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Art / Public Radio
Income Tax



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name
committee on Arts / Public Radio , dated March 4, 2000 .
bill/subject

I want to express my strong opposition to any funding cuts affecting the arts and public radio. In Homer, many people depend on public radio. We don't have access to many sources of news that are available elsewhere - public radio fills that gap by providing extensive, quality news programming. It also broadcasts our local city council meetings as well as state-wide political programming that keeps us informed on important issues. For many citizens, the bushline service provided by public radio is a vital communication link. In addition to these vital services, public radio adds much to our quality of life by offering a variety of quality programming. It should be obvious that budget cuts alone will not solve the deficit problem. The time has come for you to look at the other side of the equation and find ways to increase revenues. It is time to consider state income taxes. The burden of those taxes should be shared by all. It is time for all of us, including the oil companies, to pay our fair share. Thank you.

Signed: John Mow Testifier
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Budget cuts / income tax / sales tax / Radio



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance committee name
HTB-312
committee on Permanent Fund dated 3/4/00
bill/subject

The Greatest Accomplishment of Any Government in this World Today is The Permanent Fund! 83% of Alaskians Voted for you to continue it as it has been handed. [A Representative is one who acts in place of "Alaskans" an is to carry & repeat our message] a very clear message!!
Negatively: a politician (dictionary definition) "seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming" Also to covet the Permanent Fund is SIN ... AGAIN
CUT WHAT YOU NEED TO CUT TO LEAVE THE PERMANENT FUND ALIVE

- (A) You Politicians are too wealthy to realize how important this is to 83% of Alaskians
 - (B) Have you considered how many families will qualify for aid of one ^{kind} or another is robbed of the Permanent Fund Dividends? (my teacher friend with 3 children will be one)
- People are not being informed (or) are being deceived in a bid of wanting more services: They should clearly know!
- (1) Funding costs everyone down their Federal, State or local POCKET
 - (2) Bond funds a cost more in interest & raises Govt spending above limited ^{taxes}
 - (3) Growth: each New family coming into Alaska costs each existing son
 - (4) Moving from June to your Building in Anchorage would save "millions to billions"
 - (5) Privatizing snow removal & computer in schooling will help financially ^{each year} quality of service

Signed: Lynn Burkhardt
Testifier

Sales tax is the fairest tax. Representing 83% of Alaskan Voters
Representing (Optional)

But Nothing is fair. Was the cross fair? 62505 Olson Mt Rd
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Phone No. 213 to 12 Not to bring wisdom to Homer example
Professions need to know going against Alaskans wishes (83% causes animosity for votes for Govt.)
clear example - Please return to representation not domination!

Radio? Funding?
"My mom fed me"
FOR A WIFE"

Revenue share
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Pub broad Graber



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name
committee on HB 312 dated 3/4/00
bill/subject

My name is Elizabeth Graber, and I live in Homer, AK. I'm here today with one message: STOP CUTTING and look for more creative, well-reasoned ways than an ax to solve the problems we face.

As I listen to the eloquent pleas from people all across this state imploring you to spare their programs from further devastating blows, blows that have already left many of them feeling debilitated or even crippled, I feel frustrated and angry. Whether the cause they support defend is supporting education and family services for our children, higher education and our university, public broadcasting, support to municipalities, or any other of the worthy causes being defended here today, the solution

Signed: Elizabeth Graber (see pg 2)
Testifier
self

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Crabber

Seems obvious: we must find new sources of revenue. We cannot continue to solve the problems we face only with an ax. Create a fair plan to use permanent fund earnings that voters can support. Many of us who voted down last year's plan would support a fairer and more clearly defined plan, even if it included reinstatement of an income tax.

Surely you have it within you to listen to and hear what all Alaskans are saying to you, not just those who conform to a particular party agenda or philosophy. It's time for creative new solutions. An ax only makes us bleed.

Thank you.

Public radio
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3/4/97

To: House Finance Committee, of Alaska Legislature

Re: Any budget cuts destructive to Alaska's society

From: James E. Fisher, 171 Farnsworth, Soldotna 99669
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An unnamed theologian said "the self righteous will lead us to hell", which prompts an analogy that permissive deterioration of Alaska's infrastructures or programs could fling us into a stagnant economy or some social hell.

This budget cycle should avoid any reduction in the need (yes, and the opportunity) to invest in our state's:

- children, by enhancing and maintaining, medical, protective and corrective programs, i.e., Denali KidCare for families without health insurance, increase educational funds so our kids will stay home (so your grandchildren desire to attend U of A?), and protect those children who might be neglected or abused...all of these opportunities are before this Legislature...
- infrastructure maintenance, i.e., adequate revenues for highway maintenance, is only one example..
- public radio system (cut 70% in recent years) - the only channel with a statewide reach, so essential to keep our citizens and neighbors informed and educated..

Over and over we hear Alaska will not grow, or cut, its way out of the perceived fiscal gap. The Legislature appears rigidly focused on numbers, while plainly ignoring adverse impact of funding reductions on essential services?

Do we, you, refuse to listen to warnings that our failure to have a reasonable statewide tax, on individual citizens for essential public needs, can cause business investment to shy away from Alaska (Anchorage News, 3/16/97)? And that failure to maintain roads, schools, and quality infrastructure, can prompt business to avoid a state so blindly economizing.

Will my Alaskan neighbors and I come to our senses, and insist more be spent on education and other essential, services - so we share both advantages and **responsibility**?

(HFin3400.testimony)



Testimony sent a second time, an additional paragraph added. Homer L10

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance committee name
committee on HB 312 Budget / Public Art , dated March 3 2000
radio bill/subject

We do not want to see any money being cut for public radio and the arts program. These programs are essential to the communication needs of Alaskans.

- Please institute a state income tax if you ~~need~~ need money. Just about every other state has it.

Signed: Carole K Hamer
Testifier

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ATIA
P. Broad
children

Testimony: HB 312

My name is Nancy Lethcoe. My husband and I own a small tourism company.

We are concerned about cuts in the budget which affect us directly now and indirectly in the future. These are:

The Division of Tourism: Please restore the nearly 1 million dollars that was taken from the Division of Tourism's budget and transferred to the tourism marketing budget. Although we are members of ATIA, we disagree with the ATIA board's position. We would rather see the Division of Tourism fully funded so it can perform its full functions than have the State's portion of the marketing budget increased. I am not asking you to spend more money, just to reallocate it.

Public Broadcasting is extremely important in rural Alaska in helping to facilitate communication between isolated communities and disseminating information which improves the quality of life and business in rural Alaska. Without public radio, rural Alaskans would be at an even greater disadvantage compared with their urban counterparts than presently. Please restore full funding for public broadcasting.

Children's programs: I am very concerned about the cuts in programs affecting children. These fall into the category of "A penny saved, a dollar lost." Children are our future. It is they who will either be productive citizens who will be paying taxes while all of us are retired, or who will be non-productive citizens placing an increased drain on public funds. We should invest now in their and our own futures.

Finally, I encourage you to come up with a comprehensive budgetary plan for the future. My vote against spending the Permanent Dividend Fund last year was because I thought it was a fatally flawed proposal. I hope you will consider other options besides cutting funds for the poor and rural Alaska.

Public Broadcasting
University

To: Members of the House Finance Committee
Fr: Naknek

I realize you are swamped with testimony and I suspect you are not going to get to our site so I would like to present our testimony via fax.

My name is Mary Burtness and I have two topics to cover

1. Keep the funding request of President Hamilton for the University of Alaska intact.

I am the Program Development Specialist for the University of Alaska/Bristol Bay Campus in Naknek. We serve the communities of King Salmon, Naknek and South Naknek. My job is to meet the post secondary education needs of our communities. In the last 11/2 years the greatest request for classes have been in areas in which our residents want to retool themselves to meet the changing economic needs of Alaska and especially rural Alaska. Without this rural UA program these residents would be seeking aid as opposed to finding new sources of employment.

2. Do not cut the Public Broadcasting funding.

I have been on line for the last three hours and agree with all reasons for not cutting the funding. I would like to add that Public radio not only provides important local and state news but also national and international news. This news not only makes us good state citizens but also U.S. citizens. Alaskans need to know what is going on nationwide in order to participate actively in issues that are not limited to our isolated geographically position.

My name is Sonja Pompe and I would like to urge the legislature to fund the University System in rural areas. I work for the rural campus in the Naknek/King Salmon area and I have seen the popularity of education in this area. Not only is education important to our rural site, but it is important to the state as the beneficiary of an educated population. I would also like to show support for the funding of public broadcasting. Personally I use public broadcasting as my source of news and communication and I believe that it is the same with many of the citizens of Alaska. Limiting public broadcasting limits knowledge of world activities for a great percentage of the citizens of Alaska. Please listen to the citizens of the state of Alaska and continue to fund the spread of knowledge in our state.

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Date: March 4, 2000

To: House Finance Committee
From: John Pearson, HCA Economic Development Office (Juneau)



Ref: Public Comment Forum ref: FY 2001 Funding Levels

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on behalf of the Hyder Community Association on several aspects of the FY2001 before you.

The interests of the Hyder Community Association in relation to the FY 2001 budget you are dealing with is best viewed by the fact that our community is small, isolated and receives very few benefits from their state. However we support in full the current efforts of the Legislature to bring state funding into line.

