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Component Summary - FY98 Operating Budget

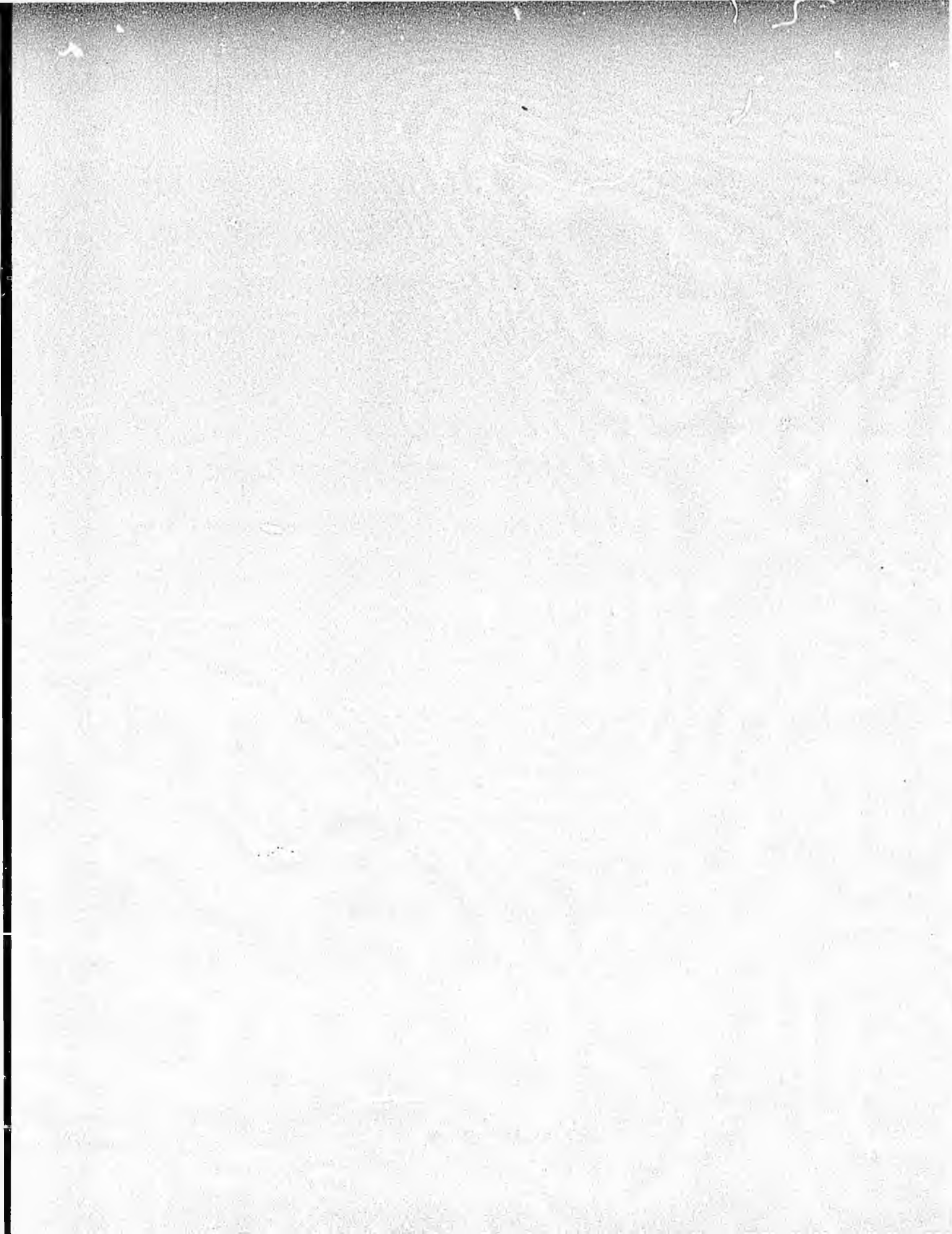
Agency: Department of Education

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Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School							
39	Instruction Program	1,663.4				0.0	0.0%
40	Residential Program	2,331.7				0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	3,995.1	4,149.4	4,194.8	4,194.8	0.0	0.0%
Vocational Rehabilitation							
41	Client Services	9,991.5	10,983.5	11,662.1	11,662.1	-0.0	-0.0%
42	Federal Training Grant	10.0	56.3	56.3	56.3	0.0	0.0%
43	Voc Rehab Administration	992.2	1,003.8	1,139.2	1,139.2	0.0	0.0%
44	Independent Living Rehabilitat	1,035.6	1,124.0	1,285.3	1,285.3	0.0	0.0%
45	Disability Determination	2,529.5	3,282.7	3,980.9	3,980.9	-0.0	-0.0%
46	Special Projects	491.1	1,293.5	1,353.3	1,353.3	0.0	0.0%
47	Assistive Technology	868.8	1,106.2	1,038.9	1,038.9	0.0	0.0%
48	Americans With Disabilities	24.5	185.7	123.3	123.3	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	15,943.2	19,035.7	20,639.3	20,639.3	-0.0	-0.0%
Alaska State Library							
49	Library Operations	4,112.3	5,100.2	5,133.8	4,834.7	-299.1	-5.8%
50	Archives	684.5	718.1	728.8	0.0	-728.8	-100.0%
	* BRU Total	4,796.8	5,818.3	5,862.6	4,834.7	-1,027.9	-17.5%
Archives							
	Archives				811.5	811.5	%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	811.5	811.5	%
Alaska State Museums							
51	Museum Operations	1,390.9	1,401.3	1,448.5	1,381.3	-67.2	-4.6%
52	Specific Cultural Programs	88.4	41.7	41.7	41.7	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,479.3	1,443.0	1,490.2	1,423.0	-67.2	-4.5%
Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission							
53	Program Administration	979.6	1,045.1	1,120.2	1,120.2	0.0	0.0%
54	Student Loan Operations	6,227.1	6,327.9	6,263.0	6,263.0	0.0	0.0%
55	WICHE Student Exchange Program	327.4	193.6	82.5	82.5	0.0	0.0%
56	WAMI Medical Education	1,267.0	1,309.0	1,350.4	756.7	-593.7	-44.0%
57	Federal Student Aid	430.1	288.5	243.5	243.5	0.0	0.0%
58	Gov Council on Voc & Career	157.6				0.0	0.0%

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	Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission						
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	* BRU Total	9,388.8	9,164.1	9,059.6	8,465.9	-593.7	-6.6%
	*** Total Agency Expenditure	893,830.3	903,381.0	922,133.7	920,199.3	-1,934.4	-0.2%
	Federal Funds	106,317.3	115,658.6	127,757.0	127,757.0	0.0	0.0%
	General Funds	683,374.7	686,720.5	702,130.5	700,196.1	-1,934.4	-0.3%
	Other Funds	104,138.3	101,001.9	92,246.2	92,246.2	0.0	0.0%



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Agency: Alaska Court System

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Alaska Court System							
1	Appellate Courts	3,858.1	4,001.8	4,196.1	4,158.6	-37.5	-0.9%
2	Trial Courts	35,867.4	37,944.3	39,237.2	38,922.1	-315.1	-0.8%
3	Administration and Support	5,839.8	6,158.6	8,022.6	6,406.1	-1,616.5	-20.1%
	* BRU Total	45,565.3	48,104.7	51,455.9	49,486.8	-1,969.1	-3.8%
Commission on Judicial Conduct							
4	Commission on Judicial Conduct	216.9	228.0	252.4	245.1	-7.3	-2.9%
	* BRU Total	216.9	228.0	252.4	245.1	-7.3	-2.9%
Judicial Council							
5	Judicial Council	778.3	651.7	692.5	668.9	-23.6	-3.4%
	* BRU Total	778.3	651.7	692.5	668.9	-23.6	-3.4%
	*** Total Agency Expenditure	46,560.5	48,984.4	52,400.8	50,400.8	-2,000.0	-3.8%
	Federal Funds	122.7				0.0	0.0%
	General Funds	46,037.8	48,984.4	52,400.8	50,400.8	-2,000.0	-3.8%
	Other Funds	400.0				0.0	0.0%

