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**2132**

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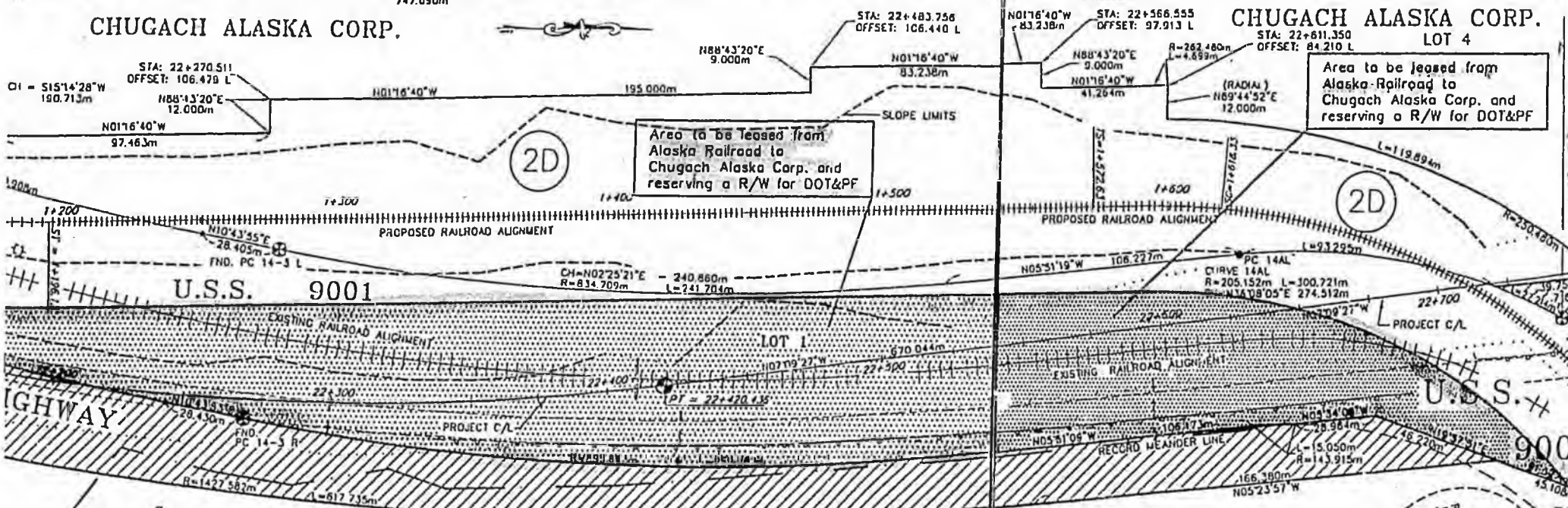
1/2 SEC. 7  
V., R.1E. S.M. UNSURVEYED

STATE OF ALASKA (TENTATIVE APPROVAL)

500°43'05"E 747.090  
W 1/2 SEC. 7, T.2N., R.1E., S.M. UNSURVEYED

CHUGACH ALASKA CORP.

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LOT 4



R=900.000  
L=417.066  
Tan=212.347  
Delta=26°33'04"

SNOW RIVER

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
& PUBLIC FACILITIES



RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED FOR:  
SEWARD HIGHWAY MP 8-18 REHABILITATION  
STP-031-1(25) 52419

GROSS TAKE 2.6043 ha

SHEET 1 OF 2 NET TAKE 2.6043 ha

DRAWN BY: SE ROW REMAIN LARGE

SCALE 1:1500 DATE 11/98 PARCEL NO. 2D

 EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY  
 RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED  
From ARRC to Chugach

SNOW RIVER

SEC. 7  
T. 2 N.  
R. 1 E.  
S.M.

LOT 3

STA: 22+829.943  
OFFSET: 160.911 R  
R=205.152m  
L=5.679m  
FNO.PT14AL

DETAIL  
(NO SCALE)

 EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY  
 RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED

### Mile Post 133 -- Beach Lake Park:

Of predominant interest to the residents of the Greater Eagle River area is the railroad curvature located near the mile post 133 vicinity -- better known as Beach Lake Park. To straighten these curves, the ARRC will need to gain fee simple title or an easement from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) for the proposed new right-of-way before construction can begin. The MOA and ARRC are currently researching the options.

Depending on what option is chosen, the ARRC may need to obtain legislative approval for a land exchange with the MOA. Should a decision be made prior to the 2000 legislative session, an amendment may be added to the track realignment legislation.

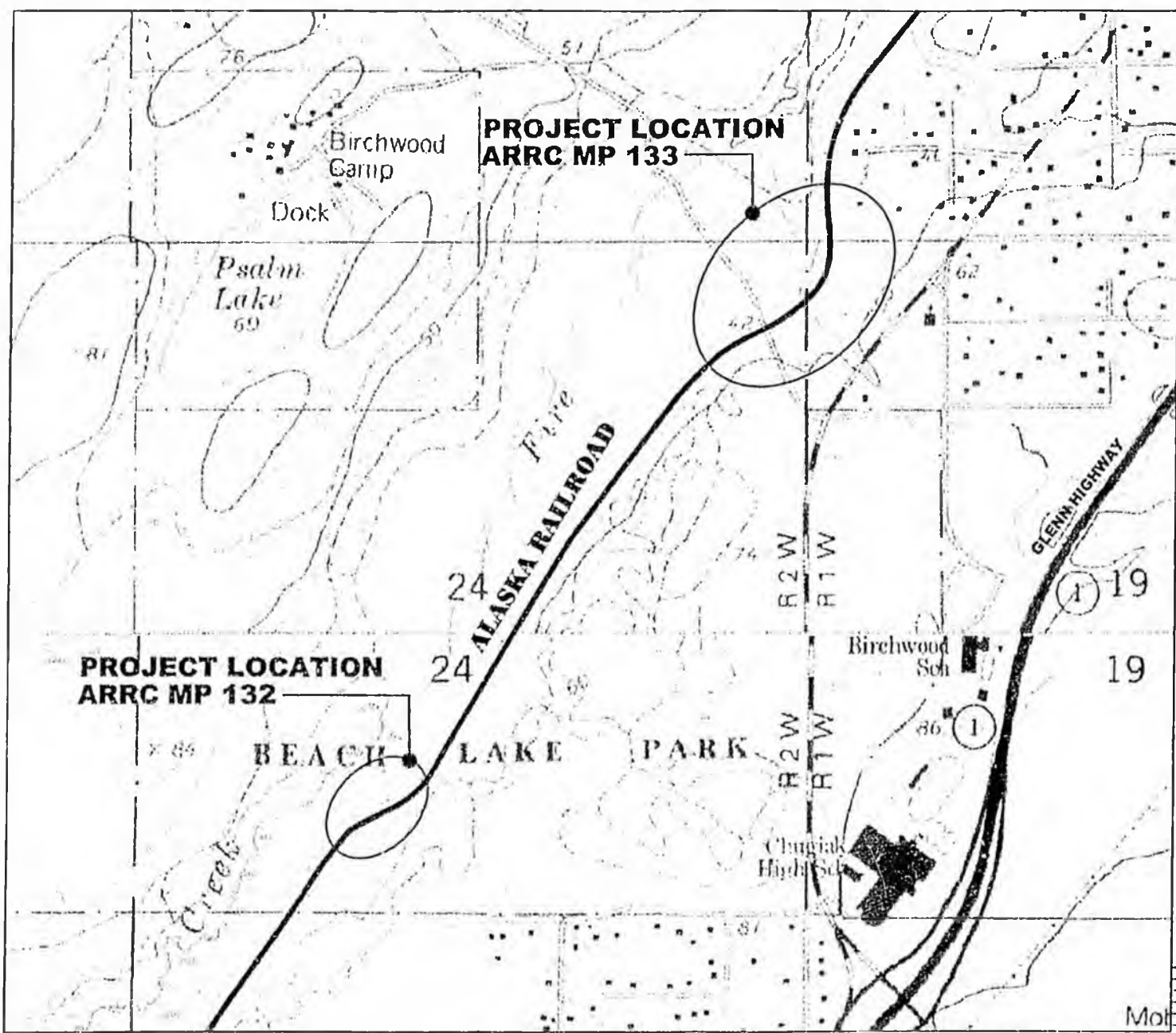
Reconstructing track in this area will mean ARRC can work with the MOA to ensure safer access across its tracks.

The ARRC's plan includes building a new grade-separated crossing at Beach Lake Road that will greatly enhance traffic safety. The new crossing will be an underpass with a 14.6-foot high clearance to accommodate larger vehicles and trucks loaded with dog sleds. By moving the crossing 380 feet north of the current crossing, vehicles will no longer have to approach the crossing from a steep section of road -- a situation that becomes potentially hazardous during icy conditions.

In addition to the road underpass, the ARRC will enhance pedestrian safety by building a pedestrian underpass. The underpass will connect the Beach Lake Trail system on either side of the tracks. With a ten-foot clearance, this underpass will accommodate dog mushers, skiers and other user groups.


Part of the overall project will include working with the adjacent property owners at mile post 133 to define use and ownership of the old railroad right-of-way. Once the Municipality of Anchorage determines the proper course of action for making the proposed new right-of-way available to ARRC, the ARRC will negotiate a reciprocal agreement with the adjacent private property owners.

Finally, the proposed project at this vicinity also includes obtaining enough land in the new right-of-way to allow Eklutna, Inc. access to its nearby property. Eklutna is proposing to build a gravel road from Beach Lake Road to their property. This road will run adjacent to the proposed new track alignment on the north side.



# VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE

 <b>ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION</b> OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER P.O. BOX 107500, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510-7500 (507) 265-2458		
<b>EAGLE RIVER TO WASILLA          CURVE REALIGNMENTS</b>		
<b>VICINITY MAP</b>		
DESIGNED BY: J.R.H.	SCALE: NONE	FILE NO. 4-1026
DRAWN BY: J.M.F.		DWG. NO.
APPROVED BY: R.J.L.	DATE: DEC. 1993	1 OF 3

REV DATE BY REVISION



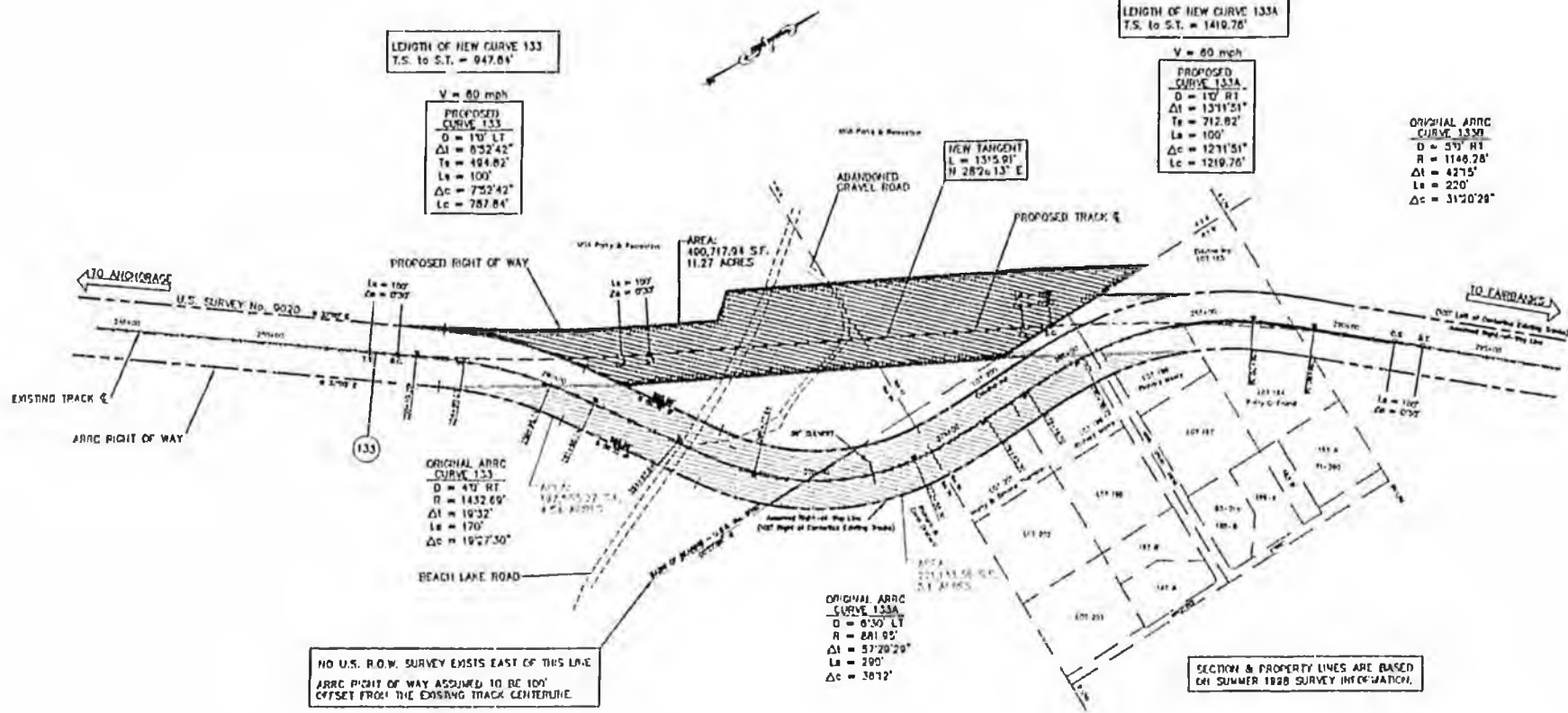
LENGTH OF NEW CURVE 133  
T.S. to S.T. = 947.64'

V = 60 mph  
**PROPOSED CURVE 133**  
 D = 130' LT  
 ΔI = 852'42"  
 T<sub>s</sub> = 494.82'  
 L<sub>s</sub> = 100'  
 ΔC = 752'42"  
 L<sub>c</sub> = 787.84'

LENGTH OF NEW CURVE 133A  
T.S. to S.T. = 1419.76'

V = 60 mph  
**PROPOSED CURVE 133A**  
 D = 130' RT  
 ΔI = 1311'51"  
 T<sub>s</sub> = 712.92'  
 L<sub>s</sub> = 100'  
 ΔC = 1211'51"  
 L<sub>c</sub> = 1219.76'

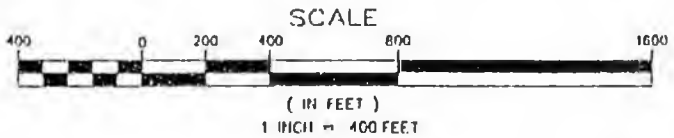
**ORIGINAL ARRC CURVE 133B**  
 D = 50' RT  
 R = 1146.28'  
 ΔI = 4275'  
 L<sub>s</sub> = 220'  
 ΔC = 3170'29"



NO U.S. R.O.W. SURVEY EXISTS EAST OF THIS LINE  
 ARRC RIGHT OF WAY ASSUMED TO BE 100' OFFSET FROM THE EXISTING TRACK CENTERLINE.

SECTION & PROPERTY LINES ARE BASED ON SUMMER 1928 SURVEY INFORMATION.

CURVATURE REDUCTION THIS SHEET: 97.12'



REV.	DATE	BY	REVISION

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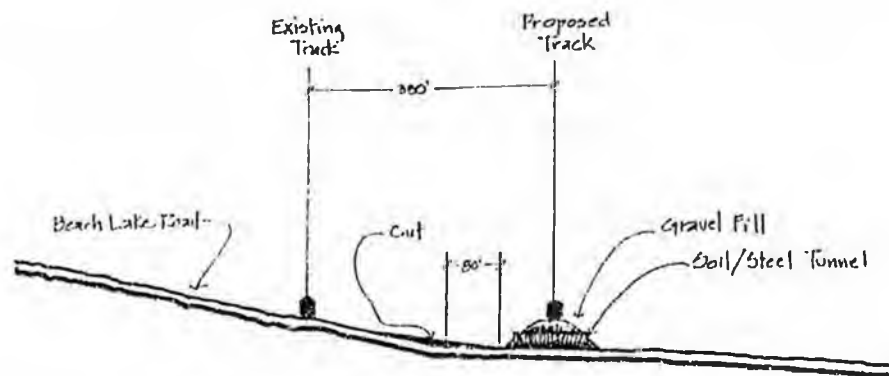
**EAGLE RIVER TO WASILLA**

**PROPOSED REALIGNMENTS TO CURVES 133 & 133B**

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 DRAWN BY: [Signature]  
 CHECKED BY: [Signature]

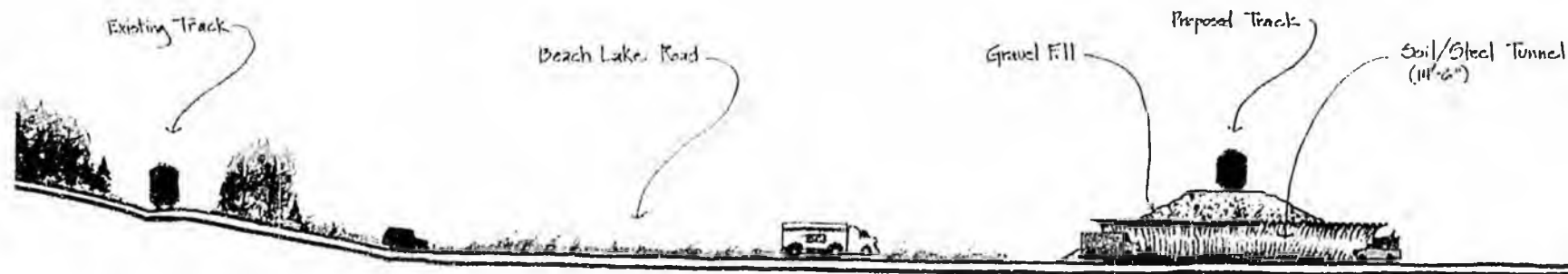
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 DATE: Jan 1999

FIG. NO. 2-333B  
 DWG. NO. 710  
**3 OF 3**



Section Through  $\oslash$  Beach Lake Road Realignment

Scale Horiz: 1"=100'-0"  
Vert: 1"=50'-0"