- Hyder supports a strong economic development program by the state but we feel many of the services of the Department of Community and Economic Development are not reaching those it should be serving.
- The current programs of the Division of Tourism are a disaster. As a retired Division of Tourism program manager, there has never been a weaker program in operation. Every effort should be made to work with the industry and exclude the weak programs being fostered by the administration.
- The Division of Trade and Development should receive major cuts until they can justify the direction they are going with development issues.
- Hyder does not support the SEA-CERT program efforts as it is currently structured with -- in DCED. This program needs to be restructured with some outside help. For three years we have wasted state funds in supporting this effort and shown no results! If any questions give me a call: 789-1402.
- We urge a stronger accountability by the ARDOR programs around the state. While many of the ARDORS are doing an outstanding job, there are some who need to produce some results before being funded.
- We strongly support the efforts of the Division of Investments from the standpoint of being a major contributor to the economy of Alaska with their business loan programs. .
- Closure of the Alaska Film Office by the DCED Commissioner last year was unjustified and now leaves Alaska out of the loop in attracting film producers to Alaska. We would suggest not funding any new efforts to reform the Alaska Film Office until we have a change of administration on the third floor.

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- We strongly support the "Made in Alaska" program as well as the "Silver Hand" program.
- The HCA supports cutting of the arts as well as public radio for programs in favor of programs that will develop jobs and the economy, once a total re-vamp of the DCED has been accomplished.
- The Hyder Community Association supports the notion of the State of Alaska Legislature only funding those community projects within the DOT/PF STIP project where there is at least a 50% local community "buy-in" on the .9% matching funds required to attract federal DOT dollars. There should be no free rides by our communities in receiving transportation project funding.

For your information the community of Hyder is composed of 131 residents. We receive very little from our state and ask very little. Representative Williams or Senator Taylor will tell you of the pride Hyder has in that we are creating 41 new jobs in the community this year as the result of a local economic development effort to reduce all unemployment and welfare to zero in the year 2000. Today we have only five jobs in the community. The plant is now under construction.

In May 2000, we will open our new community owned and operated bottled water plant, employing 41. Not one penny has come from the State of Alaska and the third floor is not being invited for rural development photo opportunities at the time of the grand opening.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions!

John Pearson
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PCE
Rev. Shaming
DOT

Recent and proposed future budget cuts in municipal assistance, revenue sharing, power cost equalization and even Department of Transportation road projects with funding diverted to urban areas are creating a gross division between

urban and rural
white and native which is degenerating to our becoming
relative haves and have nots, especially where basic services are
concerned. In my view, the majority urban legislators are treading on the rural minority's rights. The recent court decision documenting the states lack of police protection in rural areas is a case in point. I think the fact of the federal government taking over subsistence management in the state is a definite statement concerning their lack of confidence regarding the state legislature's policies toward rural and minority citizens.

Most of the economic development in the past several years has been occurring in urban areas, leaving rural areas out or even removing investment money and employment opportunities out of rural areas. There is a real discrepancy between the capabilities that budget shortfalls will leave in rural areas as opposed to urban areas. Economic growth in urban areas will allow increased taxes to pay for the loss of State funds, as difficult as it might be to achieve.

There is no such economic growth in rural areas. In fact there is net economic loss in most rural areas in the past several years. There is nothing to tax in many villages.

Under present circumstances, unfunded mandates for increased levels of documentation, training and environmental monitoring combined with continued state budget cuts will eventually make it impossible to continue basic public services like police, water, sewer and solid waste disposal financially.

So, the legislature and all of the citizens of Alaska need to begin to decide how to make more money and opportunities, rather than attempt to hoard what little we have left. The money we have left should be invested wisely to prime the economic pump and create industries to replace the flagging oil industry.

Oil states like Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico that have experienced oil depletion budget crunches like Alaska is experiencing now have only gotten past their fiscal problems by investing in the education that has allowed new industries to be productive in those states. This can be done both in urban and rural areas.

Therefore, I urge the legislature to keep funding at least at present levels for municipalities, and rather than consider paying out one final payment to citizens from the permanent fund and garnisheering the rest to pay for government, to invest the permanent fund and any other available state monies like the budget reserve accounts in money making projects in Alaska to provide employment and infrastructure to those of us in 'third world' Alaska. All of the money sitting in a stock brokers office in New York City does not do any of us any good. We should be investing in ourselves.

If this kind of policy is followed as well as it was in the sun belt states that experienced similar problems, in the next several years, revenue from profits from the new industries will bring the state budget back up nearly to pre-shortfall levels. A better distribution of higher education, industry, power and internet access would allow local economic bases, at which time state funding to municipalities could be cut responsibly.

According to the economic principles espoused by economist John Maynard Keynes, drastic cuts to government budgets at this stage of the economic crisis is exactly the wrong thing to do. I highly recommend his works to each and every legislator. Even Milton Friedman would see the problem with pulling money out of the state economy with the existing amount of unemployment in rural Alaska. Perhaps the University of Alaska system could be imposed upon to assist the legislature in methods of application of modern economic theory.

Rather than cutting blindly, the state legislature needs to adopt and follow a long term economic plan that promotes responsible economic growth. Yearly budgets would then not turn into such furball knock down drag out fights each spring.

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*Education 15/20
University
Mental Health
Pub. Broadcasting*

Saturday, March 4, 2000

Testimony on the Alaska FY2001 Operating Budget (proposed):

Gentlemen & Ladies of the Committee,

We often wear many hats, figuratively, as Alaskans. In the brief time allotted, I urge you to do four things in this next operating budget.

one: As President of the Friends of the University of Alaska Museum, do follow the recommendations of the statewide president of University of Alaska, Mark Hamilton, and the UA Statewide Board of Regents, (as well as the Friend Board of Directors) and fund the University of Alaska maintenance budget along with the operating budget. The deterioration cannot continue and it does impact the number of employee labor hours to merely continue operations. If you fund the repairs and maintenance to the UA Museum, private dollars will take care of the long-postponed completion of this Jewel of the North.

two: Speaking as a public member of the State of Alaska Mental Health Board, which serves both the Governor and your good offices as citizen advisory on mental health issues including Alaska Psychiatric Institute, the Chronically Mentally Ill, and related areas: Please do not cut the proposed amounts for grants serving the chronically mentally ill living in community-based settings instead of higher cost hospitalization or incarceration. Don't cut grants for child care assistance; this affects many Alaskans struggling to maintain jobs and independence. You choose NOT to use Draconian measures against alcohol abuse like mandatory fines and confiscation of vehicles for first offense DWI driving offenses involving alcohol, but something must be done for this major Alaskan problem, (i.e. Driving While Intoxicated). Please fully fund alcohol and drug abuse grants to address the 58,000 Alaskans who suffer directly from abuse problems. All these are vital for a safer, healthier Alaska.

three: Speaking as an Interior resident who is concerned with the quality of community life here, please do not cut our intellectual lifeline: Public Broadcasting. One measure of government is its capacity to serve its citizens as a body what we cannot do individually. Public radio informs, enlightens and entertains us in ways that commercial radio chooses not to. Public television lifts Alaskans beyond trivial game shows, situation comedies or violent crime dramas, and allows all of us to watch, learn and be informed without paying subscriber fees that would exclude many. The quality of Alaskan society is greatly enhanced by public radio and TV. Without them we suffer as a people.

lastly: As a parent of grown children who received excellent public educations in our local schools, please fully fund the school budget foundation formula and schools related items in this operating budget. Looking to the future, I want coming generations to learn to be civil in their public lives, to be competent in their careers, and to be courageous in their commitment to a fair, just and prosperous democracy. Years in the future, I want the certified nurses assistant who helps me in my sickness or infirmity to be accurate and efficient, but also caring and responsible. I want the streets safe from madmen who barrel through red lights without a concern for the rights of others. Schools help kids, our society's future, learn compassion and competence. And they require our money. You have a heavy responsibility to put our dreams into reality using our collective resources as a people. You make the laws, you pass the budgets. I thank you for your effort; please be bold, be leaders, not whiners.

House Finance Committee Budget Hearings
4 March 2000
Comments by Carl S. Benson
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income tax
revenue sharing
gas tax
vehicle registration
PFD cap

In its goal to continue cutting the budget, the Legislature is philosophically on the wrong course. Worse yet, it is wasting its time. Cuts to the already decimated state budget will only hurt and cannot help. It is said that we have a shortfall of \$700 million. The proposed cuts, intended to yield \$30 million, will only meet 4% of this. It's as if I owe you \$1.00 and offer to pay you 4¢. You would tell me: "Get real, do something about raising the money you need to pay what you owe." Think about it; 4% is not much. Your body weight can vary 4% in a single day.

By means of this public hearing you have asked for my advice. Here it is. Take notes.

1. Reinstate our state Income tax (the old one at 14% of the federal tax was fine).
2. Leave sales tax for local governments to administer (as before).
3. Leave property taxes for local governments to administer.
Stop consideration of a state-wide limit on property tax. This proposition could destroy some communities when combined with reduced revenue sharing from state to local governments. Alaskan property taxes are not high. For example, in the Fairbanks North Star Borough the 1999 dividend was almost three times more than the property tax (\$148.6 million in dividends and \$52 million in property tax).
4. Raise our state gasoline tax (now the lowest in the nation).
Don't worry, the overwhelming number of states, 45 out of 50, will still have higher gasoline taxes.
5. Raise our state vehicle registration fees (now the lowest in the nation).
When I tell people from other states about our vehicle registration fee they are astonished. Our fees are only \$35 per year for cars and \$40 for trucks, regardless of the age or cost of the vehicle. In most states, fees are about 5 times higher. And many add a whopping sales tax which can exceed two thousand dollars.
6. Use some of the EARNINGS from our Permanent Fund for their intended purpose of contributing to funding state government at the time when oil revenues decline.
That time is now!
7. Put an upper limit on the dividend.
The original plan was based on residency, paying \$50 per year up to a maximum of 20 years, or \$1,000. The residency part was struck down as unconstitutional, but the upper limit made sense and certainly did not violate the constitution. Indeed, this maximum value would still be \$1,000.00 more than the dividend in North Dakota and Montana.