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	Administration & Operations						
1	Office of the Commissioner	1,945.8	2,542.2	2,025.3	273.9	-1,751.4	-86.5%
2	Parole Board	486.1	488.2	491.9	0.0	-491.9	-100.0%
3	Correctional Academy	678.2	771.8	779.7	-0.0	-779.7	-100.0%
4	Administrative Services	2,519.9	2,632.0	2,924.5	-0.0	-2,924.5	-100.0%
5	Data and Word Processing	512.7	1,083.7	1,097.3	563.1	-534.2	-48.7%
6	Fac-Capital Improvement Unit	166.9	210.6	214.4	214.4	-0.0	-0.0%
8	Inmate Health Care	14,368.8	14,857.2	14,997.6	3,120.9	-11,876.7	-79.2%
9	Inmate Programs	2,671.3	2,578.0	2,778.4	1,197.5	-1,580.9	-56.9%
10	Correctional Industries Admin	1,145.6	1,171.2	1,192.6	0.0	-1,192.6	-100.0%
11	Corr Industries Product Cost	3,148.5	2,750.6	2,750.6	2,750.6	0.0	0.0%
12	Institution Director's Office	578.5	676.7	731.0	222.1	-508.9	-69.6%
14	Anvil Mtn Correctional Center	3,847.3	3,915.8	3,963.4	-0.0	-3,963.4	-100.0%
15	Combined Hiland Mtn Corr Ctr	7,206.9	7,292.9	7,392.2	330.9	-7,061.3	-95.5%
16	Cook Inlet Correctional Center	9,281.9	9,250.2	9,374.4	1,515.9	-7,858.5	-83.8%
17	Fairbanks Correctional Center	6,973.2	7,080.5	7,176.1	87.2	-7,088.9	-98.8%
18	Ketchikan Correctional Center	2,692.2	2,615.7	2,651.7	23.5	-2,628.2	-99.1%
19	Lemon Creek Correctional Ctr	5,968.1	6,021.0	6,102.5	112.1	-5,990.4	-98.2%
20	Mat-Su Correctional Center	2,785.9	2,752.1	2,788.8	60.4	-2,728.4	-97.8%
21	Palmer Correctional Center	8,957.8	8,622.7	8,729.9	162.6	-8,567.3	-98.1%
22	Sixth Avenue Correctional Ctr	3,837.5	3,886.5	3,942.1	1,204.1	-2,738.0	-69.5%
23	Spring Creek Correctional Ctr	13,360.0	13,938.8	14,136.0	24.0	-14,112.0	-99.8%
24	Wildwood Correctional Center	8,624.1	8,325.4	8,428.3	15.9	-8,412.4	-99.8%
25	Yukon-Kuskokwim Corr Center	3,978.3	4,017.5	4,067.9	0.0	-4,067.9	-100.0%
33	Community Jails	4,374.6	4,812.1	4,813.3	-0.0	-4,813.3	-100.0%
27	Community Corrections Director	10,023.7	1,038.7	837.3	0.0	-837.3	-100.0%
29	Northern Region Probation	2,471.3	2,452.6	2,496.5	0.0	-2,496.5	-100.0%
30	Southcentral Region Probation	4,151.7	3,908.3	4,194.2	-0.0	-4,194.2	-100.0%
31	Southeast Region Probation	913.0	839.2	896.0	-0.0	-896.0	-100.0%
	Administration and Operations				106,075.7	106,075.7	%
	* BRU Total	127,669.8	120,532.2	121,973.9	117,954.8	-4,019.1	-3.3%

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Administration and Support							
7	Unallocated Reduction		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Institutions							
26	Unallocated		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Community Corrections							
28	Community Residential Centers		10,333.7	10,333.7	-0.0	-10,333.7	-100.0%
	* BRU Total	0.0	10,333.7	10,333.7	-0.0	-10,333.7	-100.0%
Out of State Contracts							
13	Out-of-State Contractual	5,743.9	5,897.9	6,437.9	6,881.7	443.8	6.9%
	* BRU Total	5,743.9	5,897.9	6,437.9	6,881.7	443.8	6.9%
Existing Community Residential Centers							
	Existing CRC Facilities				10,709.7	10,709.7	%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	10,709.7	10,709.7	%
New Community Residential Centers							
	New CRC Facilities				310.0	310.0	%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	310.0	310.0	%
Point MacKenzie							
32	Point MacKenzie Rehab Program	1,901.5	1,981.7	1,999.3	1,942.3	-57.0	-2.9%
	* BRU Total	1,901.5	1,981.7	1,999.3	1,942.3	-57.0	-2.9%
Cultural Relevance Study							
	Cultural Relevance Study				50.0	50.0	%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	%

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	*** Total Agency Expenditure	135,315.2	138,745.5	140,744.8	137,848.5	-2,896.3	-2.1%
	Federal Funds	1,377.7	1,687.3	1,708.3	4,142.5	2,434.2	142.5%
	General Funds	129,381.2	132,463.4	133,853.7	128,853.7	-5,000.0	-3.7%
	Other Funds	4,556.3	4,594.8	5,182.8	4,852.3	-330.5	-6.4%

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Administration and Support							
1	Office of the Commissioner	768.0	872.3	629.3	606.1	-23.2	-3.7%
2	Administrative Services	2,807.1	1,650.5	1,824.8	1,820.8	-4.0	-0.2%
3	Data and Word Processing	456.3	506.3	731.9	724.9	-7.0	-1.0%
4	One Stop			3,656.7	3,656.7	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	4,031.4	3,029.1	6,842.7	6,808.5	-34.2	-0.5%
Senior Citizens/Disabled Veterans Tax Relief							
5	Homeowners Property Tax Exempt	1,163.8				0.0	0.0%
6	Renters' Equivalency Rebate	336.2	300.0	300.0	300.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	1,500.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	0.0	0.0%
National Forest Receipts							
7	National Forest Receipts	6,950.4	10,000.0	10,000.0	10,000.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	6,950.4	10,000.0	10,000.0	10,000.0	0.0	0.0%
Municipal Revenue Sharing							
8	State Revenue Sharing	26,271.7	24,170.0	23,614.1	23,614.1	0.0	0.0%
9	Municipal Assistance	31,959.0	29,402.3	28,726.0	28,726.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	58,230.7	53,572.3	52,340.1	52,340.1	0.0	0.0%
Local Government Assistance							
10	Training and Development	2,707.2	2,466.9	3,024.4	2,991.7	-32.7	-1.1%
11	State Assessor	144.3	153.1	154.8	152.7	-2.1	-1.4%
12	Local Boundary Commission	253.1	253.6	256.4	253.0	-3.4	-1.3%
13	Statewide Assistance	2,376.9	2,855.0	2,766.0	2,762.1	-3.9	-0.1%
14	National Petroleum Reserve		50.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0%
15	Municipal Lands Trustee	153.1				0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	5,634.6	5,778.6	6,251.6	6,209.5	-42.1	-0.7%
Community and Economic Development							
16	Community & Econ Develop			1,695.7	1,682.8	-12.9	-0.8%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	1,695.7	1,682.8	-12.9	-0.8%
Child Assistance							
17	Child Care	3,585.7	3,612.3	4,521.3	4,512.2	-9.1	-0.2%

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Child Assistance							
18	Day Care Assistance Programs	14,322.3	13,875.5	15,370.1	15,370.1	0.0	0.0%
19	Head Start Grants	5,819.7	5,884.5	6,186.2	5,879.8	-306.4	-5.0%
	* BRU Total	23,727.7	23,372.3	26,077.6	25,762.1	-315.5	-1.2%
Employment Training/Rural Development							
20	Job Training Partnership Act	6,847.6	10,880.8	11,453.7	11,438.7	-15.0	-0.1%
21	State Training and Employment	1,573.5	1,824.6	1,763.3	1,763.3	0.0	0.0%
22	Statewide Service Delivery	5,058.6	5,885.1	7,338.0	7,318.1	-19.9	-0.3%
23	Block Grants CIP	231.2	291.6	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0%
24	Community Development Assist.	2,167.8	3,015.4	2,952.0	2,927.7	-24.3	-0.8%
25	Rural Development Grants	2,122.3	861.8	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	18,001.0	22,759.3	23,507.0	23,447.8	-59.2	-0.3%
Rural Energy Program--Energy Operations							
26	Energy Operations	3,047.6	2,604.8	2,216.6	2,180.5	-36.1	-1.6%
27	Power Cost Equalization	19,329.7	17,000.0	17,000.0	17,000.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	22,377.3	19,604.8	19,216.6	19,180.5	-36.1	-0.2%
	*** Total Agency Expenditure	140,453.1	138,416.4	146,231.3	145,731.3	-500.0	-0.3%
	Federal Funds	21,195.2	29,157.6	34,920.1	34,920.1	-0.0	-0.0%
	General Funds	90,808.3	81,981.4	80,347.6	79,847.6	-500.0	-0.6%
	Other Funds	28,449.6	27,277.4	30,963.6	30,963.6	-0.0	-0.0%



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	Longevity Bonus						
1	Longevity Bonus Grants	73,270.1	74,062.6	70,593.6	70,593.6	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	73,270.1	74,062.6	70,593.6	70,593.6	0.0	0.0%
	Senior Services						
2	Pioneers Homes	30,016.4	30,859.3	31,128.6	31,073.4	-55.2	-0.2%
3	Nutrition, Trans & Support Svc	5,245.1	5,505.1	5,514.3	5,514.3	0.0	0.0%
4	Senior Employment Services	1,740.6	1,752.3	1,759.4	1,759.4	0.0	0.0%
5	Home & Community Based Care	2,723.0	2,982.2	3,380.2	3,380.2	0.0	0.0%
6	Senior Residential Services	1,015.0	1,015.0	1,015.0	1,015.0	0.0	0.0%
7	Senior Services Administration	4,790.7				0.0	0.0%
8	Protection, Comm Svcs, & Admin		3,929.1	6,529.5	6,453.9	-75.6	-1.2%
9	Citizens Foster Care Review			139.9	139.9	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	45,530.8	46,043.0	49,466.9	49,336.1	-130.8	-0.3%
	Legal and Advocacy Services						
10	Office of Public Advocacy	7,363.9	7,439.5	7,726.1	7,710.9	-15.2	-0.2%
11	Public Defender Agency	8,504.1	8,707.4	9,092.1	9,068.0	-24.1	-0.3%
	* BRU Total	15,868.0	16,146.9	16,818.2	16,778.9	-39.3	-0.2%
	Labor Agreements Miscellaneous Items						
12	Labor Agreements Misc Items	250.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	250.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0%
	Centralized Administrative Services						
13	Office of the Commissioner	526.7	496.7	503.0	499.6	-3.4	-0.7%
14	Citizen's Foster Care Review	131.7	137.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
15	Labor Relations		927.2	927.2	923.0	-4.2	-0.5%
16	Administrative Services	1,532.3	1,485.3	1,501.8	1,500.0	-1.8	-0.1%
	Group Health Insurance			10,640.0	10,640.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	2,190.7	3,046.5	13,572.0	13,562.6	-9.4	-0.1%
	Personnel						
17	Personnel	3,570.3	2,242.6	2,240.7	2,186.4	-54.3	-2.4%
18	AK Professional Develop Inst.	516.8	707.9	709.7	700.1	-6.6	-0.9%
	* BRU Total	4,087.1	2,950.5	2,947.4	2,886.5	-60.9	-2.1%