Section Through  $\oslash$  Beach Lake Road Realignment

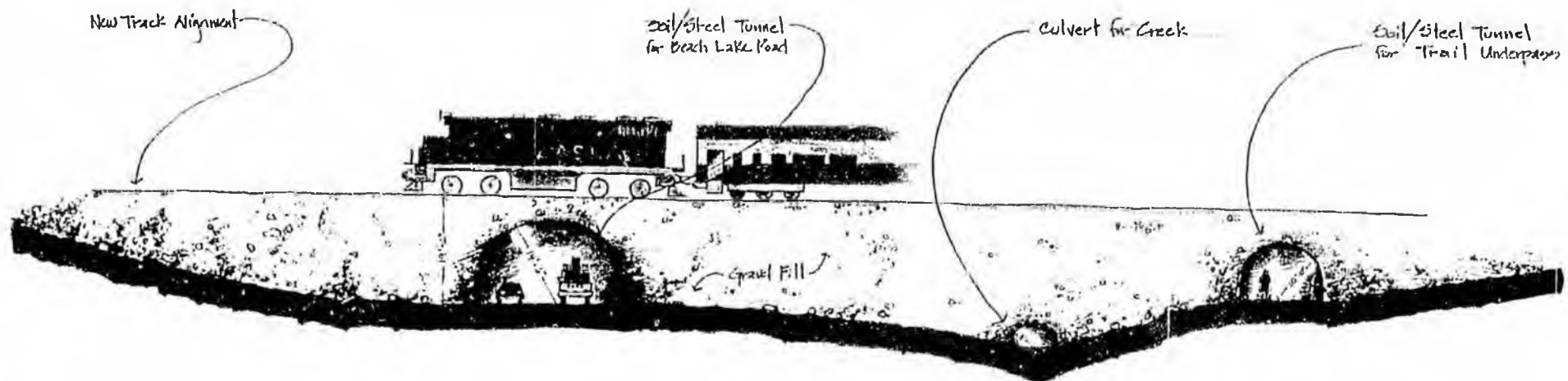
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**Alaska Railroad Corporation**  
**Realignment MP 133**

**Typical Section /Elevation**  
Proposed  $\oslash$  Beach Lake Road Alignment

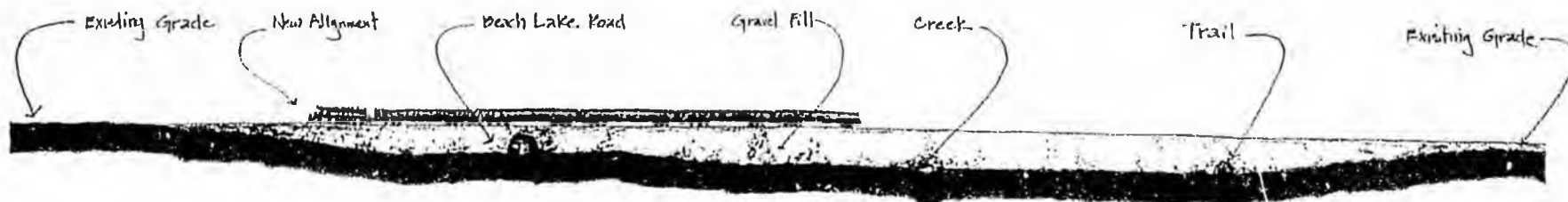


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**1 of 2**



Section / Elevation Looking at Proposed Track Realignment

Scale 1"=10'-0"



Section / Elevation Looking at Proposed Track Realignment

Scale Horiz: 1"=100'-0"  
Vert: 1"=50'-0"

**Alaska Railroad Corporation**  
**Realignment MP 133**

**Typical Section / Elevation**  
Proposed  $\bar{C}$  Beach Lake Road Alignment



**Sheet**  
**2 of 2**

## Project Benefits:

- 1) Improves public safety.
  - a) includes upgrades to vehicle crossings.
  - b) adds pedestrian safety amenities including a pedestrian underpass at Beach Lake Park.
  - c) adds fencing to discourage trespassing, where necessary.
  - d) utilizes longer rail segments to reduce noise and vibration.
- 2) Improves safety of operations.
  - a) adds consistency in train handling.
  - b) increases engineer's line of sight.
  - c) reduces potential derailment at sharp curves.
- 3) Reduces running time by approximately 40 minutes between Anchorage to Wasilla. (from 95 minutes to about 55 minutes)
  - a) railroad passengers spend more time at their destinations, increasing income to these communities and enjoyment for visitors to our state.
  - b) railroad would be in a better position to offer rail commuter service, which would in turn play an important role in reducing Glenn Highway congestion.
  - c) faster trains will lead to more trains, leading to more jobs for Alaskans.
  - d) railroad will provide more competitive and efficient freight service.
  - e) increased train efficiency from Anchorage to Fairbanks will help ARRC better meet its schedules and deadlines.
- 4) Reduces track and equipment wear and tear.
  - a) decreasing curvature increases rail life. (for example, rail on a ten degree curve has 90% less rail life than rail on tangent track.)
- 5) Reduced impact on the Glenn and Park Highways = long-term state savings.
  - a) heavy freight loads damage roads but not rails. Freight on roads contributes approximately 80% of road degradation nationally.
  - b) increased railroad passenger traffic may lessen some demand for future road maintenance and capital improvement needs due to increased visitors and residents use. Alaska Railroad shares in the cost of this growth because it maintains its own tracks.
- 7) Improves asset base of the Alaska Railroad, which enhances the State's ownership of the railroad for all Alaska shareholders.
- 8) Military benefits include:
  - a) Elmendorf Air Force Base gains additional operating space between the railroad tracks and its airfield allowing for an adequate clear zone as an increased safety buffer.
  - b) safer railroad crossings including a new grade separated crossing at Vandenberg Avenue on Elmendorf Air Force Base.
  - c) potential commuter stop near the Base.

## Project Impacts and Mitigation:

- 1) Increased potential conflicts at railroad crossings

Mitigation: Improve crossings

- a) a Diagnostic Team is studying each crossing. The team includes railroad employees, a traffic safety engineer from ADOT, and a representative from the local governing body involved. Other stakeholders are invited to participate.
- b) a formal engineering evaluation will be produced for each crossing that will recommend the acceptable level of warning devices needed.

- 2) Noise & vibration

Residential areas impacted along the realignment section:

Mile post 133-137 \* Birchwood residential area near the airport

Mile post 141-142 \* Eklutna Village

*Note: noise disturbance not an issue for military bases*

Mitigation:

- a) noise study at Birchwood has been conducted as part of the right-of-way acquisition. Study includes specific local data at area of impacts.
- b) track improvements will be made.
  - better ballast (track foundation).
  - longer rails -- 80 feet (average is 39 feet). This eliminates half of the rail joints responsible for clickity-clack noise. Longer rail also reduces vibration.

- 3) Trespass incidents may increase

Mitigation:

- a) fencing: selected areas
- b) additional pedestrian underpasses being considered
- c) public relations safety campaign: Operation Lifesaver includes school education efforts and public service announcements

*Note: Track realignment will give the train engineers a greater line of sight giving them more time to react.*

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION**

**AND**

**EKLUTNA, INCORPORATED**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation (referred to hereafter as "ARRC") and Eklutna, Incorporated (referred to hereafter as "Eklutna") entered into the "Agreement of the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Eklutna, Inc. Settling Claims of Valid Existing Rights to Rail Properties of the Alaska Railroad and Providing for Conveyances Pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act of 1982" on January 8, 1987, and as subsequently amended (referred to hereafter as "the 1987 Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, ARRC and Eklutna affirm and acknowledge that the 1987 Agreement remains in full force and effect, except as may be supplemented or modified as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, ARRC has decided to realign its route to improve service and efficiency and is no longer in need of the property formerly identified as Parcel C of the Powder Reserve in the 1987 Agreement, currently identified as Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna has initiated development of the area known in the 1987 Agreement as Parcel A of the Powder Reserve, and desires to develop the rest of the Powder Reserve in an efficient and orderly manner; and

WHEREAS, ARRC wishes to preserve its option to locate a switching yard in the area near the Birchwood Airport and has found that all or portions of Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, owned by Eklutna, meet its needs; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna considers the possible location of a switching yard to the property described above and currently owned by Eklutna as compatible with its corporate goals for other land it owns near Birchwood Airport; and

WHEREAS, ARRC wishes to realign trackage through Eklutna lands in Anchorage and the Matanuska Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, ARRC and Eklutna have met periodically for several months, have considered numerous alternatives, and have each appraised their respective interests;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that ARRC and Eklutna do hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, and state their intentions as follows:

**1. Land Exchange.** ARRC agrees to exchange title to Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, to which ARRC currently has an exclusive license (BLM File AA 55129), for a portion of Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, to which Eklutna has title via United States Patent 50-93-601, excepting approximately 17.99 acres located at the north end of ARRC's parcel which are being reserved for ARRC operational needs.

a. For the purposes of this exchange, the parties agree that the value of Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian is \$2,500 per acre or \$0.06 per square foot and the value of Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian is \$9,333 per acre or \$0.21 per square foot.

b. The parties agree that the exchange shall be for equal value, and that the amount of Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian to be conveyed from Eklutna to ARRC will be adjusted to equal values. The general configuration of the land to be conveyed to ARRC is shown on Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The proposed north-south line between the land to be exchanged with the ARRC and to be retained by the Eklutna shall be moved east or west to equalize values.

c. The parties agree that costs will be shared as follows: ARRC will bear all its costs in acquiring title from the United States and securing the approval of the Alaska Legislature, if required. Each party shall convey title to its interest by warranty deed and shall bear the cost of preparing its own conveying documents and title reports and insurance. The parties will equally divide the cost of surveying and replatting both Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian and the northern portion of Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian. Each shall bear the cost of recording the conveyances they receive.

d. Because it does not yet have patent from the United States to Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, ARRC agrees to: (1) immediately identify this tract as its highest conveyance priority to the Bureau of Land Management and to do everything in its power to ensure its prompt conveyance; (2) consult with Eklutna regarding the creation of any third party interests in said Tract 39; (3) issue a no-fee permit to Eklutna or its agents to enter on the land for planning, managing, and surveying in advance of conveyance; and, (4) forebear from withholding approvals as requested by Eklutna as may be required by the Municipality of Anchorage, the Bureau of Land Management, and other public or private institutions and agencies for activities involving that tract.

e. Eklutna agrees that it will: (1) consult with ARRC regarding the creation of any third party interests in Tract 38, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian in advance of conveyance; (2) issue a no-fee permit to ARRC or its agents to enter on its portion of the tract as show in Exhibit 1 for planning, managing, and surveying in advance of conveyance; and, (3) forebear from withholding approvals as requested by ARRC as maybe required by the Municipality of Anchorage, the Bureau of Land Management, and other public or private institutions and agencies for activities involving that tract.

f. The parties agree and acknowledge that this specific land exchange is occurring totally outside the provisions of the 1987 Agreement, and further outside the provisions of ANCSA and/or ANILCA, is not made in partial satisfaction of any outstanding selection rights or any claims to entitlement that Eklutna may yet have under those acts. Any interest in properties acquired by Eklutna pursuant to this exchange shall be acquired subject to the land exchange provisions of those acts. The provisions of P.L.105-333 regarding land bank protections are intended to apply to this exchange.

g. Eklutna acknowledges and understands that ARRC cannot transfer its entire interest in land without prior legislative approval under AS 42.40.285, and that final consummation of the land exchanges contemplated by this agreement cannot occur until ARRC receives such approval. ARRC shall exercise its best efforts to obtain the necessary approval at the earliest possible opportunity and continue such efforts until the legislative authorization is obtained. Eklutna will in good faith support ARRC's request before the legislature.