8. Stop the witless, counterproductive, cuts to state government.

Cuts to the already underfunded state government do no good toward solving the budget problem. Instead they become part of the problem. Our University of Alaska has been level funded for more than a decade in spite of growth and ever rising costs. This level funding has amounted to a cut of about \$50 million. It stifles the University's role as the primary engine for Alaska's economic development. Our Alaska State Troopers are operating with 73 fewer troopers than we had in 1987 when population and the associated problems were less. Our Alaska State Geological Survey is down by 80% of its strength a decade ago. It cannot meet its mandated requirements to monitor surface water and ground water. Similar examples can be cited for every state agency.

9. Stop using budget cuts vindictively.

The image of tight budgets (by ignoring our largest sources of income) has been used by some legislators as a basis for attacking programs they don't like. Cuts to Public Broadcasting and to the DEC were prime examples last year.

10 Try to keep in mind the size of our assets.

Our assets are enormous! With huge, income-producing savings accounts, and no debts, any of the other 49 states would trade financial places with Alaska in a heartbeat. The size of our Permanent Fund is beyond comprehension for most people, and its annual income is indeed the sustainable resource that the founders had in mind.

The income from the Permanent Fund last year was \$2,600 million. The income from the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) was another \$300 million. The combined income from these two accounts exceeded the entire state general fund contribution to the budget by about \$1 billion. (In 1999 we paid about \$300 million in income tax to the IRS on dividends alone; that was roughly the same as the entire income of the CBR.)

11. Stop expecting the U.S. Federal Government to pay our way.

The federal component to the state budget (not counting the military expenditures in Alaska) exceeds what the state puts in from our general fund. Federal dollars have also exceeded state dollars in the University of Alaska budget for the past five years. The state must get back into the act. It can do this by raising revenues, using investment earnings, and by reducing the give-away binge, namely the unrestricted growth of the dividend. The dividend is now the biggest single item of our state expenditures.

ADMIN.



March 3, 2000

By hand delivery

Hon. Gene Therriault
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Capitol Room 511
Juneau, Alaska

Hon. Eldon Mulder
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Capital Room 507
Juneau, Alaska

Re: **Personal Care Attendant program administered by
Department of Administration, Division of Senior Services**

Dear Reps. Therriault and Mulder:

Enclosed please find a description of a problem that, through anecdotes with past clients and other complaints, we perceive in the delivery of Medicaid-reimbursed personal care attendant (PCA) service in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast Alaska, as well as a proposed solution. We hope that as you review the Department of Administration's budget for this item you can find time look into this issue. We certainly would look forward to participation by your staff, or of other staff of the committee, with agency staff to discuss the situation and potential solutions.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Briggs
Staff attorney

Encl.

Cc: (w/ encls.)

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MEMBER OF THE
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**MEDICAID-REIMBURSED PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT (PCA) SERVICE IN
ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS, AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA**

PROBLEM: persons with significant disabilities (quadriplegia, etc.) who are able to live at home with appropriate in-home personal care attendant (PCA) services, experience *interrupted, inconsistent and incomplete service*. PCAs fail to show up as scheduled, or the agencies providing service says they cannot find personnel to fully serve the client. This creates a great strain on family, endangers the client, and increases the risk of hospitalization or a nursing home placement, at greater expense to the State. *Some clients have been left unserved for hours or days at a time, lying in their own excrement and urine because a PCA failed to show to help with toileting, feeding, assistance with taking medications, and other needs.*

PERCEIVED CAUSES OF PROBLEM:

(1) lack of competition among PCA providers. Through a General Fund grant provided by the Department of Administration, a single non-profit agency possesses the exclusive right to deliver Medicaid-reimbursed PCA service in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Southeast Alaska. Under the grant agreement, the grantee agency is obligated to serve all Medicaid-eligible clients, and required to maintain sufficient personnel to meet each client's needs. The grantee may, and in Anchorage and Fairbanks does, use subcontracting agencies to deliver the service. In practice, the grantee is to receive approximately \$700,000 in General Fund grant dollars to deliver at least 116,000 hours of service, or approximately \$6.00 per hour of service delivered. In addition, the grantee bills Medicaid at \$21 per hour of service delivered, for a total compensation of approximately \$27 per hour. Total cost of the program in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Southeast Alaska, for Fiscal Year 2000, was approximately \$3 million, with Medicaid paying approximately \$2.3 million. Subcontract agreements pay the subcontracting agencies \$19 to \$20 per hour. Both subcontractors and the grantee agency pay at rates of \$10 to \$12 per hour (per the enclosed job advertisements). The grantee reports paying an average rate of \$12 per hour; advertised beginning rates are \$10.35 to \$10.50 per hour. At \$12 per hour approximately 55% of public monies are reserved for overhead; this rate is even higher if the agency's actual rates of compensation average less than \$12 per hour. Despite estimating overhead expenses to provide fringe benefits to PCAs, anecdotal evidence by some of our underserved clients has been that PCAs would like to work more hours, but have been kept underemployed and thus ineligible for health insurance and other fringe benefits reserved to full-time employees. This, I believe, may be a substantial factor in high turnover, unreliable employees, and difficulty finding employees to deliver this much-needed service.

(2) Arbitrary disincentives to Independent PCA service delivery. At least two major disincentives prevent successful use of self-employed, or so-called independent PCAs. First, agency regulations prohibit Medicaid payment for agency-employed PCAs and independent PCAs during the same month. Thus an independent PCA cannot be used when an agency-employed PCA fails to show, or when the agency has been unable to find personnel to fill all the needed service hours. If a client has selected an agency, the client is forced by regulation to live with the inadequate service, at least until the end of the month. Also, the rate of reimbursement for independent PCAs is established by regulation at \$12 per hour (the agency rate is \$21 per hour). Self-employed persons must pay a minimum of 30% federal income tax (15% minimum tax, plus 15% self-employment tax), so the effective rate of compensation is \$8.40 per hour. Thus, a person will make more money as an employee of a PCA agency (where the rates of pay are at least \$10 per hour) than as an independent PCA. The State of Alaska regulations thus encourage a monopoly of agency-based PCA delivery. Curiously, State regulations expressly require an independent PCA to provide his or her own backup

if illness or a car breakdown causes a no-show, but the agencies delivering PCA service have denied any obligation to provide on-call backup when one of their employees fail to show, and insist that the client sign a contract purporting to obligate the client's family to be the backup. They say they cannot afford to hire a person on an on-call basis, even though other social service agencies appear to deliver comparable services on an on-call basis for rates of compensation well under the Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$21 per hour (see the enclosed job announcements).

I am aware of no other medical service or product reimbursed by Medicaid in which there is such a dramatic discrimination in the compensation rates between otherwise qualified providers.

SOLUTIONS:

(1) Intent language in appropriations: I do not believe the General Funds appropriated for this purpose should be cut, or that the exclusive grants given on a regional basis should be modified in the more rural regions of Alaska, where likely there is only one agency available to deliver the service. All of the complaints we have received have come from Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Southeast Alaska. However, I believe intent language should be adopted in the appropriation for this item, that avoids inducing a monopoly of service delivery in the three most populous regions of the state. I suggest the following language:

"it is intended that the Department of Administration, in awarding grants within Regions 9U and 10 (Fairbanks Urban, and Southeast Alaska) shall award the grant funds to no less than two qualified grant applicants. Within Region 6 (Anchorage) the Department shall award the grant funds to no less than three qualified grant applicants. In the event that insufficient qualified grant applications are received within either Regions 6, 9U and 10, then the Department shall make grant funds available to otherwise qualified entities delivering Medicaid-reimbursed PCA services at the same hourly rate as provided in the grant award to the successful grantee(s). In any event, the grant agreements awarded shall not provide an exclusive Medicaid billing right, and any qualified PCA agency may bill Medicaid at the minimal regulatory rate, currently set at \$21 per hour."

This intent language will not interfere with any current contractual obligations of the State, because the grant agreement expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2000.

(2) Abolishment of agency regulations that restrict fair competition among PCA service providers: I also believe that the prohibition on using a combination of independent and agency-employed PCAs should be abolished, and the rate of compensation for independent PCAs should be increased. I believe that fair market forces will induce a higher quality of service delivery. These solutions may require a statutory directive, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to this end. There should be no fiscal impact of such a change, since the rates of compensation for independent PCAs are *less* than the rates of compensation for agencies, although I believe there is justification for reimbursing independent PCAs at higher rates than agencies that enjoy economies of scale unavailable to independents. Under the current rates of reimbursement, clients would be fully served at a lower hourly cost by independent PCAs. The State would save money if these regulations were abolished.