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17	Personnel	3,570.3	2,242.6	2,240.7	2,186.4	-54.3	-2.4%
16	AK Professional Develop Inst.	516.8	707.9	706.7	700.1	-6.6	-0.9%
	* BRU Total	4,087.1	2,950.5	2,947.4	2,886.5	-60.9	-2.1%
Finance							
19	Finance	6,349.4	6,098.8	6,145.5	5,845.0	-300.5	-4.9%
	* BRU Total	6,349.4	6,098.8	6,145.5	5,845.0	-300.5	-4.9%
General Services							
20	Purchasing	1,689.7	1,490.1	1,512.0	1,511.2	-0.8	-0.1%
21	Property Management	754.2	940.4	946.8	946.2	-0.6	-0.1%
22	Central Duplicating and Mail	1,633.6	1,915.2	1,844.8	1,844.8	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	4,077.5	4,345.7	4,303.6	4,302.2	-1.4	-0.0%
Retirement and Benefits							
23	Retirement and Benefits	8,609.2	8,315.8	9,186.2	9,186.2	0.0	0.0%
24	EPORS	855.7	891.1	1,033.8	1,033.8	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	9,464.9	9,206.9	10,220.0	10,220.0	0.0	0.0%
Tax Appeals							
25	Tax Appeals		188.4	160.4	159.1	-1.3	-0.8%
	* BRU Total	0.0	188.4	160.4	159.1	-1.3	-0.8%
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission							
26	Ak Oil & Gas Conservation Comm	1,757.0	1,719.1	1,740.4	1,723.8	-16.6	-1.0%
	* BRU Total	1,757.0	1,719.1	1,740.4	1,723.8	-16.6	-1.0%
Alaska Public Offices Comm							
27	Alaska Public Offices Comm	629.4	687.5	778.2	776.0	-2.2	-0.3%
	* BRU Total	629.4	687.5	778.2	776.0	-2.2	-0.3%
Risk Management							
28	Risk Management	18,610.5	21,965.3	21,967.2	21,967.2	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	18,610.5	21,965.3	21,967.2	21,967.2	0.0	0.0%
Information Services							
29	Computer Services	11,991.7				0.0	0.0%
30	Telecommunications Services	7,837.7				0.0	0.0%

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	Information Services						
29	Computer Services	11,991.7				0.0	0.0%
30	Telecommunications Services	7,837.7				0.0	0.0%
31	Information Services		20,301.8	20,358.9	20,358.9	0.0	0.0%
32	Information Svc Fund Front Sec	19,829.4	21,661.5	55.0	55.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	39,658.8	41,963.3	20,413.9	20,413.9	0.0	0.0%
	Rural Alaska Television Network (RATNET).						
33	RATNET	789.7				0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	789.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
	Leasing and Facilities						
34	Leases	30,229.2	29,940.2	30,273.6	29,773.6	-500.0	-1.7%
	* BRU Total	30,229.2	29,940.2	30,273.6	29,773.6	-500.0	-1.7%
	Public Communications Services						
35	Public Broadcasting Commission	107.5	59.0	58.9	57.9	-1.0	-1.7%
36	Public Broadcasting - Radio	2,950.0	2,810.0	2,613.9	2,613.9	0.0	0.0%
37	Public Broadcasting - T.V.	1,375.0	1,284.4	845.2	845.2	0.0	0.0%
38	AK Rural Communications Svcs		910.0	1,578.0	1,578.0	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	4,432.5	5,063.4	5,096.0	5,095.0	-1.0	-0.0%
	Division of Motor Vehicles						
	Administration			1,205.7	1,205.7	0.0	0.0%
	Driver Services			1,486.9	1,486.9	0.0	0.0%
	Field Services			6,159.5	6,159.5	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	8,852.1	8,852.1	0.0	0.0%
	*** Total Agency Expenditure	257,195.6	263,478.1	263,399.0	262,335.6	-1,063.4	-0.4%
	Federal Funds	6,251.1	6,845.5	6,865.1	6,865.1	-0.0	-0.0%
	General Funds	173,211.4	172,904.1	181,291.5	180,158.1	-1,133.4	-0.6%
	Other Funds	77,733.1	83,728.5	75,242.4	75,312.4	70.0	0.1%



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The Republican Party of Alaska

Pete Hallgren, Chairman



April 5, 1997

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Public Hearing on State Operating Budget
Legislative Information Office
Juneau, Alaska

ATTENTION:

Senator Drue Pearce - Co-Chair
Senator Dave Donley
Senator Sean Parnell

Senator Bert Sharp - Co-Chair
Senator Randy Phillips
Senator John Torgerson

Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I wholeheartedly support the Republican Legislative Majority's plan to reduce the Alaska state operating by \$ 60.0 million during this session. It is vital that the state continues along a path of fiscal responsibility to ensure that we do not plunge over the financial cliff when our reserves run out. It is also crucial that elected officials NOT BREAK THEIR CAMPAIGN PROMISES, otherwise, voter confidence in our democratic form of government is seriously weakened.

Remember how the voters rewarded Republicans in the last election when they kept their promises?

The voters of Alaska have sent a resounding mandate in electing the strongest Republican Majority to the Legislature since statehood last November. As the President himself has admitted, the era of BIG GOVERNMENT IS OVER!

We must continue to work to re-new investment confidence in Alaska by reducing the insatiable appetite for government to consume our tax dollars. Industry will be reluctant to invest here unless we reign in our runaway state government. Alaskans are strangled by a maze of bureaucracy and regulations which stifle and smother enterprise and individual initiative.

We have the unbelievable situation where government agencies use our tax dollars to lobby and publicly advertise to milk more tax dollars from the Legislature in Juneau.

We have the unbelievable situation where state workers in Alaska make approximately eight percent (8%) MORE THAN THEIR PRIVATE SECTOR COUNTERPARTS! This is backwards from what it should be.

We have the unbelievable situation where Alaska spends nearly FOUR (4) TIMES AS MUCH MONEY PER CAPITA than the national average (see attached statistics).

We have the unbelievable situation where lobbyists swarm the halls in Juneau to suck more money from state coffers into pet projects and programs for the special interest groups.

But who speaks for the little guy? Who speaks for the working man who doesn't have the time nor the money to fly to Juneau and express his opinions? I ask you to not forget the silent majority who sent you to Juneau to do a job, AND THAT JOB WAS TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT!

YOUR MANDATE WAS NOT TO RAISE TAXES!

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No doubt you will hearing the endless shrill cries from the liberal special interest groups who seem to have more vocal cords than numbers, and you must not flinch at this crucial time in our state's history. If you flinch, and do not stand firm AND JUST SAY NO to these special interests, our opportunity to finally reign in the bloated state budget to a sustainable level may be lost for a long time.

I would venture to say that 9 out of 10 people who complain to you not to cut government did not vote for you, and never will. Please don't forget that crucial point.

Alaska voters are an impatient bunch, we will not get another chance at this. Republicans who squander this chance may imperil our future opportunities to elect fiscally responsible legislators. The liberals know this, and are trying to crack your resolve on the budget. They know that if you cave in, they win. They win because Republican core supporters will abandon us, and either move to a third party, or just "stay home" during future elections.

The liberals are also running an all out assault to pass a tobacco tax. This is simply a Trojan horse to generate more revenue to feed government. You must understand that liberals routinely must "PRACTICE" RAISING TAXES. That's right, they practice raising taxes. One year it will be alcohol, the next year the oil industry, next tobacco, next tourism. THERE'S NO END TO IT.

Who will be the next to be taxed? You and I? Our children? Our parents? Your business? My business?

In closing, I urge you to stay on track with the plan to cut \$ 60.0 million this session. I am convinced the voters will richly reward us in the next election. Remember, we represent thousands of Alaskan voters who are not represented by any lobbyist or special interest groups.

WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT LET THEM DOWN!

Thank for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Promises made... Promises kept

Thank you Republican Legislators!

*"Reduce government spending
No new taxes"*

The Republican Party of Alaska hereby salutes the 19th Alaska Legislature for their government reform, economic development and anti-crime accomplishments and for standing firm against Gov. Tony Knowles' "higher taxes, increased spending" special session.