## ***2. Realignment of ARRC Track***

a. The parties agree to facilitate the realignment of ARRC track as reflected on the plans shown on **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The proposed realignment at the curve at Mile 129, Drawing 1 dated Feb. 1999 in Exhibit 2, satisfies the realignment envisioned in Paragraph 12 of the 1987 Agreement. Eklutna agrees to convey the lands needed by ARRC in exchange for other consideration as set forth below. ARRC will pay for any surveys and replatting needed to effect the realignment. The cost of appraisal will be split equally. ARRC will propose three appraisers and Eklutna will select one from that proposed group. ARRC will also be responsible for obtaining an archaeological study at the site of the proposed Eklutna Village area realignment. ARRC will be responsible for negotiating directly with Cook Inlet Region, Inc., any necessary or desired permits for the work planned by ARRC and will negotiate a non-development covenant directly with CIRI in the area of the curve at Mile 146, Drawing 13A dated Feb. 1999 in Exhibit 2, if necessary.

b. ARRC will convene and Eklutna will join and participate in a diagnostic team review conducted under the "Alaska Railroad/Highway Crossing Policy" (a jointly adopted ARRC/Department of Transportation and Public Facilities policy) regarding all existing and proposed or potential crossings in the area between Anchorage and Wasilla. The parties recognize that other entities beside themselves, such as adjacent municipalities and the State of Alaska, may have legitimate concerns regarding such crossings and will be participants in the diagnostic team review pursuant to the Policy. The exact location and configuration of each crossing in **Exhibit 3** shall be decided and/or negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and it is recognized that other parties, such as the developer, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, etc., may be required participants in the funding plan.

c. Notwithstanding the above paragraph, the parties agree that, upon notice by Eklutna, ARRC will provide and build a minimum of one (1) grade-separated roadway crossing in the Powder Reserve in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 8 of the 1987 Agreement and

will allow other roadway crossings between Anchorage and Wasilla as generally shown in Exhibit 3. Construction of the grade-separated crossing in the Powder Reserve will be completed within 5 years of notice by Eklutna. The exact locations and configurations of all crossings will be identified as required to provide adequate access to Eklutna lands.

**3. Further Actions.**

ARRC and Eklutna shall work diligently to fulfill the requirements of the above paragraphs, which complement some aspects of, and the intentions underlying, the 1987 Agreement. The parties further commit to review, consider, and identify the parties' remaining outstanding obligations under the 1987 Agreement such that they may be implemented in a more expeditious manner.

**4. Miscellaneous.**

a. The parties understand that each must secure the approval of their respective Boards of Directors and that this agreement is not binding upon the parties until both Boards have approved this agreement.

b. The parties agree that time is of the essence, and that both parties will bring this agreement to their Boards at the earliest opportunity, but in no case more than 60 days from the date of last signature.

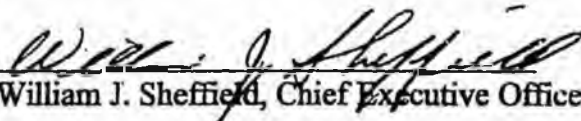
c. If ARRC fails to obtain patent to Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian within two years of the date of the last signature, this agreement is null and void. No transfers will occur until patent to tract 39 has been received by the ARRC.

d. Neither party has an obligation to replat or survey until ARRC has acquired patent to Tract 39, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.

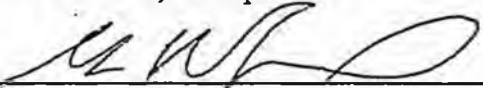
e. This agreement expires automatically and without further action of any kind upon the fifth anniversary of the date it was last signed if the exchanges anticipated herein have not been completed.

Agreed this 4 day of August, 1999.

For the Alaska Railroad Corporation:

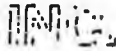
  
William J. Sheffield, Chief Executive Officer

For Eklutna, Incorporated:

  
George W. Easley, Chief Executive Officer



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William J. Sheffield  
Chief Executive Officer  
Alaska Railroad Corporation  
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AK 99510

September 10, 1999

Re: Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Bill:

It gives me great pleasure to send you this copy of resolution 99-17 passed today by the Board of Directors of Eklutna, Inc. I look forward to bringing this agreement to completion for the benefit of both the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Eklutna, Inc.

Very Truly Yours,

George W. Easley  
Chief Executive Officer  
Eklutna, Inc.



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 EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99577  
 (907) 696-2028 FAX: (907) 696-2845 **INC.**

Resolution 99-17

WHEREAS, Eklutna, Incorporated owns Parcels A and B of the Powder Reserve (S.M. T15N, R2W, Tracts 37, 38 and 40) under Patent Number 50-93-0601; and

WHEREAS, Eklutna, Incorporated wished to acquire Parcel C of the Powder Reserve (S.M. T15N, R2W, Tract 39) to consolidate its holdings, facilitate development, and reach efficiencies of scale; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation wants to acquire land needed for realignments and for other industrial purposes in the Birchwood area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding dated August 4, 1999 and signed by the Chief Executive Officers of both the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Eklutna, Incorporated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Eklutna, Incorporated that they find that the land exchange outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding is in the best interest of the Corporation and the Chief Executive Officer, George W. Easley, is authorized to negotiate details of the exchange, to require such conditions as he finds in the best interest of the Corporation, to sign required plats, and to execute conveyances.

Brought to a meeting at which a quorum was present and passed by a majority vote of 4 yea and 0 nay and 0 abstention votes on September 10, 1999.

*Kim L. Zello*  
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 Kim L. Zello, President

*Daniel Alex*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daniel Alex, Secretary



**Message**

Date: Tuesday Apr 11, 2000

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### ANCHORAGE (ANC)

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Name: Mr. Blair McCune Ans ?s

Phone:

Address:

Affiliation:

City /St /Zip:

Type: Testifier

Bill: SB 26: FALSE INFORMATION/REPORT TO POLICE

**SB**

**240**

**SFIN**

**FILE**

SB 240

was referred to the  
Senate Finance  
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move  
from Committee

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. CSSB 240 (L&C)**

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Community and Economic  
 Title Administrative charge for the state's role in the CDQ BRU Community and Economic Development  
 Component Community and Economic Development  
 Sponsor Rules  
 Requester Sen. Finance Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(250.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Statutory Designated P/R	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 250.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will switch the funding source for the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program from the general fund to statutory designated program receipts, through the implementation of a fee structure on the groups benefiting under the program. This fee structure is supported by the CDQ groups and the department as a method of making this successful and lucrative program self-supporting.

Prepared by: Jeffrey W. Bush Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Commissioner's Office Date/Time 3/29/00 1:59 PM  
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Senate Finance  
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Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move  
from Committee

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. SB 244**

Revision Date/Time	2/16/00	Dept. Affected	Education & Early Dev.
Title	An Act increasing the eligible maximum amount for quality school grant funding for school districts	BRU	K-12 Support
Sponsor	Rules	Component	Foundation Program
Requester	Governor	Component No.	141

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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Prepared by: <u>Eddy Jeans, School Finance Manager</u>	Phone <u>465-8679</u>
Division <u>Education Support Services</u>	Date/Time <u>2/16/00</u>
Approved by: <u>Richard S. Cross, Commissioner</u>	Date <u>2/16/00</u>
Agency _____	

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Senate Finance  
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February 18, 2000

The Honorable Sean Parnell, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 518  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Parnell:

I would like to request a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee for SB 244, the Governor's bill to provide school districts with more resources through the Quality Schools Grant.

The Quality Schools Grant is a component of the foundation funding formula, the program used to distribute funds to school districts for the operation of schools. School districts apply for the Quality Schools Grant and are required by the Department of Education & Early Development to do four things in order to receive the funds:

- 1) adopt State Performance Standards in reading, writing, and math;
- 2) identify students not meeting standards at benchmark levels;
- 3) design intervention strategies for those students;
- 4) and present professional development plans.

Every school district has a different strategy for making sure students meet standards and are equipped to pass the benchmark exams and graduation qualifying exam. We request more funds for districts to implement necessary programs. One district may choose to spend these funds on after school reading programs, while another funds a summer program. We argue new innovative programs that work will require new resources.

The grant is currently set in statute at \$16 per adjusted average daily membership. This bill increases that amount to \$52. Since the formula saved \$19.9 million in FY 2001, we are asking to reinvest that savings back in classrooms.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and I urge that you hear this bill promptly.