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CENTER FOR COMMUNITY FY 00 PCA PROGRAM

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	FTE				
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TRAVEL					
Local Milage			0	17340 ✓	17340
Assessment Travel			0	46134 ✓	46134
			0	0	0
Total Expense (200)			0	63474 ✓	63474
SUPPLIES					
Office Supplies			0	8778 ✓	8778
Program Supplies			0	3760 ✓	3760
Misc. Supplies / Postage			0	0	0
			0	0	0
Total Expense (400)			0	12538 ✓	12538
EQUIPMENT					
Program Equipment			0	19269 ✓	19269
Vehicle Expense			0	0	0
			0	0	0
Total Expense (300)			0	19269 ✓	19269
OTHER					
Staff Training			0	0	0
Contract PCA Services			36311 ✓	1396465 ✓	1432776
Denied Claims Reserve			0	0	0
Other Direct Expense			0	19997 ✓	19997
			0	0	0
Total Expense (600)			36311	1416462 ✓	1452773
SUB TOTAL OF DIRECT			382991	2217768	2600758
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CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
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FY2000 PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT SERVICES

At Center for Community we have developed our program based on concepts commonly found in the managed care arena. Our model is based on the idea of a central point of entry and a pool of subcontracted providers and in-house staff to utilize in the provision of services. Center for Community has offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka and utilizes an in-house staff of about 130 employees. During FY2000 we anticipate that about 50% of our services will be provided through five subcontractors that include both for-profit and non-profit entities. Contract rates are standardized and are expected to be \$20.04 per hour in FY 2000. All billing, data analysis and compliance monitoring are conducted by Center for Community.

All applications are made through our central office and the central office maintains a formal relationship with each participant. Following Medicaid eligibility confirmation the central office arranges for an assessment that is conducted by our centralized assessment team who are all registered nurses and experienced evaluators.

Once the care plan is developed, the contract administration staff assign the service provision to one of several subcontracted providers from our provider network or our in-house staff. The provider selection is multifaceted in that we attempt to mediate between participant selection, the need to provide a minimum amount of work so that our subcontractors remain viable and the needs of our own organization.

Once the participant is in service, they primarily communicate with their provider but they maintain an on-going relationship with the contract administration staff to resolve any problems or request changes in service.

The contract administration staff make monthly site visits to all subcontractors and CFC offices to conduct program audits to insure program compliance and offer technical assistance.

Twice each month the subcontractors and CFC offices submit approved time and activity records to the director of administration. These records are processed for regulatory compliance, service level data for the management information system, billing and finally either subcontractor payment or payroll operations. Subcontractors are paid monthly.

In the FY 2000 program we anticipate serving over 400 people and providing a minimum of 116,652 hours of personal care services.

NOTE: If as suggested in section 6 page 5 of Appendix C, subcontractors must comply with regulations related to Grant Programs (Chapter 78 AAC?) it will be impossible to utilize subcontractors and significant revisions to this proposal will be required.

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TRAVEL			
Local Travel	0	4264	4264
Admin Travel	7975	0	7975
	0	0	0
Total Travel (200)	7975	4264	12239
FACILITY EXPENSE			
Rent	0	32408	32408
Utilities	0	3060	3060
Telephone	0	39459	39459
Postage	0	3065	3065
Repair and Maintenance	0	0	0
Other Facility Expense	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Total Expense (300)	0	77992	77992
SUPPLIES			
Office Supplies	0	0	0
Misc. Supplies	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Total Expense (400)	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT			
Office Equipment	0	17472	17472
Lease Rental	0	3961	3961
Repair and Maintenance	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Total Expense (500)	0	21433	21433
OTHER			
Audit	0	7236	7236
Contract Services	0	18360	18360
Denied Claims Reserve	0	0	0
Other Admin. Expense	0	0	0
DSS Projects	0	0	0
Program Insurance	0	9904	9904
Printing / Advertising	0	5723	5723
Dues and Subscriptions	0	0	0
Legal Services	0	6120	6120
	0	0	0
Total Expense (600)	0	47343	47343
SUB TOTAL OF ADMIN EXP	317104	151032	468136
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	700095	2368800	3068894
(PCA AVG. WAGE \$12 PER HR.)			
HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE BY CFC	2040	43116	45156
HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE BY CONTRACTS	1812	69684	71496
	0	0	
TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT SERVICE HOURS	3852	112800	116652
AVERAGE COST			26.31

F. *Administrative Assistant - 2.04 FTE. (\$50,917 - GF) This position is primarily involved with data entry for payroll and billing but also provides support for administrative matters, supply control, reception and general office management of the organization and reports to the director of administration. The positions are currently held by Carla Mahoskey and Kim Watson.

G. Contract Administrator - 1 FTE. (\$33,688- GF) This position is responsible for the day to day management of the proposed project. Duties of this position include supervising project staff, participating in planning sessions, coordinating services with other providers, monitoring services, monitoring budgets and service levels, and insuring that all activities remain in compliance with program regulations and guidelines. This position reports to the Executive Director and is currently filled by Walter Spurling.

H. Contract Assistant - 1 FTE (\$24,719 - GF) This position works closely with the contract administrator in the administration of the day to day affairs of the personal care attendant program. This is also a cross training position to provide stability to the program in the event that the contract administrator cannot perform their functions. The position reports to the contract administrator and is currently held by Annette Lowe.

I. Program Coordinator - 3.48 FTE (\$108,600 - GF) This position is responsible for the daily supervision and scheduling of direct care staff and implementing processes to insure that appropriate levels and types of service are provided. The program coordinators report to the regional manager and Karen Kienbaum and David Rice currently fill the positions. Recruitment is just being completed for two additional positions one located in Ketchikan and one in Anchorage.

J. Care Coordinator / Supervising RN -- 2 FTE (\$72,134 - GF) These positions conduct all of the personal care assessments, reassessments and serve as the supervising RN's. The positions also conduct staff training and other professional support. The positions are currently housed in the Anchorage office and travel to service sites throughout the state on a monthly basis. The positions are also supported by a back up RN in the Southeast region who can aid in time sensitive situations. The positions are currently held by Desiree Fallor, RN., and Rick Herron RN and report to the contract administrator.

K. Personal Care Attendant - 22 FTE (\$25,500 GF - \$538,950 MC) These positions provide all of our direct service in the PCA program. These positions must meet the criteria as described in regulation. This proposal will actually employ about 50 individuals but many of them work less than 40 hours per week. The PCA's report to the program coordinator.

L. Fringe Benefits - (\$391,168 - GF, 167,065 MC) For FY00 employee fringe benefits are calculated at 31% of gross salaries. Specifically these expenses include: Payroll Taxes, Workers Compensation, Personal Leave, Holidays, Health insurance and Retirement.

TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 100: \$655,809 - GF \$706,025 - MC

Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9970188 Job Title: CNA/PCA

Region: ANCHORAGE/MAT-SU City: ANCHORAGE/99501

Education: NA Months of Experience: 00 Minimum Age: 18

License(s) Required:

Job Description:

MUST BE CERTIFIED CNA OR PCA. HAVE CURRENT CPR AND FIRST AIDE CERTIFICATION. PASS A STATE AND FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK. JOB LOCATION EAGLE RIVER. MUST HAVE OWN VEHICLE TO TRAVEL BETWEEN SITES. TRAVEL TIME IS PAID ** TO APPLY, APPLICANT MUST GO DIRECT TO JOB READY. 600 BARROW STREET. #104. ANCHORAGE 99501 OR CALL ERICA AT 907 258- 3498 BETWEEN 8-5. M-F.

Job Duration: FULL TIME OVER 150 DAYS Pay: \$ 10.50 PER HOUR ()

Hours: 40

If you meet the employer's requirements and wish to apply for this job. follow referral instructions in the job description above. If no instructions appear in the job description. mail or fax your resume to the local office.



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Alaska Job Center Network

Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9120419 **Job Title:** PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT(PC A)/A

Region: SOUTHEAST **City:** ANGOON

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 03 **Minimum Age:** 18

License(s) Required: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FIRST AID CERT/GENERAL ALASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE

Job Description:

OPEN TIL FILLED. QUALIFICATIONS: MUST HAVE CURRENT FA/ CPR OR ABILITY TO GET CERTIFICATION UPON OFFER OF HIRE. CURRENT ALASKA PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT CERTIFICATE OR CNA CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. ABILITY TO PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION WITH REIMBURSED MILEAGE OF \$.31/MILE. DUTIES: PROVIDE HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE W/ ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SUCH AS BATHING & DRESSING. IN CLIENTS' HOMES. WORK SITE IS LOCATED IN ANGOON, ALASKA. **TO APPLY: CONTACT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AT TOLL-FREE # 1-800-478-6970 FOR APPLICATION AND REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS. ATTN: DAVE RICE

Job Duration: PART TIME OVER 150 DAYS **Pay:** \$ 10.35 PER HOUR (PCA QUALIFIED/OR DOE)

Hours: 20

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Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9120264 Job Title: PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT/HAINES

Region: SOUTHEAST City: HAINES

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 03 Minimum Age: 18

License(s) Required: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FIRST AID CERT/GENERAL ALASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE

Job Description:

OPEN TIL FILLED. FT & PT /PERM. QUALIFICATIONS: MUST HAVE CURRENT PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT CERTIFICATE (PCA) OR CNA CERTIFICATE WOULD BE HELPFUL BUT NOT MANDATORY. NEEDS OWN RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION AND ALASKA DRIVERS LICENSE. WORK IS LOCATED IN HAINES, ALASKA.

DUTIES: WORKING IN PRIVATE HOME SETTINGS; ASSISTING CLIENTS W/ PERSONAL CARE. HYGIENE AND RELATED CARE DUTIES, AS NEEDED.