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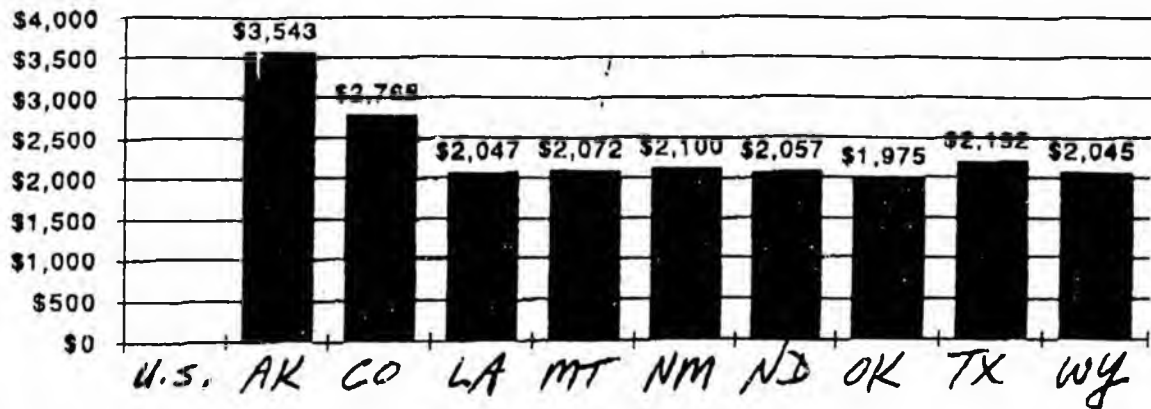
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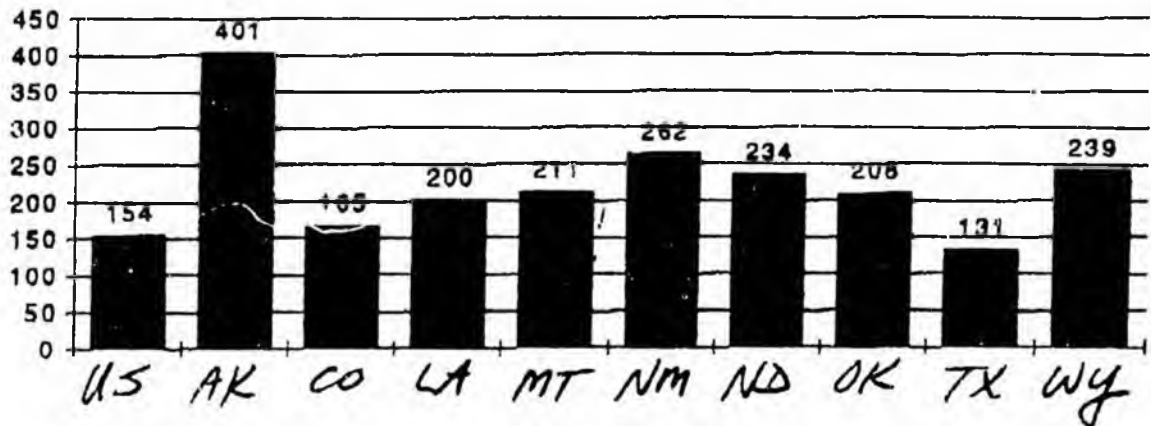
Alaska State Spending Facts

- 1) Alaska spends \$ 5,523 per person overall, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 2,306, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 2,430, Alaska being 3.5 times higher than our peers.
- 2) Alaska spends \$ 1,921 per person on Education, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 744, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 853, Alaska being 2.3 times higher than our peers.
- 3) Alaska spends \$ 669 per person on Welfare, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 423, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 302, Alaska being 2.2 times higher than our peers.
- 4) Alaska spends \$ 844 per person on Highways, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 178, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 272, Alaska being 3.1 times higher than our peers.
- 5) Alaska spends \$ 71 per person on Police, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 21, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 20, Alaska being 3.6 times higher than our peers.
- 6) Alaska spends \$ 10,648 per person on Debt, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 1,193, while our peer states spend an average of \$ 1,474, Alaska being 7.2 times higher than our peers.
- 7) Alaska has 401 State Employees per 10,000 people, as opposed to the U.S. average of 154, while our peer states have 102 State Employees per 10,000 people, Alaska having 3.9 times more State Employees than our peers.
- 8) Alaska State expenditures for salaries and wages is \$ 1,510 per capita, as opposed to the U.S. average of \$ 408, while our peer states average \$ 492, Alaska paying out 3.1 times as much money as our peers for salaries and wages.
- 9) Alaska's per pupil school expenditures are \$ 8,374 per student, while the national average is \$ 4,960, and our peer states' average is \$ 4,282, with Alaska spending 1.96 times as much on education per student. Quantity but not quality???

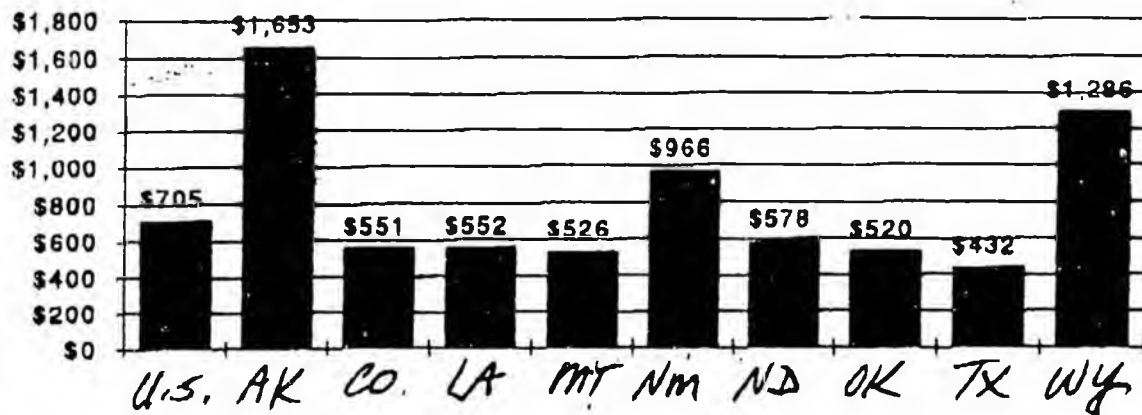
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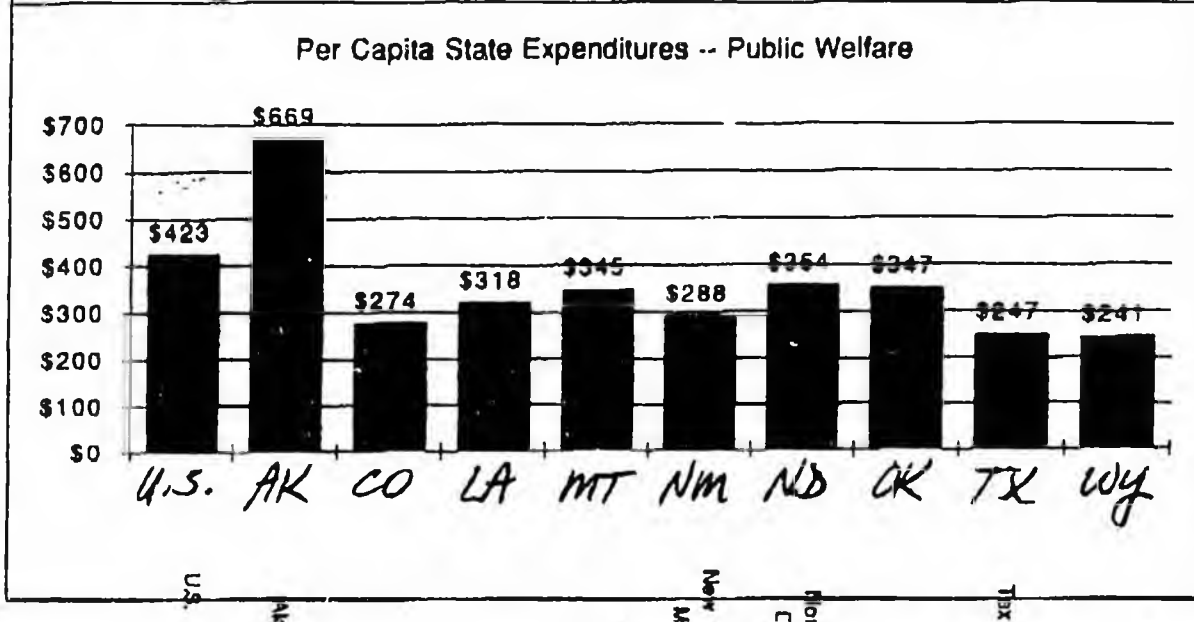
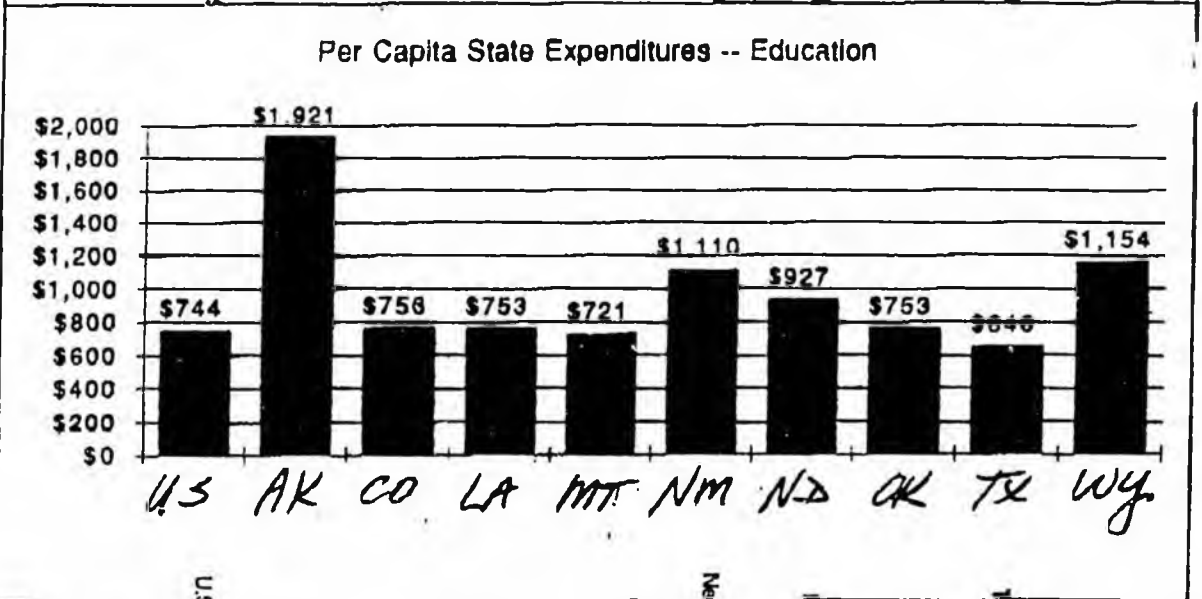
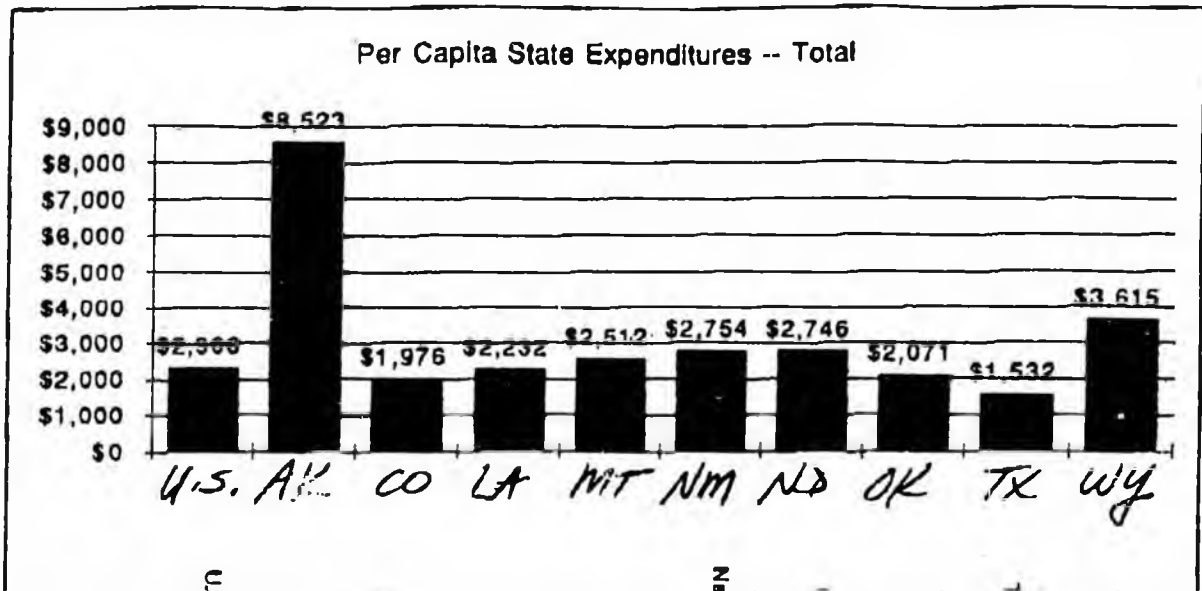