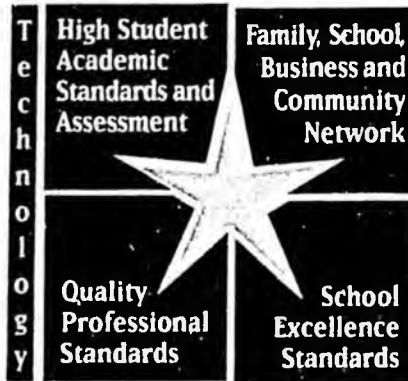
Sincerely,



Richard S. Cross  
Commissioner

**SB 244 / HB 336**  
**Quality Schools Initiative**  
**Grant Funding**

ALASKA  
**QUALITY  
SCHOOLS**  
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## Office of the Governor Press Releases



### ALASKA IN THE NEWS

February 2, 2000

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#### **KNOWLES BEEFS UP EFFORTS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR EXIT EXAM New Legislation Increases School Grant Funding from \$16 to \$52 Per Student**

JUNEAU—During a visit to a sophomore global studies class at Juneau-Douglas High School today, Gov. Tony Knowles outlined proposed legislation that would help finance school district efforts to develop and maintain quality schools and make sure students are getting the academic tools they need to succeed.

The bill, sent to Legislature today, would increase the maximum eligible amount of grants to school districts. In 1998, the Legislature established quality school grants as a component of public school funding. The eligible amount was set at \$16 per adjusted average daily membership. This bill increases that amount to \$52.

The proposed increase, recommended by the State Board of Education and Early Development, is possible because school district enrollment projections are down for next year, saving the state about \$19.9 million. The cost of Knowles' proposal is \$7.6 million.

"If the Legislature approves this bill, these additional dollars will go for one important task - to help improve student performance," Knowles told students. "The money can be used at any grade level, but I expect school districts will put special emphasis on high school. With the Qualifying Exam coming up in March and the first scores due back next September, there is extra interest in helping you get the assistance you need to pass the test."

Knowles said the state has a responsibility to improve student performance and provide them a passport to a bright, successful future. By providing the additional support as a grant, Alaskans can be assured the money will go to support the implementation of the Quality Schools Initiative, including the high school graduation qualifying examination, instead of being absorbed in salaries, building maintenance, or administration.

"All Alaska families are concerned whether their children are meeting the new high state academic standards in reading, writing, and math," Knowles added. "Most school districts are taking extraordinary steps to prepare their students to meet these standards. The increased grant funding will allow a qualifying district to take creative measures to prepare its students, schools, and communities to work toward success on the examination."

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STATE OF ALASKA

Office of the Governor

JUNEAU

February 2, 2000

The Honorable Brian Porter  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Porter:

As part of the state's Quality Schools Initiative, we have a responsibility to improve student performance and provide them a passport to a bright, successful future. One way to accomplish this is to help finance school district efforts to develop and maintain quality schools and make sure students are getting the academic tools they need to succeed. To assist in this statewide effort, I am transmitting this bill to increase the maximum eligible amount of grants to school districts.

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The Department of Education and Early Development is recommending that additional money be provided to school districts in the form of grants, rather than increasing the amount of the base student allocation. By providing the additional support as a grant, Alaskans can be assured the money will go to support the implementation of the quality schools initiative, including the high school graduation qualifying examination, instead of being absorbed in salaries, building maintenance, or administration.

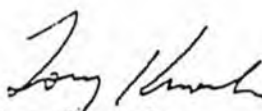
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The Honorable Brian Porter  
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will have on their ability to deliver a quality program to their students. The increased grant funding will allow a qualifying district to take creative measures to prepare its students, schools, and communities to work toward success on the examination.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

  
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## Alaska Department of Education &amp; Early Development

## Projected FY2001 Quality Schools Grants

Projected allocations based on increase from \$16 to \$52 per adjusted ADM &amp; additional \$7,552,258 million

Prepared 12-6-99

School District	Current law at \$16 per Adj. ADM		Adjusted ADM \$36	Total \$52 Per Adjusted ADM
	Projected FY2001 Adjusted ADM	Projected Quality Schools Grant		
Alaska Gateway	1184.48	\$18,952	42,641	61,593
Aleutian Region	346.69	5,547	12,481	18,028
Aleutians East Borough	959.48	15,352	34,541	49,893
Anchorage	65782.81	1,052,525	2,368,181	3,420,706
Annette Island	628.3	10,053	22,619	32,672
Bering Strait	5465.17	87,443	196,746	284,189
Bristol Bay Borough	636.81	10,189	22,925	33,114
Chatham	628.36	10,054	22,621	32,675
Chugach	309.1	4,946	11,128	16,074
Copper River	1431.31	22,901	51,527	74,428
Cordova	850	13,600	30,600	44,200
Craig	730.12	11,682	26,284	37,966
Delta/Greely	1635.57	26,169	58,881	85,050
Denali Borough	795.01	12,720	28,620	41,340
Dillingham	1153.84	18,461	41,538	59,999
Fairbanks North Star Borough	22318.76	357,100	803,475	1,160,575
Galena	3369.81	53,917	121,313	175,230
Haines Borough	719.24	11,508	25,893	37,401
Hoonah	488.8	7,821	17,597	25,418
Hydaburg	243.43	3,895	8,763	12,658
Iditarod Area	1366.96	21,871	49,211	71,082
Juneau Borough	7784.48	124,552	280,241	404,793
Ka'e	332.52	5,320	11,971	17,291
Kashunamiut	736.56	11,785	26,516	38,301
Kenai Peninsula Borough	14957.83	239,325	538,482	777,807
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	3625.32	58,005	130,512	188,517
Klawock	400.89	6,414	14,432	20,846
Kodiak Island Borough	4581.81	73,309	164,945	238,254
Kuspuk	1503.7	24,059	54,133	78,192
Lake & Peninsula Borough	1759.6	28,154	63,346	91,500
Lower Kuskokwim	10110.84	161,773	363,990	525,763
Lower Yukon	5217.2	83,475	187,819	271,294
Mat-Su Borough	17540.82	280,653	631,470	912,123
Nenana	899.72	14,396	32,390	46,786
Nome	1443.07	23,089	51,951	75,040
North Slope Borough	4993.86	79,902	179,779	259,681
Northwest Arctic Borough	5759.58	92,153	207,345	299,498
Pelican	95.6	1,530	3,442	4,972
Petersburg	1055.1	16,882	37,984	54,866
Pribilof	487.95	7,807	17,566	25,373
Saint Mary's	396.7	6,347	14,281	20,628
Sitka Borough	2468.01	39,488	88,848	128,336
Skaqway	305.6	4,890	11,002	15,892
Southeast Island	738.13	11,810	26,573	38,383
Southwest Region	2223.7	35,579	80,053	115,632
Tanana	250.3	4,005	9,011	13,016
Unalaska	740.44	11,847	26,656	38,503
Valdez	1445.77	23,132	52,048	75,180
Wrangell	773.89	12,382	27,860	40,242
Yakutat	309.56	4,953	11,144	16,097
Yukon Flats	1292.86	20,686	46,543	67,229
Yukon/Kovukuk	1644.8	26,317	59,213	85,530
Yupik	1189.01	19,024	42,804	61,828
Alaska Central School *	1192.352	19,078	42,925	62,003
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	483.28	7,732	17,398	25,130
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>209,784.90</b>	<b>\$3,356,559</b>	<b>\$7,552,258</b>	<b>\$10,908,817</b>

Letter to Legislators

**Subject: Letter to Legislators****Date: Fri, 3 Mar 2000 09:04:29 -0900****From: "Erin & Kevin Knotek" <cjknotek@ptialaska.net>****To: <Seward\_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>**

Dear Legislators:

As a parent of school-aged children I urge you to support SB 244. I am in support of increasing the quality school funding grant from \$16 per child to \$52 per child.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is facing a shortfall in its budget. As a result, teachers will lose their positions. There has been serious talk about closing our own school, THE MOOSE PASS SCHOOL.

Talk has been that the Moose Pass School would be consolidated with the Seward Elementary School.

The Moose Pass School serves children in grades K-8. Currently, we have 47 students enrolled. The most enrollment this school has ever seen! In an effort to save money, the school would be closed. In an effort to save money, we would lose the heart of our community. Take away our our HEART and our community will have little life left!

As a constituent, I support bills SB 105, 198, and 244. Please help the children of Alaska and increase all funding for education.

Sincerely,

Erin J. Knotek

PO 83

Moose Pass AK 99631

288-3674

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SB 244-QUALITY SCHOOL GRANT FUND INCREASE

NAME: CARL ROSE Subject/Bill No: SB 244

Co./Dept./Title: AASB Phone: 6-1083

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

NAME: COMMISSIONER CROSS Subject/Bill No: SB 244

Co./Dept./Title: EDUCATION + EARLY DEV. Phone: 465-2802

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

NAME: Vernon Marshall Subject/Bill No: SB 244

Co./Dept./Title: NEA-AK Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: 586-3090

Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject/Bill No: \_\_\_\_\_

Co./Dept./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SB**

**247**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: April 7, 2000

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/12/00

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSB 247(FIN)

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 247(FIN)

VETERANS' ELIGIBILITY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS

"An Act relating to eligibility of certain persons who receive veterans' benefits for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute [ ] the same title [ ] a new title

[ ] additional referral to Committee [ ] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

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CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

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# FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: CS5B247(s)

BILL NO. (S) Publish Date: 3/20/00

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction)		Dept. Affected	Administration
Title	<u>Veteran's Eligibility for Longevity Bonus</u>	BRU	<u>Alaska Longevity Programs</u>
Sponsor	<u>Senator Leman</u>	Component	<u>Longevity Bonus</u>
Requester	<u>(S) STA</u>	Component No.	<u>26</u>

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**POSITIONS**

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill allows a longevity bonus recipient who is also a veteran to remain eligible and receive the longevity bonus while residing in an Alaska skilled nursing facility if the veteran's care is paid for by veterans' benefits or a combination of private sources and veterans' benefits.