**TO APPLY: COMPLETE A GENERAL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION, OR RESUME. SUBMIT TO: CENTER FOR COMMUNITY, 700 KATLIAN STREET, SUITE B, SITKA, ALASKA 99835 ATTN: DAVID RICE OR CALL TOLL FREE # AT: 1-800-478-6970

Job Duration: FULL TIME OVER 150 DAYS Pay: \$ 10.35 PER HOUR (PER HOUR/FT OR PT)

Hours: 40

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Job Order: 9110515 Job Title: PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT

Region: SOUTHEAST City: JUNEAU

Education: NA Months of Experience: 03 Minimum Age: 18

License(s) Required:

Job Description:

MUST HAVE H.S. DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT & CURRENT ALASKA CERTIFIED NURSES AIDE CERTIFICATE OR LPN CERTIFICATE WITH IN 120 DAYS OF HIRE. CURRENT AK DRIVER'S LICENSE & FIRST AIDE & CPR CERTIFICATES. ABILITY TO ORGANIZE, WRITE REPORTS, & PROVIDE SERVICES IN A TIMELY MANNER. DUTIES: PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO BATHING, DRESSING, GROOMING, MEAL PREP AND LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING. **SUBMIT A RESUME OR GENERAL APPLICATION TO THE JUNEAU JOB CENTER, 10002 GLACIER HYW., SUITE 200, JUNEAU, AK, 99801.

Center for Community ?

Job Duration: FULL TIME OVER 150 DAYS Pay: \$ 10.35 PER HOUR ()

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Job Order: 9120420 **Job Title:** PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT(PC A)/Y

Region: SOUTHEAST **City:** YAKUTAT

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 03 **Minimum Age:** 18

License(s) Required: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FIRST AID CERT/GENERAL ALASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE

Job Description:

OPEN TIL FILLED. QUALIFICATIONS: MUST HAVE CURRENT FA/ CPR OR ABILITY TO GET CERTIFICATION UPON OFFER OF HIRE. CURRENT ALASKA PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT CERTIFICATE OR CNA CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. ABILITY TO PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION WITH REIMBURSED MILEAGE OF \$.31/MILE. DUTIES: PROVIDE HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE W/ ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SUCH AS BATHING & DRESSING. IN CLIENTS' HOMES.

WORK SITE IS LOCATED IN YAKUTAT, ALASKA.

****TO APPLY: CONTACT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AT TOLL-FREE # 1-800-478-6970 FOR APPLICATION AND REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS. ATTN: DAVE RICE**

Job Duration: PART TIME OVER 150 DAYS **Pay:** \$ 10.35 PER HOUR (PCA QUALIFIED OR DOE)

Hours: 20

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Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9440036 **Job Title:** PERSONAL CARE ATTD/RELIEF-ST.

Region: NORTHERN **City:** ST. MICHAEL

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 00 **Minimum Age:** 18

License(s) Required: NURSE AIDE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Job Description:

RELIEF POSITION. HOURS FLEXIBLE. SOME WEEKENDS MAY BE REQUIRED. QUALS: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED. MUST COMPLETE CNA TRAINING AND OBTAIN CPR CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO DATE OF HIRE. MUST BE ABLE TO FOLLOW WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND KEEP SIMPLE RECORDS. MUST HAVE PERSONALITY CONDUCIVE TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH PATIENTS IN HOME. DUTIES: RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE TO CLIENTS IN THE HOME. UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF HOME CARE COORDINATOR. THIS INCLUDES BATHING, DRESSING, VITAL SIGNS. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING. **TO APPLY, COMPLETE NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORP APPLICATION, SEND TO PO BOX 966. OR FAX TO (907) 443-3244.

Job Duration: PART TIME OVER 150 DAYS **Pay:** \$ 12.64 PER HOUR (NON CERT-13.27 CERT)

Hours: 20

If you meet the employer's requirements and wish to apply for this job, follow referral instructions in the job description above. If no instructions appear in the job description, mail or fax your resume to the local office.



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Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 8440300 Job Title: PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT/CNA -

Region: NORTHERN City: BREVIG MISSION

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 00 Minimum Age: 18

License(s) Required: NURSE AIDE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Job Description:

THIS IS A RELIEF POSITION, ON CALL AS NEEDED. QUALS:
MUST BE CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT OR COMPLETE TRAINING BEFORE HIRE DATE. MUST HAVE CPR CERT PRIOR TO HIRE. DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO KEEP SIMPLE RECORDS & FOLLOW WRITTEN & VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS. MUST HAVE PERSONALITY CONDUCIVE TO WORKING CLOSELY W/ PATIENTS IN THEIR HOMES. DUTIES: PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE TO CLIENTS INCLUDING BATHING, DRESSING, TAKING VITAL SIGNS, ASSIST WITH TOILETING, & SIMPLE EXERCISES. KEEP RECORDS & REPORT CHANGES IN PATIENT'S CONDITION. **TO APPLY SEND COMPLETED NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION APPLICATION TO PO BOX 966, NOME, AK 99762 OR FAX TO 1-907-443-2085.

Job Duration: PART TIME OVER 150 DAYS Pay: \$ 14.50 PER HOUR (+DOE)

Hours: 10

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Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9110738 Job Title: **ACTIVITY ASSISTANT**

Region: SOUTHEAST City: **JUNEAU**

Education: 12 Months of Experience: 12 Minimum Age: 00

License(s) Required:

Job Description:

FT PERM. MUST HAVE ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE ELDERLY AND/OR ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE IN PREPARING AND LEADING ACTIVITIES IN A GROUP ENVIRONMENT. HOME HEALTH AIDE, CNA OR HOMEMAKES EXPERIENCE DESIRABLE. PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR RELATED DEMENTIA AND OR PHYSICALLY FRAIL. ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM PLANS FOR PHYSICAL & RECREATIONAL THERAPY. MAINTAIN RECORDS. ASSIST WITH ACTIVITIES FOR DAILY LIVING WITH ALL ADULT DAY PROGRAM CLIENTS AS NEEDED. **MAIL OR FAX RESUME TO: CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE, 419 6TH ST., JUNEAU, AK. 99801 OR FAX TO: (907) 463-6144 OR CALL (907)463-6161 FOR DETAILS.

Job Duration: FULL TIME OVER 150 DAYS Pay: **\$ 11.07 PER HOUR ()**

Hours: 38

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Alaska's Job Bank - Job Description

Job Order: 9270584 **Job Title:** CERTIF. NURSING ASST.(CNA)-ON

Region: SOUTHWEST **City:** BETHEL

Education: 09 Months of Experience: 00 **Minimum Age:** 18

License(s) Required:

Job Description:

P/T, ON CALL (POOL); OPEN UNTIL FILLED. PROVIDE CARE TO PATIENTS, ASSISTS W/ ADL'S: SUPPORT HOSPITAL GOALS & OBJECTIVES; SERVES PATIENTS FROM BIRTH TO ELDERLY. QUALS: 9TH GRADE MIN.; EXPERIENCE PREFERRED BUT WILL TRAIN ON THE JOB & PROVIDE C.N.A. TRAINING TO ACQUIRE 1ST AIDE & CPR CERTIF.: ABLE TO WORK VARIED SHIFTS.

****TO APPLY****

SUBMIT A COMPLETED YKHC APPLICATION TO:
YKHC HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT., PO BOX 528/829 ED.HOFFMAN HWY
BETHEL, AK 99559 OR FAX TO: 907 543-6061. FOR MORE INFO,
CALL 907 543-6060 OR 800 478-8905.

Job Duration: FULL TIME 31 TO 150 DAYS **Pay:** \$ 11.58 PER HOUR (DOE/GRADE 2)

Hours: 30

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 committee on HB 312, dated 3/2/00
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I am writing to express my concern on possible funding cuts to Public Broadcasting as a result of House Bill 312.

I live an isolated community of Alaska. Like many small town Alaskans I get much of my entertainment for radio. I depend on Public Broadcasting to bring me family entertainment, accurate news, both local and world wide and a varied view of the world. I know that when I turn on the radio, I will get programs produced for Alaskans in Alaska instead of canned top 40 music.

I appreciate that my local radio station, KCAW, offers the best local news coverage I've found anywhere in Alaska. I also can find regularly scheduled programming suitable for children and dinner time without advertisements and nauseam for stores and services not available in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Marg. Parsons

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Signed: MARG. PARSONS -
 Testifier
TAXPAYERS
 Representing (Optional)
PO Box 6461 Sitka
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 committee on _____, dated 3-4-2000
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I encourage you to reinstate the 10% cut in state funding for public broadcasting for FY 2001. I am a local business woman and have served on the Board of Directors for KSKA/KAKM for the past 5 years. Our station has already been cut to the bone and I am appalled at the continued cuts that will undoubtedly cause some of the stations to go off the air. I am one of many Alaskans who are interested in paying income taxes in order to maintain a reasonable quality of life in our great state!

Signed: Jo Michalski

Testifier

Alaska Public Broadcasting

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name
 committee on Public Broadcasting dated 3-4-2000.
bill/subject

Public Broadcasting should be supported by an increase in State support rather than a decrease. Our State University system deserves increased support as well. Revenue Sharing should be increased to stem public rebellion over rising property taxes.

the Administration and
 All of this is to say the State Legislature needs to find new revenue sources - taxes, F. Fund monies - and/or something else. Stop allowing Alaska to turn into a second class state.