State Employees per 10,000 Population

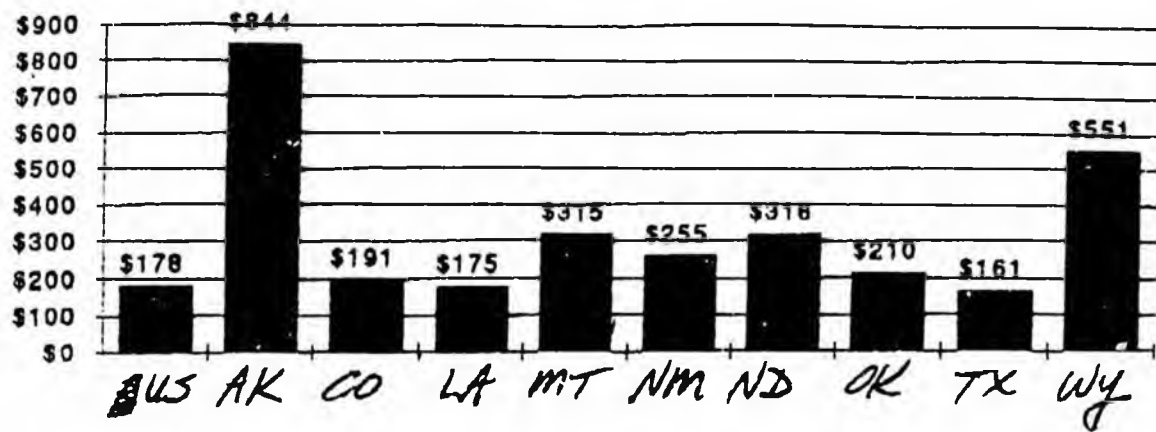


Per Capita State Expenditures -- Intergovernmental Expenditures

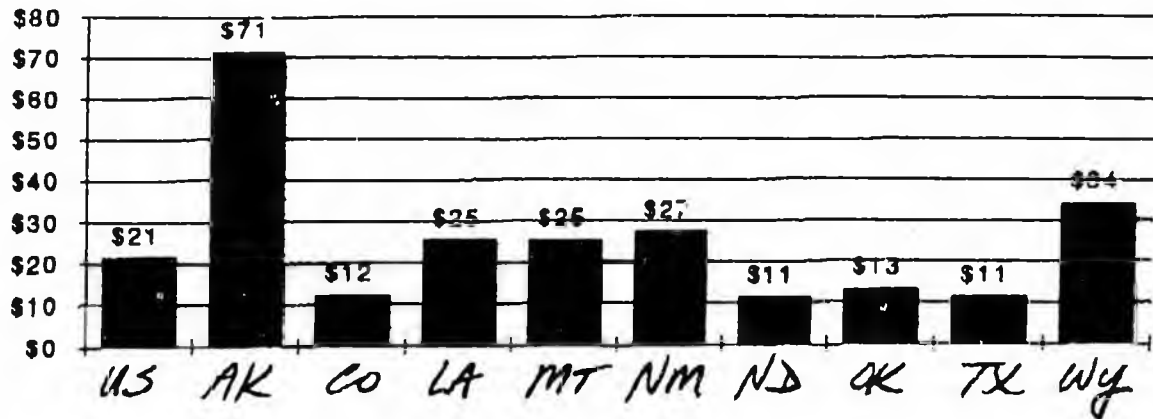




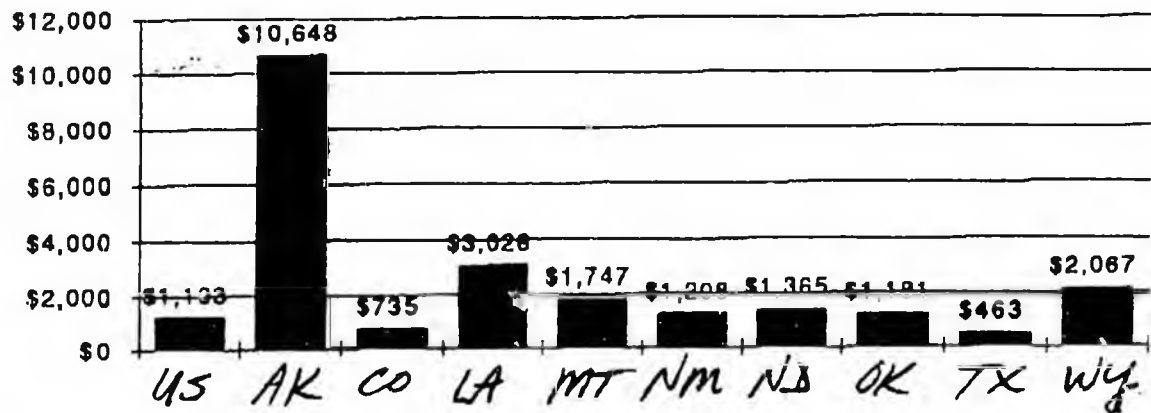
Per Capita State Expenditures -- Highways



Per Capita State Expenditures -- Police



Per Capita State Expenditures -- Outstanding Debt



Component Summary - FY98 Operating Budget

Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Page	Budget Component	FY96 Act	FY97Auth	Gov Amd	Senate	Gov Amd to Senate
Commercial Fisheries Management & Development						
1	Fisheries Management	25,167.7	25,816.4	26,705.0	-0.0	-26,705.0 -100.0%
	SE Region Fisheries Mgmt.				5,250.8	5,250.8 %
	Central Region Fisheries Mgmt.				5,730.4	5,730.4 %
	AYK Region Fisheries Mgmt.				3,962.0	3,962.0 %
	Wstrn. Region Fisheries Mgmt.				6,465.8	6,465.8 %
	Headquarters Fisheries Mgmt.				3,684.1	3,684.1 %
2	Fisheries Development	4,082.6	3,659.3	3,376.1	3,288.1	-88.0 -2.6%
3	Special Projects	8,385.9	11,121.7	11,276.9	11,373.0	96.1 0.9%
4	CIP Position Costs	78.9	96.9	98.7	98.7	0.0 0.0%
5	EVOS Restoration Projects		2,739.9	2,042.1	2,042.1	-0.0 -0.0%
	* BRU Total	37,715.1	43,434.2	43,498.8	41,895.0	-1,603.8 -3.7%
Sport Fisheries						
6	Sport Fisheries	16,965.2	18,589.8	19,530.6	19,295.0	-235.6 -1.2%
7	Special Projects	159.8	301.0	302.4	302.4	-0.0 -0.0%
	* BRU Total	17,125.0	18,890.8	19,833.0	19,597.4	-235.6 -1.2%
Wildlife Conservation						
8	Wildlife Conservation	13,479.8	13,557.8	15,000.0	13,157.3	-1,842.7 -12.3%
9	Special Projects	1,795.0	1,963.6	2,623.6	2,423.8	-200.0 -7.6%
10	CIP Position Costs	92.7	153.2	95.2	95.2	0.0 0.0%
12	EVOS Restoration Projects		617.3	461.9	461.9	0.0 0.0%
	Assert/Protect State's Rights				200.0	200.0 %
	40 Mi Caribou/GMU 19d Moose				389.8	389.8 %
11	Intensive Management	899.5				0.0 0.0%
	* BRU Total	16,267.0	16,291.9	18,180.9	16,728.0	-1,452.9 -8.0%
Administration and Support						
13	Office of the Commissioner	1,314.4	860.2	952.1	0.0	-952.1 -100.0%
14	Public Communications	135.6	329.0	180.9	138.2	-42.7 -23.6%
15	Administrative Services	4,570.7	4,698.7	4,747.5	4,747.5	-0.0 -0.0%
17	Boards of Fisheries and Game	998.6	944.4	964.0	964.0	0.0 0.0%
18	Region. Council/Advisory Comm.	400.5	577.7	554.3	141.0	-413.3 -74.6%
	* BRU Total	7,419.8	7,410.0	7,398.8	5,990.7	-1,408.1 -19.0%