During the past calendar year, 2/99 through 1/00, an average number of 4\* veterans were disqualified from the longevity bonus program due to residence in an Alaska skilled nursing facility during which time the care was paid for by veterans' benefits.

If each of the disqualified veterans normally received the maximum longevity bonus of \$250.00, the cost to the state in an average year would be \$12.0

\*Average number is 3.6 rounded up to 4

Prepared by:	<u>Jim Kohn</u>	Phone	<u>465-2159</u>
Division	<u>Alaska Longevity Programs</u>	Date/Time	
Approved by	<u>Commissioner Robert Poe Jr.</u>	Date	<u>2/28/00</u>
Agency	<u>Department of Administration</u>		

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE



### Division of Legislative Finance

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 2, 2000  
**TO:** Senator Loren Leman  
**FROM:** *ldw* Danith Watts, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
**SUBJ:** Longevity Bonus Legislation Fiscal Impact

The following information is provided in response to your inquiry regarding potential legislation and the relationship of veterans residing in Alaska nursing homes and longevity bonus eligibility. Sources for information include Health Facilities Licensing & Certification (Health & Social Services), Longevity Programs (Administration), and the Director of Administrative Services for H&SS. Numbers are taken from the December 1999 census received by the certification office. (A list of Alaska's nursing homes and the veteran information by location is attached for your information [Attachments A and B]).

Total numbers of Alaska nursing homes: 15  
Total number of beds statewide: 717  
Total number of Veterans reported: 7 (or less than 1% of the total beds)  
Specific locations with count:

Denali Center, Fairbanks	1
Providence Extended Care Center, Anchorage	5
Sitka Community Hospital (Long Term Care), Sitka	1

Without a specific analysis by individual (probably with each person's release of confidential information), it is difficult to ascertain the overall impact of legislation allowing veterans' the opportunity to receive monthly longevity bonus checks. The pure dollars expended from the system to seven individuals would range from \$21,000 down to \$8,400 annually or less dependent upon the individuals involved (monthly benefits ranging from \$100 - \$250). Since the longevity bonus program is being phased out and is closed to new applicants, a case by case analysis would have to be formulated to determine the exact figure.

There is another side to this potential legislation that you may have already considered but the issue arose in my conversations with H&SS and Administration. The receipt of a monthly longevity bonus check would impact a recipient's eligibility for funding in Medicare, Medicaid, or General Relief programs. The ALB Hold Harmless program in H&SS (originally designed to protect Supplemental Security Income eligibility) may cover a change contemplated for veterans in nursing homes, but a statutory revision may be necessary to cover all of the bases.

Attachments as noted.

cc: Marie Cook, Staff Assistant to Senator Leman

Robert F. NESVICK  
2500 FORAKER DR.  
ANCHORAGE AK 99517  
Phone 907-243-6308  
Feb. 28, 2000

Senator Loren Leman  
State Office Building  
JUNEAU AK FAX # 907-465-3810

Re: The state statute that addresses a recipient of the Longevity Bonus receiving the monthly bonus while admitted to either a long term care facility or nursing home for one or more days:

As a disabled veteran I strongly object to this action when the V.A. is paying the entire cost of admission. Although the V.A. is not a private source it is federally funded and does not rely on state resources.

Veterans receiving service connected disability payments should not have to forfeit their monthly Longevity Bonus when admitted for a service connected disability.

Thank You

Robert F. Nesvick

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
SENATE BILL NO. 247

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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   Amended     Advanced   

3/29 Read third time  
   Letter of Intent adopted  
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Reported correctly engrossed  
Signed by President, to House

3/29 Heidi V.  
Secretary of the Senate

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Reported correctly engrossed, signed by the Speaker  
and returned to the Senate

    
Chief Clerk of the House



**SB**

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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/20/00

FURTHER:

REPORTED OUT OF  
S. 3/28/00

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 28 March 2000

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 247

"An Act relating to eligibility of certain veterans for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS SB 247 (FIN)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_
- attached amendment(s) For Incoming
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ ✓
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- Senate Bill:
- same title
  - new title
- House Bill:
- same title
  - technical title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Al Adams</i>	X	<i>Bob E. Hooper</i>	✓		
<i>Gregg Wilkins</i>	X	<i>Luther Innes</i>			
<i>Kevin D. Finney</i>	✓	<i>Pete Kelly</i>	✓		
Co-Chair: <i>Harvey</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			
Co-Chair: <i>Sean P. Powell</i>	✓	Co-Chair:			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
<i>Admin.</i>	<i>3/28/00</i>		<i>12.0</i>

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

REPORTED OUT OF  
3/28/00

# FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: CS5B247/ST

BILL NO. (S) Publish Date: 3/20/00

STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Administration  
 Title Veteran's Eligibility for Longevity Bonus BRU Alaska Longevity Programs  
 Component Longevity Bonus  
 Sponscr Senator Leman  
 Requester (S) STA Component No. 26

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 This bill allows a longevity bonus recipient who is also a veteran to remain eligible and receive the longevity bonus while residing in an Alaska skilled nursing facility if the veteran's care is paid for by veterans' benefits or a combination of private sources and veterans' benefits.  
 During the past calendar year, 2/99 through 1/00, an average number of 4\* veterans were disqualified from the longevity bonus program due to residence in an Alaska skilled nursing facility during which time the care was paid for by veterans' benefits.  
 If each of the disqualified veterans normally received the maximum longevity bonus of \$250.00, the cost to the state in an average year would be \$12.0  
 \*Average number is 3.6 rounded up to 4

Prepared by: Jim Kohn Phone 465-2159  
 Division Alaska Longevity Programs Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by Commissioner Robert Poe, Jr. *Robert Poe, Jr.* Date 2/28/00 2/28/00  
 Agency Department of Administration

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## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 247(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS LEMAN, Tim Kelly

## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to eligibility of certain persons who receive veterans' benefits for  
2 longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 47.45.070(c) is amended to read.

5 (c) Notwithstanding (a)(2) of this section, a person who resides in a nursing  
6 home who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the  
7 bonus if the costs of care of the person at the nursing home are paid for entirely from  
8 private sources, veterans' benefits, or a combination of private sources and  
9 veterans' benefits.

10 \* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
11 to read:

12 APPLICATIONS AND REAPPLICATIONS FOR LONGEVITY BONUS  
13 PAYMENTS. (a) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.045, a person who qualified to receive a  
14 monthly longevity bonus payment under AS 47.45.010 before January 1, 1997, but was later

1 disqualified under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) may reapply for qualification for bonus payments. If  
2 the Department of Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments  
3 under AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount  
4 of the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person was receiving before reapplying  
5 under this subsection.

6 (b) Notwithstanding AS 47.45.010, a person who originally applied before January 1,  
7 1997, and did not qualify to receive a monthly longevity bonus under AS 47.45.070(a)(2) but  
8 who otherwise would have qualified may file a new application. If the Department of  
9 Administration determines that the person is eligible for bonus payments under  
10 AS 47.45.070(c), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, and is otherwise eligible, the amount of  
11 the person's monthly bonus shall be the amount the person would have received had the  
12 person qualified under the original application.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: 21  
Bill Number: SB 247  
Sponsor: Leman Date: 3/22/00  
Logged In By: Jamie

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

By: Senator Leman

TO: SENATE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 247 (STA)

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Delete all material

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

<b>Bill Number</b>	JB247
<b>Amendment</b>	#1
<b>Motion</b>	
<b><u>Motion by</u></b>	SL
<b><u>Objection</u></b>	
<b><u>Objection by</u></b>	
<b><u>Removed</u></b>	
<b><u>Second Objection by</u></b>	
<b><u>Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
Senator Randy Phillips	
Senator Dave Donley	
Senator Loren Leman	
Senator Al Adams	
Senator Gary Wilken	
Senator Pete Kelly	
Senator Lyda Green	
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	
Co-Chair John Torgerson	
<b><u>Tally</u></b>	
Yea	0
Nay	0
Absent	0
<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	Adopted

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Senator Loren Lemman

## Sponsor Statement – CSSB 247 (STA)

**“An Act relating to eligibility of certain veterans for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.”**

Senate Bill 247 restores the eligibility of certain veterans who are being cared for in nursing homes to receive longevity bonus payments.

Under AS 47.45.070, a person who resides in a nursing home can receive the longevity bonus only if “the costs of care of the person at the nursing home are paid for entirely from private sources.” As a result, persons living in nursing homes receiving veterans' benefits are denied longevity bonus payments. Veterans' benefits are federal benefits earned by those who have served our country in the armed forces. It is not fair to include veterans' benefits in the same category as needs-based state benefits such as Medicaid, the receipt of which disqualifies a nursing home patient from receiving longevity bonus payments.

SB 247 amends the eligibility criteria for nursing home patients, to allow the cost of care to be paid for from private sources, veterans' benefits, or a combination of private sources and veterans' benefits. Those veterans disqualified under the existing statute will be permitted to reapply for qualification for bonus payments during a six-month window open from July 1, 2000 to January 1, 2001. Eligible veterans who reapply will receive the longevity monthly bonus that they would have received had they not been disqualified. The longevity bonus payments are prospective from the time of re-qualification.

Prepared by Marie Marx, Staff Aide to Senator Loren Lemman (465-2095)  
Last updated: March 24, 2000

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE



### Division of Legislative Finance

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 2, 2000  
**TO:** Senator Loren Leman  
**FROM:** *ldw* Danith Watts, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
**SUBJ:** Longevity Bonus Legislation Fiscal Impact

The following information is provided in response to your inquiry regarding potential legislation and the relationship of veterans residing in Alaska nursing homes and longevity bonus eligibility. Sources for information include Health Facilities Licensing & Certification (Health & Social Services), Longevity Programs (Administration), and the Director of Administrative Services for H&SS. Numbers are taken from the December 1999 census received by the certification office. (A list of Alaska's nursing homes and the veteran information by location is attached for your information [Attachments A and B]).