Signed: John W. Blaine

Testifier
Self - (member of Public Broadcasting)
Representing (Optional) Commission

2200 SUSITNA DR.

Address
Anchorage, AK 99517

Phone No. 907/248-3219

Thanks for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Dave MacDowell. I am married, and have four kids ranging in age from 15 to 7 years old.

I am also president of the board of directors of Alaska Dance Theatre, the largest nonprofit dance organization in the state, with almost 500 students.

The organization has touched many lives since its humble beginnings in 1981, and we have made a positive difference in the community, and in the lives of our students.

ADT receives operational support from the Alaska State Council on the Arts. It makes a significant difference to us, and helps to ensure that quality performance and instruction is available to students and audiences from across all economic backgrounds.

So many individuals and businesses, large and small, continue to provide the bulk of our financial support. For that, we are grateful. Especially since they are being called upon more and more. Their private support is important. So is public funding from ASCA.

I ask you to ensure that ASCA's funding capability is not reduced. Please re-think the House Finance sub-committee recommendation, as it will hurt all arts groups around the state.

On behalf of the Alaska Dance Theatre board of Directors, my own family, and our community, please make the right decision.

David F. MacDowell
17600 Rosemont Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

March 4th, 2000



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Education/Finance subcommittee name
 committee on recommendation The state General dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject fund match

see attached

Robert Krumley

Signed: *Robert Krumley*
 Testifier

Alaska Dance Theatre, V.P.
 Representing (Optional)

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SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.
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FAX 907-263-5725

Good afternoon. My name is Patrick Rumley. I am Vice-President of Alaska Dance Theatre, the largest not for profit dance organization in Alaska. We have, depending upon the time of year, between four and five hundred young dancers studying at our school. They obtain first rate instruction in dance from a dedicated teacher corps, with live accompaniment, working out of a small fifty year old building which houses its studios.

We are largely self-sufficient, depending upon significant contributions from the private sector. But, as with most arts organizations, there is a gap which the state and municipal governments have filled, to their everlasting credit. We benefit from a \$10,630 grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA). This money helps us to maintain the minimal level of operational expenditures necessary to support a dance group of this size and calibre. It helps keep the cost of instruction down to encourage diversity among socio-economic groups who can share in the joy of dance. Were this money to be withdrawn it would place serious financial pressure upon our organization, inevitably impacting the programs we can offer and the students we can serve.

You know. . . Activities such as dance are not just arts for arts' sake. In fact, they are character building. Dance teaches discipline and creativity, it builds physical strength and fitness among a population that is increasingly obese, and provides an uplifting focus for young minds and bodies that elevates the dignity and self-respect of all. Cutting funding for dance and other performing arts is short sighted. That \$75,000 is money well spent as an investment in the education and development of our students and also the patron public who also benefit from a vibrant performing arts community, including dance. It is a bargain if you consider for a moment what we spend on children who do not have the opportunity to participate and lose their way.

I urge you to resist cuts to the state General Fund match for the Alaska State Council on the Arts. Now is not the time to rob Peter to pay Paul.



Kachemak Bay Broadcasting, Inc. (907) 235-7721

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3913 KACHEMAK WAY • HOMER, AK 99603

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Sent to HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Company _____

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Number of pages (including this one) 5

Sent By SUSAN KERNES

In Reference To HB 312

Reply Requested Yes No

Notes:

Please accept these petitions requesting that the proposed \$400,500 cut be withdrawn from your deliberations. This phone call is not being paid for with state money.

Thank you,
Susan Kernes
General Manager

Catherine,

Sorry I couldn't get more
signatures, need more time.

Good luck.

John Shows

Petition to support Public Broadcasting

We the undersigned respectfully request that the proposed \$400,500 cut to
Public Broadcasting be reinstated into the Department of Administration Budget

NAME (please print)	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	PHONE
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Steven Garrison	<i>[Signature]</i>	BOX 1866 HOMER AK	907 235-6225

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Petition to support Public Broadcasting

Thank You

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
committee name

committee on Public Radio Act, dated March 4th
bill/subject

Budget cutting hurts yet is necessary. I appreciate your hard work and thoughtfulness in considering so many aspects. We in Alaska have enjoyed the many benefits of various programs. Public radio reaches many people so please reconsider the cuts to the news programs. This radio coverage is the only source of news for some. Smaller bites in funding hurts less than chops and last longer.

Signed: Josanna Torres
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on Public Radio / Arts dated March 4, 2000
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I would like to urge you to reconsider any budget cuts for public radio. It is a life line in rural communities. It is a life line to the outside world as well as the web of communication within our community. It is a quality of life that is simply not replaceable. It is an access that goes beyond roads or any other form of physical transport. It is VITAL in every way. Please do not cut public radio.

I also understand that the legislature is considering cutting over \$75,000. - from the general fund match for the Alaska State Council on the Arts, by taking that amount from the Art in Public Places Fund. ASCA cannot use the AIPP money for on going, ~~for~~ vital programs. That means it is a \$75,000. - cut and ~~and~~ even bigger loss because of federal matching funds. For me, the quality of life would be so drastically cut if this ^{cut} occurred that I would have to consider leaving this state. Without the arts, without public radio, life here would be simply rudimentary. It is time to impose more taxes, income

Signed: Rika Mouw

Testifier

myself (arts community, Public radio)

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 4084 Homer, AK 99603

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taxes, personal and corporate. It is time to tax the visitors who come to this state.

Think of new sources of revenue - not cuts on the humanitarian benefits and attractions of this state

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we are kidding ourselves to think it doesn't take more money to live here. We don't want to be a no tax, no service state.

MAR. 11 11 11 11

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs Mulder and Therriault,

Hello. My name is Joe Stratman. I serve on the board of directors of Narrows Broadcasting Corporation, the license holder of KFSK public radio in Petersburg. I urge you not to cut funding of public radio in this year's budget.

Petersburg is a rural community, and many of its residents work seasonally in the fishing industry. For many residents of central Southeast Alaska, KFSK is simply the only source of vital news and information. KFSK is a member of the Emergency Alert System, formally known as the Emergency Broadcast System. KFSK regularly broadcasts the local and marine weather, by which many residents plan their workday. This community and the outlying areas rely solely on KFSK for providing local news and messages and for airing important public events. The airwaves are open to all as KFSK provides production assistance to those wishing to air their views. KFSK keeps us connected to the rest of the state and nation by providing programming from APRN and NPR.

A couple of years ago, the State of Alaska mandated regionalization and streamlining in public radio. KFSK and the other stations in Southeast responded by being the first to answer this call, and CoastAlaska regional radio organization was formed. Now bookkeeping and other administrative services have been centralized. KFSK has learned to do more with less, over and over again. I implore you to not cut funding to public radio. We in rural Alaska can't live without it. Thank you for your time.

Joseph P. Stratman
P.O. Box 1736
Petersburg, Alaska 99833
907-772-2321

DATE: 03/04/2000
TO: STATE OF ALASKA, HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: ANN M. YADON
RE: FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING - RESTORATION

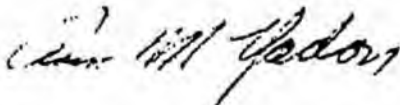
I ask that you restore all funding for public broadcasting, to include funding for state grants for public radio stations.

Throughout my graduate studies in International Relations and Political Science, a recurrent theme was that democracies which provide the means of communications to their populace remain healthy. Those democracies which do not provide means of communications, for purposes ranging from emergency warning to education, to those whom they serve, do not survive. In Alaska, the major means of communications, particularly in rural and bush communities, is public broadcasting, most especially the local-access public radio stations. Without funding these, you endanger our state and our nation.

As a concrete example, may I offer my own situation. I live 5 miles north of Talkeetna in a semi-remote, off-the-road-system setting. I cannot get TV reception, my phone is not reliable, internet access is available only in the town of Talkeetna, and radio reception of any station other than our local station is unreliable. The local station, KTNA, provides daily message services for people who live beyond the reach of the telephone system, it provides access to the Emergency Alert System (EAS), and provides time-sensitive local, state, national, and international news. Additionally it provides other unique services as a direct result of its local-access operations which would not be available from stations broadcasting from the large population centers of our state.

These services are essential to keep communications flowing between the government and its people and to keep the people well-informed, well-educated, and involved in their government. Therefore, I ask you to not only restore funding for public broadcasting, but to consider allocating additional funds to it.

Ann M. Yadon



Date: 03/04/2000

To: Members, Alaska State House Finance Committee

From: F. E. Yadon, P.O. Box 1022, Talkeetna, Ak 99676

I urge you as members of the Alaska State House Finance Committee to restore all state funding for public broadcasting, most particularly state grants for public radio stations.

Our state's rural, local-access public radio stations provide emergency and warning services, news, and other local services not available from commercial broadcasting, the internet, or even public broadcasting from the large population centers of our state.

Our local station, KTNA, based in Talkeetna provides essential services to rural residents in the upper Susitna Valley, including a daily message service for people who live beyond the reach of the telephone system, access to the Emergency Alert System (EAS), and current local, state, and national news. For many residents this station has the only reliable radio reception in the area. Because it is locally based, it also provides unique services. For example, on a winter day 2 years ago, the station coordinated the community-wide search for a missing resident who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Very essential services such as this are not available from any other source.

Once again, I urge you to restore state funding for public broadcasting.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Yadon



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on HB 312, dated Mar 4, '00
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The Proposed reduction in funds for Public Radio will mean the loss of stations which we remote listeners in Prince William Sound and the Copper River Basin (an area larger than Ohio) depend on as a vital source of local news, information & education. Please restore the cuts to Public Radio.