Component Summary - FY98 Operating Budget

Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Page	Budget Component	FY96 Act	FY97Auth	Gov Amd	Senate	Gov Amd to Senate	
	Commissioner's Office						
	Commissioner's Office				880.9	880.9	%
	* BRU Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	880.9	880.9	%
	Subsistence						
19	Subsistence	1,287.1	1,490.0	1,508.0	1,308.0	-200.0	-13.3%
20	Special Projects	1,143.3	1,024.1	1,318.7	1,031.0	-287.7	-21.8%
21	EVOS Restoration Projects		334.7	574.4	574.4	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	2,430.4	2,848.8	3,401.1	2,913.4	-487.7	-14.3%
	Habitat						
22	Habitat	866.5	1,328.1	1,344.4	1,281.6	-62.8	-4.7%
23	Special Projects	1,127.8	1,178.0	1,193.4	1,171.2	-22.2	-1.9%
24	Habitat Permitting/Title 16	2,155.2	2,294.0	2,326.7	2,326.7	0.0	0.0%
25	Restoration	12,434.6	8,808.4	7,106.7	7,106.7	0.0	0.0%
	* BRU Total	16,584.1	13,608.5	11,971.2	11,886.2	-85.0	-0.7%
	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission						
26	Limited Entry Program Admin.	2,626.2	2,712.6	2,751.4	2,713.3	-38.1	-1.4%
	* BRU Total	2,626.2	2,712.6	2,751.4	2,713.3	-38.1	-1.4%
	*** Total Agency Expenditure	100,167.6	105,196.8	107,035.2	102,604.9	-4,430.3	-4.1%
	Federal Funds	25,363.5	31,099.2	31,794.1	31,608.2	-185.9	-0.6%
	General Funds	39,467.3	39,864.1	40,954.2	38,554.2	-2,400.0	-5.9%
	Other Funds	35,336.8	34,233.5	34,286.9	32,442.5	-1,844.4	-5.4%

cc:Mail for: Senator Georgianna Lincoln

I am writing to request that you fund the Television service that provides rural Alaska with programming that keeps us in touch with the rest of the state, nation and the world. We count on this programming for educational TV for our kids, weather reports that are vital for travel in the bush, and other of the myriad services that ARCS gives us.

As you are looking to cut this budget by \$60 million, please, please approach it with vision. A vision of where you would like to see this state be when your children and grand children are adults. We are not a poor, we are a state with a poor vision of the future. Our future and my two boys' future is in YOUR HANDS. This is a great responsibility, don't botch it up.

Sincerely,

Bob Kuhn
Alaskan Resident
McGrath, AK

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3 April 1997

TO: The public hearing on public broadcasting
FR: Jeanne B. Wooderson and family
RE: Funding cuts

Thank you for taking our testimony. We hope that you will listen with your heart and the spirit that guides your life.

We have faced time and again the cuts that the legislature insists needs to be made and yet makes no effort to make **EQUITABLE** funding cuts that effect **EVERY Alaskan**. Time and again we hear that the majority of people live in Anchorage and other urban areas in the state and they need more money for schools, etc. and yet not once do we hear that these areas need to take their fair share of cuts in the budget nor do we hear how their natural resources are contributing to the state's funds.

The oil resources come from the bush. The mining resources come from the bush. A good portion of the businesses in Anchorage and Fairbanks depend upon the consumers in the bush--this includes legal services, retail and wholesale providers, vehicle sales, medical services, educational institutions, and training centers--the list goes on and on. Has anyone bothered to ask them how much of their business depends on the bush?

One thing that is vital to the health and safety of the people everywhere is the TV and radio provided. Cut the only access we have through public TV and radio and we will be worse than 3rd world conditions in the most affluent country in the world. If there was a warning of earthquakes, blizzards, sun storms, floods, fires, enemy attacks, wars, tsunami warnings, etc., we would not know what was happening. Commercial fishing fleets, airlines, the world, military, medical, government, etc., would not know what was happening in this vast country.

Our family lives on an island. We are building a business in tourism--guided fishing. We have no access to other radio or TV stations--the commercial ones in Anchorage and Fairbanks do not broadcast to our area. Because we are allowed 35% commercial TV time, we see the products and advertisers from Anchorage and the sales they have, etc. We buy our groceries, airline tickets and other supplies from the Anchorage merchants or from our local stores who purchase from Anchorage wholesalers.

So I ask you--do you pay for your TV and radio service? Do you have someone telling you that you **HAVE** to have 65% educational TV programs on your TV programming? Do you donate to the public TV and radio stations and weather programs in your area? We receive information programming while the legislature

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is in session regarding the different issues. Do you want to cut this important vehicle that disseminates information to the whole state?

As to the other cuts that the legislature majority are proposing and planning to implement—why? Why, when we have the revenues to support needed programs? What sense is there in reforming welfare if funds are not provided in a reasonable and logical plan to help people become self-sufficient? How can they get their CED if the programs are cut? How can they work if no child care assistance is provided? How can they work if there are no jobs available—do you really want all of the welfare recipients moving to Anchorage in order to get jobs?

I had to go on welfare when my husband died and I was 7 months pregnant with our child. I went on to finish my college degree, but it was so hard; I had \$300 a month and \$275 went to my rent and \$24 to my food stamps. I had \$1 a month for toilet tissues, etc. and I could only earn \$25/week by babysitting or making crafts. It was hard to get off welfare. I am glad that there is reform for the program, but not if they make it even more difficult for people to accomplish the requirement of the law. There's no better teacher than experience—have you ever been on welfare before? Have you tried to get food stamps and medicare? Try living on this system in every sense of the experience for the months that you are not a legislator. Perhaps you will truly understand the situations that people have to live in who happen to be born in a different environment and situation than you did.

I would like to see a published list each year of each legislator showing how many welfare recipients have been hired by their business interests; how much money and time did they personally donate to nonprofit and charitable organizations to help with the youth centers, elder's homes, mentally incapable, physically challenged schools, literacy programs, women's shelters, medical facilities, public safety, fire and emergency medical services, homeless shelters and feeding facilities, food banks, etc.; how much each citizen in their region faced in cuts to the programs and services in their region and how much money is contributed to the state's coffers from their region in the form of royalties, taxes, fees, etc.

The world does not need dissension and strife; the world needs people working together to help each other live healthy productive lives.

Thank you.

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

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April 4, 1997

Senator Pearce, Co-Chairperson
 Senate Finance Committee
 Room 518,508 Capitol
 Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Senator Pearce,

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (TCC) is opposed to the following cuts to education that are being proposed by members of the Alaska House Finance Committee for rural Alaska:

Quality Schools Funding Cut of \$402,400.00.

1. The goal of the Youth in Justice Initiative of developing parenting and family support programs for and with students is an important and vital goal. The state of Alaska cannot afford to turn down \$4 million in matching federal dollars.
2. Vocational Education must have higher priority than it is currently receiving from the state of Alaska especially now that Alaskans will be facing the stark realities of Welfare Reform within the next few months. Not all Alaskans will be going to a college or university. For the state of Alaska to add funds to vocational education would be equivalent to investing in the future of Alaska. The state of Alaska cannot afford to turn down matching federal dollars of 4.4 million.

Special and Supplemental Services.

1. Adult Basic Education (ABE) is a high priority within the Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. (TCC) Region. ABE will continue to be a high priority within the TCC Region as TCC works towards implementing strict GED requirements contained in Welfare Reform. Because of Welfare Reform, more Alaskans may receive their GEDs within the next year than were received by Alaskans (2000) last year. The state of Alaska cannot afford to turn down matching federal funds of \$668,100.00.
2. Special Education services are necessary services for many Alaskan students. The critical needs of many Alaskan students for Special Education services warrants the return by legislators of a portion of the House reduction of \$211,300.00 so that the state of Alaska would not lose \$8 million in federal special education funds.

Finally, cuts to the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC). For the past six years, TCC has provided training funds to assist sixty two (62) Alaskan Natives from the Interior to attend AVTEC. AVTEC has provided training to TCC clients that have afforded them opportunities to find employment both in the urban and rural areas of the Interior. By cutting the funding for AVTEC by \$207,200.00, the legislators in the majority party have made a statement that training from an Alaskan-

owned training institute is not important to the Welfare Reform efforts or to the future of Alaska. It is premature, at this time, to reduce funds for AVTEC.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

Reva Shircel

Reva Shircel, Director
Education

cc: Senator Georgianna Lincoln
Representative Irene Nicholia

Senate Finance Committee
Senate Finance Secretary
State Capitol
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Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Senator(s):

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Your Make It Alaskan, Inc. News Flash

To: All MADE IN ALASKA permit holders

From: Steven Rouse, Program Manager

Re: Immediate Action Requested

The following is sample /form letter that I am urging you to send immediately to the Senate Finance Committee. House Finance Committee Chairman Rep Mark Hanley fax # 465-2418 voice 1-800-465-4935 should be contacted under separate cover as well. I will be appearing before several subcommittees March 10- 12 and it is critical to any chance of success that your voices be heard. It is preferable that you put the text on your own letterhead but if you cannot just send it. Numbers are very important so send it early and send it often. If you are sending the form letter, feel free to add your personal comments at the bottom. **Be sure to sign it!**

I had hoped to be able to report the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force and the survey results, but alas the task force has yet to agree on what to do. We are now told this information may not be released until early April. Meanwhile, valuable time has passed and we must act now!