Total numbers of Alaska nursing homes: 15  
Total number of beds statewide: 717  
Total number of Veterans reported: 7 (or less than 1% of the total beds)  
Specific locations with count:

Denali Center, Fairbanks	1
Providence Extended Care Center, Anchorage	5
Sitka Community Hospital (Long Term Care), Sitka	1

Without a specific analysis by individual (probably with each person's release of confidential information), it is difficult to ascertain the overall impact of legislation allowing veterans the opportunity to receive monthly longevity bonus checks. The pure dollars expended from the system to seven individuals would range from \$21,000 down to \$8,400 annually or less dependent upon the individuals involved (monthly benefits ranging from \$100 - \$250). Since the longevity bonus program is being phased out and is closed to new applicants, a case by case analysis would have to be formulated to determine the exact figure.

There is another side to this potential legislation that you may have already considered but the issue arose in my conversations with H&SS and Administration. The receipt of a monthly longevity bonus check would impact a recipient's eligibility for funding in Medicare, Medicaid, or General Relief programs. The ALB Hold Harmless program in H&SS (originally designed to protect Supplemental Security Income eligibility) may cover a change contemplated for veterans in nursing homes, but a statutory revision may be necessary to cover all of the bases.

Attachments as noted.

cc: Marie Cook, Staff Assistant to Senator Leman

Robert F. NESVICK  
2500 FORAKER DR.  
ANCHORAGE AK 99517  
Phone 907-243-6300  
Feb. 23, 2000

Senator Loren Leman  
State Office Building  
JUNEAU AK FAX # 907-465-3810

REF. The state statute that addresses a recipient of the Longevity Bonus receiving the monthly bonus while admitted to either a long term care facility or nursing home for one or more days:

As a disabled veteran I strongly object to this action when the V.A. is paying the entire cost of admission. Although the V.A. is not a private source it is federally funded and does not rely on state resources.

Veterans receiving service connected disability payments should not have to forfeit their monthly Longevity Bonus when admitted for a service connected disability.

Thank You

Robert J. Nesvick

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**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**DIVISION OF ALASKA LONGEVITY PROGRAMS**

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*Longevity Bonus*

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March 6, 2000

The Honorable Jerry Ward  
Chair  
Senate State Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Chair:

This past Thursday at a hearing of your committee you requested that I provide to you the number of Alaska Longevity Bonus recipients who are temporarily disqualified for the Bonus since they are receiving Medicare benefits in skilled nursing care facilities.

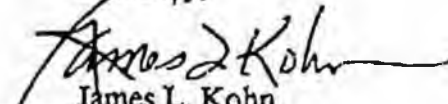
As of this date there are 159 Bonus recipients who are disqualified by statute for the Bonus since they are presently receiving Medicare benefits in skilled nursing care facilities.

Since the percentage of Medicare residents in Alaska's skilled nursing care facilities appears to remain fairly constant, this number could be used as a monthly norm.

If the Bonus was paid to this group the cost to the state could be as much as \$477.0 per year.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Kohn  
Director

cc: Robert Poe, Jr  
Alison Elgee

Post-it* Fax Note		7671	Date	# of pages
To	Seniors Office		From	Jim Kohn
CC	ATT: Maria		Co.	
Phone #			Phone #	
Fax #			Fax #	

Sheet1

Facility	Medicaid
Heritage Place	40
Mary Conrad Center	32
Petersburg Gen Hospital	12
Providence Extended Care Unit	164
Wrangell General Hospital	1
Wesley Rehab Center	31
St. Ann's	0
Denali Care Center	0
Central Peninsula General	1
Cordova Community Medical	7
South Peninsula Hospital	21
Ketchikan General Extended Car	7
Quyana (Norton Sound) Care	14
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>330</b>

- Bonus Recipients receiving Veterans benefits for skilled nursing care and ineligible for the bonus.

date of birth	city	zip	age
1/26/23	Anchorage	99509	77
8/14/18	Homer	99603	82
5/1/17	Fairbanks	99701	83
3/19/19	Fairbanks	99707	81
7/17/23	Delta Jct	99737	77
11/10/24	Ketchikan	99901	76
12/1/25	Wasilla	99654	75

Post-It Fax Note	7671	Date	# of pages ▶ 2
To <i>Sen. Leman's Office</i>		From <i>Jim Kohn</i>	
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## MEMORANDUM

March 21, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Longevity bonus payments for certain nursing home residents that are receiving veterans' benefits (SB 247)

**TO:** Senator Loren Leman

**FROM:** Tamara Brandt Cook  
Director *TBC*

Under existing law a person who resides in a nursing home is not qualified for a longevity bonus payment unless the costs of nursing home care are paid for entirely from private sources. (AS 47.45.070(a)(2) and(c)). SB 247 will also permit persons whose nursing home care is paid for from veterans' benefits, or a combination of veterans' benefits and private sources to qualify for longevity bonus payments. You ask whether this change which would permit some persons in nursing homes who receive veterans' benefits to also receive longevity bonus payments would give other nursing home residents, such as Medicaid recipients, a cause of action against the state.

The only cause of action that I can think of would be based on equal protection, asserting that the state is improperly discriminating in favor of persons who receive veterans' benefits. The first step in equal protection analysis is to determine the nature of the interest impaired by the challenged enactment, in this case, receipt of longevity bonus payments. The right to receive a longevity bonus payment is merely an economic interest entitled only to minimum protection under Alaska's equal protection analysis. (*Maggard v. Sipe*, Superior Court, Third judicial District, Case No. 3AN-94-03935 CI, Order dated June 6, 1996; *State v. Anthony*, 810 P.2d 155 (Alaska 1991)) To survive challenge the state need only show that extending the benefit to people who receive veterans' benefits serves a legitimate purpose.

There is an obvious purpose in extending special benefits to veterans and their dependents--to encourage people to serve in the military. There are a great many state programs that already single out veterans' for special treatment. (AS 09.25.121, providing certain public records to veterans without charge; AS 16.05.341, free hunting and sport fishing licenses for disabled veterans; AS 18.55.330, veterans' preference in certain housing projects; AS 26.15, housing loans for veterans; AS 26.10.080, veterans' death gratuity; AS 28.10.421, special rates for vehicle registration; AS 29.45.030(e)-(i), property tax exemption for disabled veterans; AS 38.05.067, veterans' preference in purchase of residential land; AS 38.05.940, land discount for veterans; AS 39.25.159, state employment preference for veterans; AS 41.21.026(d), free state park campsite permit for disabled veterans)

Senator Loren Leman

March 21, 2000

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I believe that extending eligibility for longevity bonus payments to individuals who pay for nursing home costs with veterans' benefits while not extending that eligibility to all other nursing home residents would survive an equal protection challenge.

You also question whether other nursing home residents would have standing to bring suit. There is no reason to expect standing to be a problem, since these potential plaintiffs clearly have an interest that is adversely affected. (Trustees for Alaska v. State, 736 P.2d 324 (Alaska 1987) cert. denied, 486 U.S. 1032 (1988))

TBC:jdr

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Chapter 078  
Chapter: CH078  
Source: CSHB 11(STA)  
Action Date: June 26, 1991  
Effective Date: July 1, 1991  
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AN ACT

Relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.

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\* Section 1. AS 47.45.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Notwithstanding (a)(2) of this section, a person who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the bonus during any period of residence in a nursing home that does not exceed 90 consecutive days if the bonus is exempt from the determination of income eligibility under Supplemental Security Income in 42 U.S.C. 1382a (Sec. 1612(b)(2)(B), Social Security Act), as amended.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

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HB 11

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 18, 1991  
8:45 a.m.

TAPES

SFC-91, #68, Side 1 (305-575);  
SFC-91, #68, Side 2 (575-032)

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chairman Pat Pourchot convened the meeting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

PRESENT

In addition to Co-chairmen Pourchot and Kerttula, Senators Adams, and Duncan were present. Senator Uehling arrived soon after the meeting began. Senator Shultz arrived as it was in progress. Senator Hoffman did not attend.

ALSO ATTENDING: Senator Virginia Collins; Representative David Finkelstein; Representative Bill Hudson; Lee Fisher, Commissioner, Dept. of Revenue; Darrel Rexwinkel, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Revenue; Wendy Redman, Vice President for University Relations, University of Alaska; Jeff Morrison, Director, Administrative and Support Services Division, Dept.

of Military and Veterans' Affairs; Barbara Bathony, Director, Division of Pioneers' Benefits, Dept. of Administration; Chris Christensen, Staff Counsel, Alaska Court System; Gordon Landes, Dept. of Health and Social Services; Deborah Vogt, staff to the Senate Special Committee on Oil and Gas; Mark Handley, aide to Representative Gruenberg; Alexis Miller, aide to Representative Boyer; and aides to committee members and other members of the legislature.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

SB 211 - Act providing for coverage of advanced nurse practitioner services under the Medicaid program; and reordering the priorities granted to optional services offered under the Medicaid program.

Testimony was offered by Senator Collins. CSSB

211 (Finance) was then REPORTED OUT of committee with a \$57.8 fiscal note from the Dept. of Health and Social Services.

SB 300 - Act relating to tax credits for contributions to certain educational institutions; and providing for an effective date.

Testimony was presented by Former Governor Bill Sheffield, Lee Fisher, Darrel Rexwinkel, and Wendy Redman. The bill was subsequently HELD in committee pending additional information from the Dept. of Revenue.

