to know what your actions are regarding Child Care issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Frances L. Andringa  
3534 Sherrie  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
907 337-4646

**Shishmaref Emergency Services, Inc.**

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PHONE NUMBER: (907) 649-2150  
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March 11, 1997

To: Senator Al Adams

State Capital

Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Ref: Proposal

From: Robert C. Iyatunguk  
S.E.S. , S.A.R. President

Enclosed is a copy of the recent S.E.S.,S.A.R. proposal. We as a search and rescue organization have been busy this season with ten search operations since November of 1996.

As volunteers, the organization needs these snowmachines for future search operations. On just about every operation, we have had to send for a request for replacing broken equipment with the hope that in the end, the state would grant our requests. This reason being so because the searchers that goes out to do the searches has been volunteering thier own as well. These snowmachines that the volunteers use on search operations has been put to use such as hauling ice, hunting expeditions, and other numerous activities that is normal to every day "bush" life. We could mention the other equipment such as sleds and other personal equipment that is needed in search operations but right now we want to focus on the snowmachines since they are the equipment that usually needs to be fixed during or after a search operation.

If the proposal is granted and we do get the snowmachines, the organization will make sure that these equipment are well cared for and put under lock and key, only to be used when search operations do occur.

The S.E.S. Board needs your support on this important matter. If you or your staff have any questions or more information, please feel free to contact our office at the address given on our letter head. Thank you for your time and attention.

Gov. TONY KNOWLES

cc. to: Senator Al Adams  
Senator Jim Duncan  
Senator Mike Miller  
Senator Drue Pearce  
Senator Bert Sharp  
Representative Richard Foster  
Representative Mark Hanley  
Representative Reggie Joule  
Representative Gail Phillips  
Representative Brian Porter  
Representative Gene Therriault  
Trooper SGT HARRINGTON

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October 1, 1996

Senator Al Adams  
PO Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99803

Dear Sir:

Below is the proposal you requested that I submit to your office. In it, we are requesting \$42, 825 for purchase of six 1997 Polaris XLT touring snowmobiles for emergency services on the Seward Peninsula (Wales, Brevig Mission, Teller, and Shishmaref vicinity) and Nana Region going toward Cape Espenberg, Deering, Buckland, and Kotzebue.

**WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:**

The Search and Rescue was first formed in Shishmaref in 1974. Over the years, the name changed to Shishmaref Emergency Services. Throughout this period, the work has been done by conscientious volunteers year-round by land, sea, and air.

Each year averages between 56 - 60 individuals are rescued on the Seward Peninsula alone. Of these rescues, the majority are done in the winter through the use of snow mobiles.

After a call has come in, the person is described, information about last known whereabouts, health condition, etc. is gathered. The state troopers are notified and authorization is requested by SES for a search. Once this is approved, we are alerted to "Search Readiness" irregardless of weather conditions. The search procedure goes on from this point 24 hours a day for as long as it takes.

There is a 24 hour rotation of teams called a "Six Pack" This group is consisted of Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, Radio Technician Operator, Assistant Radio Technician, Emergency Trauma Technician and Assistant Emergency Trauma Technician. This six-pack may break into smaller teams as required to cover more ground in less time. Radio connection is maintained with the home base, local and regional medical personnel, and law enforcement agencies. such as with the State Troopers, Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard, and Army Air National Guard.

When the individual is found, the SES team notifies the home base headquarters and works with all necessary to assure a medically sound plan of rescue.

**NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THIS SYSTEM:**

For years, individual volunteers have used their snow mobiles and personal equipment to do search and rescue. In each case, there is always the possibility that the persons who are helping - may end up being a part of the problem because of the breaking down of their own machines. In reality, this has happened several times.

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In addition to near-abortion of missions and costly delays, there is always the possibility that the emergency health status of the person being rescued may end in serious medical difficulty or death because of malfunction of equipment. For this reason, it is necessary to have six adequate snow mobiles in excellent repair and readiness to be used in emergency efforts for two search-and-rescue teams of three persons each.

Storage and maintenance of equipment will be done under the supervision of the SES Board of Directors and the City of Shishmaref. The snow mobiles will be stored in the City garage under lock and key to assure readiness.

We seek your response as soon as you are able to provide it. Should there be any questions, please feel free to call me at (907) 649-4811. Thank you for your time and understanding on this important issue.

Sincerely

*Robert C. Iyatunguk*  
Robert C. Iyatunguk  
S.E.S. S& R President

cc City of Shishmaref

REP. REGGIE JOULE  
P.O. BOX 673  
KOTZEBUE, AK  
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**BUDGET**

Item Description	Requested Funds	Other Sources of Funds
6 1997 Polaris XLT Touring Snow Mobiles @ \$7,674.45 each,	\$46,047	
Freight @ 450 ea x 6 machines	<u>2,700.00</u>	
Subtotal Amount:	48,746.70	
Maintenance (Plugs, Oil, belts etc)	-0-	Total Amount reimbursed by State Troopers
Gas	-0-	Same
Per Diem Expenses (food, replacement of arctic clothing, etc)	-0-	Same
Repairs	-0-	Same

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March 17, 1997

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The Editor  
Anchorage Daily News  
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FAX: (907) 258-2157

Dear Editor,

In response to your March 12th editorial "DEC's Mission," as a "dissatisfied individual" I offer an opposing viewpoint.

I would like to commend Rep. Mark Hodgins for taking a strong leadership position by pointing out that there are some serious and significant problems with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. As President/CEO of an Alaskan petroleum marketing and distributing company with a presence in 18 communities in our state, I have regrettably concluded the underlying problem with ADEC can be summarized in an eight letter word . . . ATTITUDE. From my perspective, an attitude that transcends administrations reveals the department is essentially managed by upper level, non-appointed career bureaucrats who seemingly relish in flexing their broad range of authority.

In your editorial, you note Rep. Hodgins has stated that ADEC's mission has served more to harass people than to protect the environment. He is quite correct! However, past legislatures must also be held accountable for passing a maze of environmental regulation most of which was driven by emotion in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez tragedy. Accordingly, it is essential for everyone to realize there is a cost to meeting regulations, whether irrational or otherwise, and that this additional cost is being borne by the end-use consumer throughout Alaska.

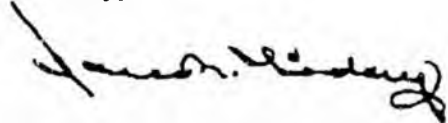
You counter Rep. Hodgins' proposal by generalizing on his assessment of ADEC as being representative of a few dissatisfied individuals. Obviously, the news media does not generate the regulatory oversight that we in the fuel business do. Even for those of us who accept environmental stewardship as a reasonable obligation, when consistently exposed to an endless array of arrogance, over zealousness and intimidation a change in style and philosophy seems appropriate. Clearly, ADEC does not need a task force to study it nor a self-serving report card on "how great thou art."

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As a constructive suggestion, the department should adopt a more cooperative and less confrontational approach to dealing with business and industry, similar to the manner exhibited by the Department of Natural Resources.

Rather than ridiculing Rep. Hodgins maybe a bit of praise is in order for providing ADEC with a long overdue "wake-up" call.

Sincerely,



Dale R. Lindsey, President/CEO  
Harbor Enterprises, Inc.

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