The Division of Trade and Development has finally realized the delays in publishing the terms of the next contract can no longer detain us from lobbying for additional funds for MADE IN ALASKA. This is what I intend to do -with a vengeance- for the remainder of the session. I am but one voice however. I once again ask you to fax, call, write, send e-mails, personal opinion messages and any other form of communication you can think of.

In addition to the members of the respective finance committees, the other key figures are House Speaker Gail Phillips fax #465-3472 or voice 1-800-665-2689 and Senate President Mike Miller fax #465-3883 voice 465-3775. I also urge you to contact your district representative and senator to express your strong support for MADE IN ALASKA and private sector management of the program.

Mat Su Valley residents of Districts #25, 26, 27, 28, contact Representative Vic Kohring immediately-voice 1-800-468-2186 or fax# 465-3818. He chairs House Finance sub-committee that could fund MADE IN ALASKA- Their last meeting is Tuesday March 11. Mat Su Legislative Information Office to send personal opinion message is 376-3704.

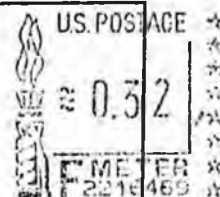
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If you have any questions contact my office fax #276-7255 or voice 258-2878.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Rouse
Program Manager, MADE IN ALASKA

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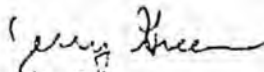
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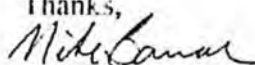
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Pages: 1, including this cover sheet.
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Thanks,

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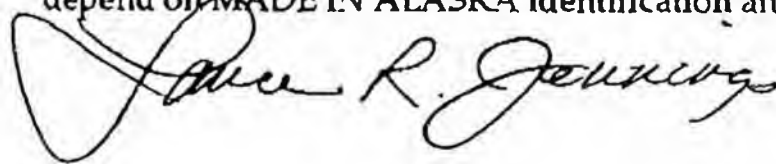
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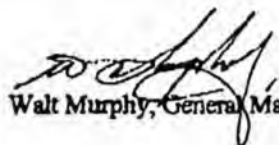
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To:

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FROM: ALL ABOUT CERAMICS
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from
 I fully support the above letter & urge you to
 do the same. I believe M.I.A. is vital to all businesses
 & an asset to the state.

Thank you,
 Wendy Garnsto

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Not only is it entrepreneurs such as myself that depends on the MADE IN ALASKA, it is also the buying customer, the tourist, the friend, that also is looking for that MADE IN ALASKA identification of the items they are purchasing to take home, or give to a friend of their remembrance of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Raszlawski
Nancy A. Raszlawski
Owner



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristi Monroe".

Kristi Monroe
Director of Public Relations
Alaskan Brewing Co.

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Peter & Michelle
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*Joshua Casey
C&C Unlimited
Wasilla, AK.*

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DATE: 3-12-97

TIME: _____

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COMMENTS:

The government needs to look and realize how much revenue (not including all the jobs) that tourism puts in to the Alaskan economy. The made in Alaska ~~the~~ Program makes our Alaskan gifts that much more special, and ensures the ~~are~~ customers are actually buying products that are honestly made in Alaska, not shipped up here from some place else. Therefore keeping the revenues in the Alaskan economy & not being taken out of the State. Please think about the welfare of the Alaskan economy of the Alaskan people. Thank you
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*Connie C. Settle
Fall Cedar chest*

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Susan Di Francia
Di Francia Fashions #0077



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March 19, 1997

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Dear Senators;

As a twenty year Alaskan business owner and year round resident, I am extremely concerned that the Made in Alaska program may not be sufficiently funded to continue the program.

I feel that this program gives me a decided edge over my competitors that are carpetbaggers who arrive in the spring, spend the summer raking in the visitor dollars, and leave in the fall with the money. The Made in Alaska program and certificates give the credibility I need to show the visitor that, yes, my product is Made in Alaska.

Please support Alaskan businesses and continue the Made in Alaska program with enough funding to keep the program working for the advantage of Alaskans.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



Casey McBride, owner/designer

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Signed: Michelle Overstreet
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April 9, 1997

Dear Editor,

At this time, a bill is on the floor in the State of Alaska House of Representatives to cut Medicaid, and completely eliminate medicaid benefits for Substance Abuse Treatment. This is a smoke screen, said to be saving us money, but in the long run, the costs greatly outweigh any savings we will ever realize.

Several years ago, the State of Alaska invested in auxiliary benefits so that treatment for alcohol and drug abuse could be obtained for those with low incomes. This allows folks to get treatment before they require inpatient treatment or hospitalization. This investment will be forfeited when the pending cuts are made, and the costs associated with treating these problems will far outweigh the savings the proposed cuts would provide.

For example, according to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (1994), for every dollar spent on substance abuse treatment, we save seven dollars elsewhere in the social system. Considering the medical consequences of alcoholism and drug abuse, this just plain makes sense. If we invest \$1000.00 in treatment for an individual, we save \$7000.00 in hospital costs, education costs, public assistance payments, etc., elsewhere in the system. Take our education system for example:

The State of Alaska has one of the highest fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Effect (FAE) rates in the world, two times the national average. Left untreated, drug and alcohol problems lead to lead to FAS/FAE and other postnatal drug effects. These are preventable through drug and alcohol treatment. We call the untreated results "million dollar babies", treated at a hospital level throughout life, requiring special learning programs, attention, and care in the educational system. The postnatal effects are covered by the current social system, as are the medical complications that result from addiction. I am advocating for reducing the need to pay for these services by providing treatment.

What about the effect on public assistance, you say? Our local Department of Public Assistance estimates that as many as 40% of those collecting welfare benefits have "drugs or alcohol" as a barrier to getting back to work. If we eliminate the treatment option for these folks, we are setting them up for failure when welfare reforms take effect July 1st of this year. We have become a nation of enablers, paying people to remain addicted and not requiring and facilitating recovery. I would like to see the welfare reforms work, but I fear that without treatment the 40% mentioned above will sabotage the reform efforts, costing us more tax dollars.

Finally, the amount of money we are talking about here is about 1.5 million dollars. (To draw a comparison, the amount collected from permanent fund checks to pay medicaid for the month that Alaskans on public assistance get their permanent fund checks is 22.5 million.) The substance abuse treatment amount is a very small price to pay for safer streets, better schools, and a more functional community!

Treatment works, and it makes sense. Please contact your local representative and let them know that you would like to see the prevention measures remain in place through Medicaid treatment provisions.

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Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Committee

I am currently a laundry worker for the Westmark Tok. It is only open in the summer, for the tourist. I work very hard all summer long and make just barely enough to get by. Mainly because all my bills from the winter is paid in the summer. After all the bills are paid, there is not much left. Is this what tourist jobs is all about?

Yes, the owners of these hotels, gas stations and R. U. Parks make all the money and still claim they can't pay their workers a whole lot. You see them build nice houses and drive nice cars, it's no wonder they are all for tourism. We have a few like them here in Tok.

My point is that you can not expect us to keep working for such low pay and then barely make it through the winter because the tourist are gone along with the work. We need some real jobs. At my job, I hear a lot of tourist complaining of high prices and not coming again, even when I go to the local grocery store. They are generally not happy with what they are getting and especially the high prices. What happens when there are no more tourist, what about my job?

I am for elimination of the Division of Tourism and cutting the budget of the Alaska Tourism Market. The state needs to work on providing some real jobs with decent incomes and not spend so much on promoting tourism. My life can't depend on this seasonal job forever.

Sincerely;

Francis Grafft.
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Senator Drue Pearce
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March 29, 1997

Dear Honorable Ms. Pearce:

I am writing to **ask that you not make** across the board **cuts to Medicaid options which include: 1) rehabilitation services, 2) case management, 3) medical supplies, 4) prosthetics, and 5) mammography.**

I have been a Licensed Practical Nurse for 22 years and have further education which includes 3 semesters short of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. My nursing experiences are in Long Term Care, Rehabilitation, and Respite Care while living in Seward. **I am a registered voter in District D.** I am writing because I believe this issue is particularly important to the citizens who reside in Seward that depend on Medicaid.

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Moving and keeping people out of the nursing homes has already saved Medicaid hundreds of thousands dollars. But these people still need services!
Please do not cut Medicaid services at this time.

Sincerely,
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Senator Bert Sharp
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April 16, 1997

The Honorable Drue Pearce
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Dear Senator Pearce:

I want to express my concern with the Senate's proposed Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' FY98 operating budget. The proposal could adversely effect the Alaska transportation system, the economy and the people of Alaska for years to come.

The total of all proposed reductions is \$14,625,500. The net general fund (GF) reduction to the department of \$1,687,900 includes the \$2.2 million increase proposed for maintenance of highways and airports and a \$2.1 million GF reduction to the Alaska Marine Highway System. Approximately \$9.3 million of the remaining \$12.9 million reduction is federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This federal funding mainly pays the salaries of DOT&PF personnel working on Federal Programs which result in the construction of highways and airports throughout the state. The remaining reduction of \$3.6 million reflected a cut of \$2.5 million to the Marine Highway System Fund and \$1.1 million from all other funding sources.

I believe that this is not an appropriate time to initiate such dramatic cuts in the CIP program when Alaska's share of the federal highway program funding for the next 5 to 6 years is being decided in Congress. The reductions are inconsistent with SJR 15 recently passed by the Alaska Senate that requests Congress to fund Alaska's portion of ISTEA at its current or increased levels. With the reductions in the proposed budget, we will not have the capability to perform the dollar magnitude of the planning, design and construction program requested.