Signed Nikki Newcome
 Testifier
Member of Ketchikan Public Radio
 Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 853, Valdez
 Address
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 Phone No



Alaska State Legislature

House

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committee name

committee on HB 312 , dated 03 04 00
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Please restore the cuts
to Public Radio & T.V.
we depend on KCMU
Public Radio out here.
Please leave Funding levels
the same as last year.

Thnx

John C. Anderson

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

POB 1956

Address

835 4281

Phone No



Alaska State Legislature

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HFIN
committee name

committee on

HB 312
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dated

3/4/00

Please Do NOT cut
Public Radio & TV -
It would be a bad idea.
We depend on it
Thank

Signed:

John L Anderson

[Signature]
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

ROB 1956

Address

835 4281

Phone No

House Finance Committee
Representative Mulder
Representative Theriault

CC: Representatives Bunde, Austerman, Davis, Foster, Phillips, Williams, Davies, Grussendorf, and Moses

RE: Operating Budget

Funding for public broadcasting is cost effective. I am writing to express my concern over the proposed cut in funding to public broadcasting in the state budget. We are all proud to live in this great state and due to its size many of us cannot afford to travel throughout this state.

Through the funding of public broadcasting, citizens are able to "speak" with each other on a statewide basis. Concerns and issues that face communities in Southeast will be of concern to those on the North Slope. It is through public broadcasting that I learn about other regions. I live in rural Alaska and have no other source available to me to keep informed on various issues throughout the state.

Municipal forums in rural areas would not be available to local citizens without public radio. Those that have spent any time in rural areas know that coverage of local city Council meetings, local school board meetings, and various other meetings is only provided by public radio.

Through these issues alone the funding of public broadcasting from the state is essential for these efforts to continue. The state has a responsibility to keep the public informed and to keep the lines of communication open among and between citizens. Funding for public broadcasting is essential for this service to be provided in rural Alaska.

Please vote to support a restoration of public broadcast funds. The service is cost effective.

Sincerely,

Tom Abbott

Tom Abbott
P.O. Box 1617
Petersburg, AK
99833

March 4, 2000

House Finance
Representative Mulder
Representative Therriault

As a member and firm believer in Public Radio and KFSK-Petersburg, I urge you to continue funding Public Radio without any of the proposed cuts and to continue to secure a functional budget for the future.

As one of the few remaining non-television viewers on news, I listen to Public Radio for all of my informational news and entertainment. Lets keep Public Radio and viable sources of information for folks like myself, those in the bush and remote locations and the general public.

Suzanne M. Hebert
P. O. Box 1536
Petersburg, AK 99833
907-772-4112

- Please do not
Cut Public Radio
I depend on it while
IN TENAKEE SPRINGS
And I listen 3-5
hours a day when
IN JUNEAU.
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JOHN AND ANN SYMONS
Post Office Box-6
Douglas, AK 99824



Alaska State Legislature

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It would be extremely detrimental to the entire community of Homer and the surrounding area if funding to KBBT were to be cut off or even significantly reduced. KBBT is an invaluable source of information and in many cases the only source in this area for local news to get out and also up to the minute emergency information as far as schools and/or emergency situations. Not to mention the public service programs that help the entire community.

Signed: David J. Davis
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 114
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Homer, AK, 99603
 Phone No. (907) 235-4382



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Subcommittee
committee name

committee on Alcohol / Drug Abuse dated 3-4-00
bill/subject

Thank you for allowing me to testify in front of you today. My name is Joci Kusti, I am a recovering alcoholic. I have been sober a drug free for 24 years. I have lived on P.O.W. Island for 25 years.

The impact of the reduction of \$'s to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse programs in the state would be enormous & devastating.

I read in the paper every week. The devastation of Alcohol & Drug Abuse. The MIP's The domestic violence & suicides. I work as a high school & middle school teacher & see daily the effects of drug & alcohol abuse. The parents that have been using for years. Their children or now using & swearing out for help. These children are feeling the effects of their parents use & abuse of Alcohol & drugs. Joci Kusti over

Signed: _____
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 4419

Address

Craig, AK 99921 907-806-2644

Phone No.

if the state was to take away funding
of these important programs, these children
don't have a chance. I have had them say
to me, I want help. Help me!!!

I am asking for those people
that are not able to ask you for
the help & \$ to get this help.
Please, help!!! fund these much needed
~~foreign~~ programs.

Again thank you for allowing me
to ~~present~~ testify in front of you today.

Testimony Cont' Toni Kuntz C216

My name is Emily Merriam, an Alaskan resident since June 5, 1961. Presently I reside in the City of Kupreanof, a community of 34, across from Petersburg on Wrangell Narrows, accessible only by water. I moved to Petersburg in the winter of 1964-65. Our FM public radio station KFSK came into being in 1975. KFSK has served our City with State & local news, personal messages, music, civic programs and weather forecasts. KFSK unites people who would not under normal circumstances communicate with each other. At the present time KFSK is operating with a skeleton staff and further cuts would wipe it out. Please continue funding to public radio.

Emily Merriam

P.O. Box 321

Petersburg, AK 99833

772-3808

I'm a journalist & came to AK in 1946. Our public radio is important to us who do not have a local paper for our local news. We also listen to AK 1 & KTOO a great deal. There slogan, If PBS doesn't do it, who will." I especially like ConterSpin which says, "what was not in the Mainline News this week." I like Week in Review, Wall Street Week & McGlauphin Group, & the Weather Station. These all add to our quality of life for us Seniors. Please do not cut them.

MARILYN GEORGE

Box 1031

PETERSBURG, AK 99833

772-4515



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Please keep fully funding public radio, as it is our only information link to the rest of the country, state, and local Southeast Alaska towns. Cuts in funding to public radio would devastate us, causing the possible loss of our public radio station, KCAW from Sitka.

Our only physical link to the outside is once-a-week mail service at this time. We depend on the public radio station for our weather, news, and entertainment, as not all of us have or want television. Importantly, it is part of our local emergency planning notification.

We need your support to keep our vital link of up-to-date information flowing into the ears of our small community.

Why does the state feel it needs to spend more than 4 million dollars to promote large-scale tourism when our public services are being sacrificed?

Thank you for giving me the chance to let you all know how crucial this bad funding cut is for our community of Port Alexander.

Signed: Cherise Bonfret
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
PO BOX 8118 Port Alexander
 Address
568-22-10
 Phone No.

Wayne Parks
Kupreanof, AK

Representative Mulder,

Being a resident of the City of Kupreanof and City Council member, I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed cuts to Public Broadcasting in House Bill 312. Public Radio is very important to us as citizens of outlying communities. We tend to rely on it for weather, news, messages, and of course entertainment. Please reconsider any cuts. Actually an increase would do the citizens of Alaska more good. Thank you.

Wayne Parks



Alaska State Legislature

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committee name
 committee on Budget, dated Mar 4 00
bill/subject

Please do not cut funding to Public Radio. I've lived in Anchorage, Haines & now Uden, have been a long-time public radio listener, supporter, & volunteer. It is essential to the rural communities. It is a means of keeping in touch with the rest of the country, the state & each other.

Signed: Jennie Clabe
Testifier
KCHU - Public Radio
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Signed: Jessie Clark
 Testifier
KCHU - Public Radio
 Representing (Optional)
PO Box 1912 Uldes 99686
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Testimony of David Beebe, Mayor City of Kupreanof, on Cuts to Public Radio

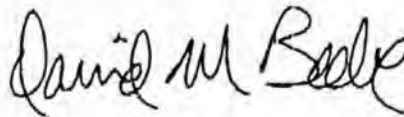
I was listening to the radio the other night when I learned the state legislature intended to cut 400,000 dollars from the funding of public radio throughout Alaska. This would be a crippling cut. And the fact is, our public radio is not a frivolous commodity we simply learn to live without when times get tough. Our local public radio is the primary source of news and information for almost every community in Southeast. If the informed citizen is the cornerstone of democracy, it would seem our legislators fail to grasp the gravity of their actions.

It's worthwhile to reconsider the circumstances of rural residents in Southeast Alaska. Which is to say, this is an archipelago we live in. A cluster of islands a few hundred miles long, on the edge of the North Pacific. It is not known for its accessibility or good weather and consequently, is sparsely populated. Nevertheless, there's over 25 tiny communities that call this place home and public radio is vital to their lives. It provides essential services such as messages to those without phones, official emergency broadcasts, and daily up to the minute news. It helps to fill the gaps of weather broadcasts vital to the fishing fleet, it provides music and entertainment and educational programs often hosted by volunteers from our communities.

Our legislators are severely mistaken if they think we can simply turn to another spot on our radio dial, or channel surf the tube to make up for the losses resulting from their cuts to public radio. In many cases, there are no existing alternatives. We're not going to have an opportunity to speak by telephone in public forums with our Governor or Representatives in State Legislature on issues that directly affect us. Public radio saves the time and expenses necessary to travel to these forums to have our voices heard. At a time when apathy is running rampant in the United States, it gives residents of remote communities the ability to participate directly in our local, regional and state institutions of democracy.

Public Radio is about community participation. Local, personal contributions of talent and time, money and energy, and that is the vital glue that holds our communities together. We are at a time when the public airwaves are being dominated by privately held media conglomerates which put commercial interests ahead of the public interest. Local public radio is the last example of public ownership in the public airwaves. Please do not cripple such a vital aspect of life in Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely, David Beebe
P.O. Box 148
Petersburg,
AK 99833 (907) 772-3357



Martha I Falk
P.O. Box 304
Barrow, Alaska 99723

Testimony House Finance Committee - Public Broadcastin 3/4/00

Hello, first of all I would like to greet all of you on the House Finance Committee. It brings fond memories of the years that I was there with Rep. Eileen MacLean. I know that you have a difficult task ahead of each of you as you try to decide where to cut the budget this Legislative Session.

I am testifying today as a Board Member of KBRW, in opposition to the budget cuts for Public Broadcasting in the amount of \$400,500.00.

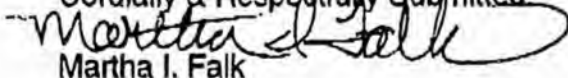
I know that all of you are well aware of the importance of Public Broadcasting in rural Alaska. It is a vital lifeline of communication in many aspects of everyday living throughout our villages.

Due to Public Broadcasting we are made aware of, local, state and national news. The diversity of our broadcasting programs are also a means of keeping us unified here on the North Slope through community involvement.

Every aspect of life is touched through our Public Broadcasting, secular, cultural and spiritual.

I would urge each of you on the House Finance Committee to remember the basic right of citizens of the State of Ak & United States, our right to be informed, and to have a voice. Our means of being informed and involved has been greatly enhanced through Public Broadcasting in rural Alaska. **Please do not take that right away.**

Cordially & Respectfully Submitted


Martha I. Falk

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HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE TESTIMONY - PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Hello House Finance committee members at this afternoon public hearing on budget here at the Legislative Information Office on the third floor of the Court Building in Barrow, Alaska.

My name is Alice R. Neakok. I am a KBRW, the radio station Board Member, supporter and listener.

In my testimony I have come to ask and plead with you to please continue including Public Broadcasting funding for FY 2001 in your budget.

For all the reasons as follow: We, the people on the North Slope care a great deal for our very vital lifeline radio station KBRW. The Legislature once again need to listen to us. KBRW, the radio station that serves our communities with news, information and entertainment in our remote areas.

Here in Barrow community, the KBRW keeps us informed about the weather report, especially about the snow storm below chill factor weather conditions. It gives us the public safety report about road conditions so we can make it to work. Especially listen for school buses can be able to pick up or school children.

Also, it is Whaling season time coming up, the weather report is a very important component of the Whaling season as well as our inland camping seasons.

So this \$400,500.00 cut will be hurtful to our hearts as well as our vital wellbeing in our remote areas especially on the North Slope. Please do the right thing in the new millennium year that do not cut our funding for Public Broadcasting.

I am sorry to say my heart is already hurting so I want to say: You as the whole Legislature body needs to continue secure and to continue to safe guard our State of Alaska's share of public broadcasting funding.

Lastly, I want to thank House Finance Committee to hear me with your patience and compassion.

Thank You Very Much.

Alice R. Neakok, 3-4-2000
Alice R. Neakok



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee name
 committee of H.B. 312 dated 3/4/00
 bill/subject

It is appalling to me that the legislature is considering cutting public broadcast, & many more critical programs, when it fails to address the underlying problem, its failure to create a long term funding program.

Many Alaskan citizens, & voters, will be severely affected by continued cuts. Remember, you can't cut more & more until everyone has nothing!!

When will the legislature assume responsibility for adequately funding essential & needed services?

Signed: Roger D. Clyne Roger D. Clyne
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE
committee name
 committee on HB 312 . dated 3-4-2000 .
bill/subject

Greetings and Thank You for your collective consideration.
 I would like to ask you to re-evaluate your proposed cuts to Public Broadcasting. In our community, KBI is literally the people's voice, we as a community go a long ways towards funding and supporting the station, but state funding is critical.

Cuts to Public Broadcasting IS
CENSORSHIP

Signed: Joe Whitteberry
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Alaska State Legislature

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I have lived in Alaska for 22 years and first arrived in 1968 (when we still paid a state income tax). I left Alaska for 10 years between 1987-97. One of the things I missed while living in 3 major cities in the lower 48 was the sense of community that public radio provides to rural communities in Alaska, it is a lifeline for vital emergency messages and keeps them connected to issues of our state government. Public radio in Alaska provides a voice to rural Alaska. Please don't silence it!

SINCERELY,

Signed: GINGER VAN WAGONER

Testifier

KBBI / BOARD MEMBER

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 committee name
 committee on House Bill 312, dated March 4, 2000
 bill/subject

Representatives - I request that the proposed cuts to Public Radio be withdrawn. Over the last 15 years, Public Broadcasting has withstood significant funding cuts and has responded in ways that have kept the essential values of its service intact. The community continues to feel the effect of that funding loss. Any further cuts to state funding of Public Broadcasting will only serve to erode the fundamental values just barely hanging in there. Please do not cut Public Broadcasting funding any more. Thank you.

Signed: Lauree Daniel
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
committee name
 committee on HB 312 Kenai Peninsula Public Radio dated March 4 2000
bill/subject

Public Radio is a community building expense. How do we communicate and/or exchange information ~~and~~ to so many without it? Public Radio is a tool in our community that we pick up and use countless times a day. If we need to re-work the method of collection of funds, ~~since~~ ^{if} ~~since~~ our problems are purely financial, then let us take on more responsibility. Let's not close the door on Public Radio. Local information and National Issues of huge importance need an uncensored voice. Help us think ~~and~~ and do for ourselves. Thank You.

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Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on HB 312 Ketchikan Peninsula Public Radio , dated 3/4/2000
 bill/subject committee name

I have been a member of this community for 12 years. I have benefited greatly from the presence of K3B1 Public Radio being here. I have been dependant on it for local & marine weather as well as receiving information on local and state government decisions. This radio station is vital to the community and ask that you do not make the cuts that are proposed.

Signed: Elizabeth Neumann (ELIZABETH NEUMANN)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee on Public Radio funding dated 3-4-00
 bill/subject HB 312 committee name

I strongly support funding of public radio as it is a key element of a healthy community. And for a change it would be great to see a productive stance for Alaskan residents (indeed anyone's) well being. I listen to KBBI daily. I listen to the news in the morning and evening. Both local & national news events are important. I listen to our city council meetings. I learn from talk shows like The Infinite Mind and am entertained by others like Click and Clack. Our bush lines are vital both for community communication and ties to family "Outside". I enjoy the rich variety of music available, produced locally or from the NPR system in general. KBBI ~~makes~~ is a large part of ~~the~~ heart of our city, our community. I do my part by

Signed: Jennifer Edwards Testifier give money.

Please do your part. I
 urge you NOT to cut
 our funding. Address PO BOX 2296 Homer, Ak 99603
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance
 committee on HB 312 dated 3/4/00
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I implore you, do not cut public broadcast funding. It is the essential lifeline in many communities in our state. Having lived in Barrow, Anchorage and Homer I realize the critical communication link public broadcast has throughout our state. The smaller communities rely on the larger stations, and the downlink throughout the state. Because of the independent & cooperative nature of AK Public Broadcast System, the proposed cuts threaten the only link to news that many communities have. Please do not cut AK Public Broadcast Funds.

Signed: Denice Clyne
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FINANCE
committee name

committee on HB 312, dated 4 MAR 00
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I URGE YOU TO RESTORE THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC RADIO. IT IS THE HEARTBEAT AND LIFELINE OF SMALL COMMUNITIES SUCH AS HOMER. WE DEPEND ON IT FOR NEWS, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, SAFETY BULLETINS, FISHING ANNOUNCEMENTS, CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLITICAL INFORMATION AND CULTURE. AS A LONG-TIME CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR LOCAL STATION, I KNOW HOW MUCH OUR LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN TO FILL THE GAPS CREATED BY RECENT BUDGET CUTS. WE ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT AND FURTHER CUTS WILL ELIMINATE OUR STATIONS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS VITAL RESOURCE.

I ALSO URGE YOU TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. I WAS A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FOR 32 YEARS IN CALIFORNIA, MICHIGAN, AND UTAH. UNIVERSITIES ARE THE GREATEST ECONOMIC ENGINE THAT A LOW POPULATION STATE CAN HAVE. THE EXTREME GROWTH AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY THAT FUELS THE ECONOMY OF UTAH OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY. THESE INVESTMENTS IN OUR YOUTH AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS DRIVE THE ECONOMY AND ENSURE THE FUTURE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE STATE. THE UNDER-FUNDING OF OUR UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN SHORTSIGHTED AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE. PLEASE REVERSE THIS PROCESS AND FUND THE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND NEEDED RESOURCES TO DEVELOP THE ECONOMY OF ALASKA.

FINALLY THE SOLUTION TO THIS ANNUAL TURMOIL CREATED BY PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. RESTORE THE STATE INCOME TAX! A PROPER GRADUATED TAX IS THE SOLUTION FOR THE BUDGET AND WOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY REDUCE THE UNFAIR TAX BURDEN CURRENTLY BORNE BY PROPERTY OWNERS. I PAID STATE INCOME TAXES IN THOSE STATES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO IN ALASKA. HEED THE ADVICE OF THE MOST THOUGHTFUL GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, JAY HAMMOND - RESTORE THE INCOME AND SOLVE THE FISCAL PROBLEMS AND RESTORE THE EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS WE ALL NEED AND DESERVE.

Signed: David C. Raskin - DAVID C. RASKIN
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance committee name
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We do not want to see any money being cut for public radio and the arts program. these programs are essential to the communication needs of Alaskans.

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