Senator Pearce

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The department had identified the potential decrease in federal funding for FY98 and future years as an issue of concern at the beginning of this legislative session. However, new information from Washington, D.C. indicates just the opposite. We could actually receive additional federal funding in the reauthorization of the Federal Highway Funding Bill as noted in the briefing which we transmitted to Senate Finance on the 11th.

"Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) and several other members of the panel called April 10 for much greater spending on transportation in order to better fund programs in this year's rewrite of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.... Stevens said he did not sign on to a Senate letter seeking a hike in highway funding from \$20 billion to \$26 billion 'because it wasn't enough.'.... In all, 59 senators endorsed the letter, which was spearheaded by Sens. John Warner (R-Va) and Max Baucus (D-Mont), key players in this year's reauthorization of ISTEA."

The Senate Finance Committee chose not to restore any of the 15 percent reduction in the personnel who deliver the federal projects. The department is providing the most current information available with regard to reauthorization of ISTEA, but we cannot predict a definitive federal funding level for FY98 and future years until the U.S. Congress passes their authorization bill later this year. A call by 60 U.S. Senators for increased funding is the latest and clearest message and we believe it is a positive message. The larger the national program, the greater the probability that Alaska's share could increase. With this latest development it's not prudent to make an across the board 15 percent cut to the very people who are absolutely essential to designing and constructing Federal projects.

Our April 3 letter to Senator Torgerson indicated that we would be unable to proceed with approximately \$15 to \$20 million in the FY 1997 federally funded construction program this summer if we cannot retain or hire seasonal staff for construction activities as required by the FHWA. Labor contracts do not allow us to contract out work that was previously performed by department employees unless a cost savings can be proven. Previous analyses have not demonstrated a cost savings. In addition, even if we could contract out work, there is not sufficient time to advertise and place consultants under contract for work in the summer of 1997.

The proposed reductions in planning, engineering management and design personnel will also reduce the capability of the department to develop projects for future FHWA and FAA programs.

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Individually, elimination of items in the External Equal Employment, Statewide Information Systems, and Planning sections would greatly hamper the department's ability to meet Title 23 requirements of the FHWA that assure the continued receipt of approximately \$200 million in federal highway funds and approximately \$60 million in FAA funding for aviation facilities. Even with the amendment adopted by Senate Finance that restored partial funding to the Statewide Information Systems section, the remaining General Fund reduction of over \$580,000 will prevent us from having an adequate staff in Information Systems to support the department's operation.

Planning staff are funded with federal Highway Planning and Research (HPR) funds. These are federal funds dedicated to planning and research that cannot be spent on project construction. Most Statewide Planning functions are mandated by the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration as a condition of receiving federal transportation funding.

The Senate deleted \$3.1 million for the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for the second year of employee contracts, includes almost \$900,000 CIP Receipt funding. The absorption of the COLA costs will further impact our ability to implement the federal program. Approximately \$525,000 of the \$1 million GF reduction for COLA is in the Maintenance and Operations units. In addition, a total of \$650,000 of COLA funding is removed from the Marine Highways budget.

The Senate Finance Committee's budget reflects a reduction of 5 percent in DOT&PF's funding for payment of equipment replacement costs, which consists mainly of a \$650,000 GF reduction in Maintenance and Operations (M&O). Our M&O crews rely heavily on fleet equipment to grade streets, plow snow, and repair pot holes. If equipment must be turned in to realize this funding reduction, that will reduce our maintenance capabilities.

The proposed budget for the Alaska Marine Highway System would require major changes in operations. The Marine Highway System is a \$100 million per year operation. To believe that this complex system can be managed by a part time Deputy Commissioner without a staff is not reasonable and in private business would not even be considered. The level of budget reductions will affect more than system management and administration functions. Change will occur in service to communities, to the traveling public on the vessels, and to the AMHS employees.

With the \$879,000 general fund reduction to the vessel Overhaul component, work necessary to obtain the US Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection (COI) may be impacted on two vessels. After the budget reduction there will probably be only enough funding to cover the costs of federally mandated maintenance on six vessels. With the loss of the COI two vessels could be removed from service.

Senator Pearce

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When absorbing COLA increases, in addition to specific reductions, vessel service will also be impacted. Service will be reduced for communities and suspension of service is a distinct possibility for a few communities.

Service to the traveler will be diminished. The waiting time when calling to make reservations will increase. The crewing levels on the ships will go down. This means that it will take longer to obtain staterooms, have the vessel cleaned, and generally kept in order during the voyage. There is the possibility on board food and beverage sales may rely more on vending machines on some vessels.

We estimate the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities would lose 191 positions as a result of the revised reductions not including the \$3.1 million COLA funding deletion. Of these positions, 124 are currently filled and 67 are vacant. The vacant positions are mostly design and construction positions that are normally used during the construction season. 26 of the filled positions to be eliminated are in the Alaska Marine Highway System.

The department is in the midst of an Effectiveness Review Project in which we are finding ways to improve our operations. This requires time and extensive analysis to insure that we retain the capability to support the historical federal funding levels. The review is examining areas from processing time sheets to proper tracking and management of all aspects of construction projects. The department has included in the Governor's budget request a reduction of \$100,000 in administrative savings from this review.

I hope that the full Senate and conference committee members carefully review the impacts of the proposed reductions. It is my opinion that these reductions are not in the best interest of the State of Alaska, the economy of the state, or the people of the state. The savings to the state in this proposal are small when compared to the losses we will incur now and in the future.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Senate Finance Committee Members



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April 3, 1997

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Attn: Finance Committee

Dear Members:

I am writing concerning the proposed budget cuts to our local area Fish & Game Advisory Boards.

The local Advisory Board is our only way of expressing our local knowledge and input to the Board process, whether they listen or not. Most of the time and energy for this process is all volunteer! Don't do anything that will decrease our voice in this process. We need everyone's view to manage our fisheries and game resources and the local information is a very important component to this process.

Sincerely,

Jeff Berger
President
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee name
 committee on State Budget Cuts, dated 4-5-97
 bill/subject

The proposed cuts to the state budget virtually guarantees welfare Reform in Alaska will fail.

Initially we will need more workers to implement welfare Reform, not fewer, our workload will increase - it already has. This may change in time.

The dollars you save now thru budget cuts will be lost if we are sanctioned by the Federal Government for not meeting the new mandated welfare Reform Goals.

Signed: Harold Blom
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Comm.
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Public Broadcasting is a service
 not just a budget item.
 Funding for public broadcasting
needs to be restored.

Signed: Susan Hatch
 Testifier

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Honorable Senators

My name is Carla Norman. I was born and raised in Seward. In 1988 I was in an accident, resulting in a 6 month coma. I am confined to a wheelchair and can no longer speak, but thanks to Seward Life Action Council I can communicate with a small computer.

I understand once again you are trying to make cuts on the Medicaid Options. I ask that you to reconsider and realize what this means to the disabled.

After spending the last 8 years and 11 months in a nursing home I am mortified at the prospect of once again having to return to that lonely existence. In Dec. of 1996 I was given the priceless gift of Independence. With the help of Independent Living Center and Hope Cottage I was given a home, with a housemate my own age and a wonderful care provider.

If Medicaid Options are cut I worry I will be forced once again, at the age of 30, to reside in a nursing home. This would cost approximately \$100,000 per year compared to the \$40,000 it costs to allow me to live in my shared care home. It makes no sense to spend more. Where is the Freedom and Justice for all in this? If I were a convicted felon my medical needs would be met, so why not if I am disabled.

Please restore Medicaid options. I, as many other disabled, am a registered voter and our number is growing.

Thank you

Carla Norman
Carla Norman by *Candy Norman*

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April 4, 1997

Honorable Senators,

At the age of 21, no one ever imagines they would be in a life threatening accident resulting, perhaps, in spending the rest of their lives in a nursing home. After all nursing homes are for the elderly. Well, it can happen and it did, to my 21 year old daughter, Carla. The accident left her without the ability to move independently or to speak, but with her intelligence intact.

Carla lived 8 years and 11 months in a nursing home. On December 21, 1996, after 4 years of trying to find a way to realize her dream of independence, Carla was able to move into a Hope Cottage in her community of choice, Seward!

Carla requires Medicaid to maintain her physical well-being. In denying Carla the Medicaid options you may force her once again to realize the loneliness and confinement of nursing home life. Please keep in mind, her care in a nursing home was approximately \$100,000 per year, compared to approximately \$40,000 in her shared care home.

I find it hard to believe we can afford better care, at a greater cost, to convicted felons, than we do our disabled.

Please note the growing influence of the "disability community" in the United States, and restore Medicaid Options.

Thank you,


Candy Norman

Honorable Senator

My Mother was in a car accident in January of 1988. She was in coma for 6 months and came out with Brain Damage. It may not seem that big of deal to you but you aren't her daughter, I am. I'm 11 years old. can you imagine what I'm going through. I did. I'm overosing you dont because you want tourse almost everything she needs. away like:

Dental - I don't want her teeth to fall out but obviously you do because you now want her dental money.

Eyesight - I don't want her to run into something that might kill her because she couldn't see because you also trying to take money to get glasses.

Exercise equipment - without
 the machines
 to exercise her
 muscles, she would
 be a big vegetable,
 probably sitting in
 a wheelchair her
 whole life.

Her right to have a house to
call her own.

If you take
 all these things she will
 not be able to afford a
 house. So thanks to you
 she would have to live
 back in a nursing home,
 where she would be consider
 lucky to have a visit from
 somebody ~~3-11/4 times~~ a week
 because nobody can stand it up
 there.

I really hope you were listening
 to my testimony thank for the
 well need time. - *Carole Senecal*