CSHB 11 - Act relating to qualifications for longevity (STA) bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.

Testimony was presented by Gordon Landes and Alexis Miller. The bill was subsequently REPORTED OUT of committee with a \$165.0 fiscal note from the Dept. of Administration, a zero note from the Dept. of Health and Social Services (longevity bonus), and a note from the Dept. of Health and Social Services showing (\$15.0) for Medicaid.

#### CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 11 (STATE AFFAIRS)

An Act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.

Co-chairman Pourchot directed that CSHB 1 (State Affairs) next be brought on for hearing.

ALEXIS MILLER, aide to Representative Mark Boyer, came before committee. As background information, she explained that in qualifying for the longevity bonus payment, senior citizens must meet certain requirements and criteria at both the state and federal level. Receipt of the bonus causes problems for some seniors in meeting the federal determination of income eligibility under the supplemental security income section (part of the federal Social Security Act).

Prior to 1984, the longevity bonus was exempt from the determination of income eligibility at the federal level.

Federal law changed in the fall of 1984 to include the bonus as income. That put many seniors in nursing homes over the income limit allowable to qualify for Medicaid. After extensive debate, the legislature determined that a blanket disqualification of all nursing home residents was needed to comply with new federal law.

Since 1985, the Dept. of Administration has received frequent

complaints from seniors about loss of the bonus upon entering a nursing home. Approximately 600 people are impacted each year. Although federal law allows seniors who were in the program prior to 1985 to exclude the bonus from income calculations, few seniors realized the exemption existed. The state also failed to acknowledge that seniors receiving the bonus prior to 1985 were eligible to continue receiving the payment. The Dept. of Administration now feels those seniors should receive the bonus. That change should become effective this session.

Co-chairman Pourchot voiced his understanding that, unlike the initial blanket disqualification, the state is now permitted, under federal law, to grant "up to ninety days' exemption and not endanger Medicaid payments." Ms. Miller concurred in the foregoing for those who qualified prior to 1985. Impacted seniors must thus be over seventy years of age at the present time.

Co-chairman Pourchot called for additional testimony on the legislation.

GORDON LANDES, Program Officer, Division of Medical Assistance, Dept. of Health and Social Services, came before committee. He advised that earlier fiscal notes presented by the department may no longer be valid. Those notes contain considerable sums for assistance payments within the Division of Public Assistance. Mr. Landes advised that the notes had been reduced to zero by the House State Affairs' Committee Substitute.

Mr. Landes then noted federal and general fund savings of (\$7.5) each, set forth on the department fiscal note relating to Medicaid. He explained that savings result from the fact that some of the bonus payments that would be made to private nursing home medicaid recipients by extending the bonus to them would be confiscated by the nursing home and the Medicaid program to apply to the cost of care. Much of the funding, would not, however, and would flow through the recipient's maintenance of the home the recipient is utilizing. Medicaid savings are illusory in that the proposed bill would drive longevity bonus general funds, via the recipient, through the Medicaid program to drive out the 50 percent in federal funds.

The smaller the Medicaid savings in this instance, the better the situation is for the state general fund.

Co-chairman Pourchot referenced the department note dated 5-16-91 as the proper note for inclusion with the bill.

Senator Adams MOVED that CSHB 11 (State Affairs) pass from committee with individual recommendations. No objection having been raised, CSHB 11 (State Affairs) was REPORTED OUT of committee with a \$165.0 fiscal note from the Dept. of Administration, Longevity Bonus; a zero note from the Dept. of

Health and Social Services, Assistance Payments, Alaska Longevity Bonus Hold Harmless; and a note from the Dept. of Health and Social Services, Medicaid Facility showing a general fund savings of (\$7.5) and a federal savings of (\$7.5). All members present signed the committee report with a "do pass" recommendation. (Co-chairman Kerttula and Senator Hoffman were temporarily absent from the meeting and did not sign.)

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SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 14, 1991

9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chairman  
Senator Paul Fischer, Vice-Chairman  
Senator Sam Cotten  
Senator Curt Menard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 11 (STATE AFFAIRS)

"An Act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85 (TRANSPORTATION)

"An Act relating to fighting equipment required on a school bus; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96 (HES) am

"An Act relating to free tuition and fees for a spouse or dependent of certain state residents who died while serving in the United States armed services or who were listed as prisoners of war or missing in action."

PREVIOUS SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 11 - See HESS Committee minutes dated 5/14/91.

HB 85 - See Transportation Committee minutes dated 5/2/91.

HB 96 - See HESS Committee minutes dated 5/14/91.

WITNESS REGISTER

Alexis Miller, Legislative Staff  
to Representative Boyer  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

POSITION STATEMENT: Gave sponsor statement for CSHB 11  
(STATE AFFAIRS).

Gorden Landus, Public Assistance Program Officer  
Division of Medical Assistance  
Department of Health and Social Services  
P.O. Box H-07  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions on CSHB 11  
(STATE AFFAIRS).

Tom Ackerly, Legislative Staff  
to Representative Mike Navarre  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

POSITION STATEMENT: Gave sponsor statement for SCSCSHB 85  
(TRANS).

Romayne Kareen, Administrator  
Pupil Transportation Program  
Department of Education  
Box F  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

POSITION STATEMENT: Supports SCSCSHB 85 (TRANS).

Landa Holtan, Legislative Staff  
to Representative Bill Hudson  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

POSITION STATEMENT: Gave sponsor statement for CSHB 96  
(HES) am.

Representative Bill Hudson  
Alaska State Legislature  
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POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions on CSHB 96 (HES) am.

#### ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 1, SIDE 1  
Number 001

CHAIRMAN STURGULEWSKI called the Senate HESS Committee meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The first order of business to come before the Senate HESS Committee members was CSHB 11 (STATE AFFAIRS). ALEXIS MILLER, legislative staff to Representative Mark Boyer, sponsor of the measure, read a statement into the record:

"In qualifying for the longevity bonus payment, senior citizens must have met a number of requirements and criteria, at both the state and federal level. Receipt of the longevity bonus causes some problems for many elderly in meeting the federal determination of income eligibility under the Supplemental Security Income Section, which is part of the Federal Social Security Act.

"Prior to 1964, the longevity bonus was exempt from the determination of income eligibility at the federal level.

But the federal law changed in the fall of 1984, to include

the bonus as income. This put many seniors in nursing homes over the income allowable to qualify for Medicaid. After extensive debate, the legislature decided that a blanket disqualification of all nursing home residents was needed to comply with the new federal law.

"Since 1985, the Department of Administration has received frequent complaints from seniors about the loss of the bonus upon entering a nursing home. Approximately 600 people are affected by this law each year. Although, federal law allows those seniors who were on the program prior to 1985, to exclude the bonus from income calculations, when the state changed the law few apparently realized that this exemption existed. The state failed to acknowledge that seniors who had received a bonus prior to 1985 actually were eligible to continue receiving the payment. The Department of Administration now feels that those seniors should indeed receive the bonus and that the legislature should consider this change this session.

"The bill would allow seniors to continue to receive a bonus for up to 3 months (90 days) after entering a nursing home.

The majority of elderly entering a nursing home stay for less than 3 months. Recognizing that the average stay in a nursing home was three months, the Federal Government recently changed federal law to allow seniors to obtain their bonus without being disqualified for other federal programs. The language in the State Affairs committee substitute would bring our law into conformity with the federal statutes. Both the Department of Administration and the Department of Health and Social Services are in agreement that this legislation is the best route to take."

GORDEN LANDUS, Public Assistance Program Officer, Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services, came before the committee members. CHAIRMAN STURGULEWSKI asked Mr. Landus what the situation is for those people who have been receiving the longevity bonus prior to 1985. She asked if a person goes into a nursing home for longer than 90 days, would that income continue to

be exempt. Mr. Landus indicated it would continue to be exempt if they were to continue to receive it. The federal act, as it came out of the budget compromise, didn't distinguish ones living arrangements, as it says it doesn't count for federal purposes. Medicaid in doing its determination on people who have a fairly high income, above the adult public assistance standard but under the special 300 percent standard, has to count if it were being received past 90 days.

Number 116

SENATOR COTTEN said he believed the legislation would allow people who move into nursing homes to continue to receive their longevity bonus check for three months and those who

received it before 1985 could start receiving their check again. He asked why the Department of Administration's fiscal note is \$165 thousand. MR. LANDUS indicated he participated in the construction of Administration's fiscal note and said he was surprised that their numbers were as high as they were, but it relates to how rapidly people move back and forth in the pioneer home system. The department looked at their turnover and derived their number from the number of people who move, for a short term, into a nursing wing and then the patient's condition stabilizes and improves, and they would move back into the residential wing. Chairman Sturgulewski said the bill would apply to people in pioneer homes who don't presently get the longevity bonus, but those who were receiving it prior to 1985 will now start getting it again. MS. MILLER noted that those people are 70 years or older and it would continue to decrease.

Number 149

CHAIRMAN STURGULEWSKI said the fiscal note speaks to the 40 new admissions, over 65, based on the three months. She said she doesn't think that the section allows for those that qualified prior to 1985. She asked if their costs aren't already included in longevity. MR. LANDUS explained that the current administrative regulations in the Department of Administration stopped the bonus, despite it being in a retrospective mode. They now make an exception to nursing home admissions. They have a reporting system from the private sector, nursing homes and their own facilities that will immediately stop the bonus when one moves to a nursing bed in the pioneers home or in a private nursing home. Mr. Landus said the regulations currently read that the prohibition is effective even if it is a one day admission in the course of a calendar month. He said up until April, they were not paying any bonuses to anyone in a nursing home bed, for reasons that he doesn't fully understand but relates to the complaints from seniors. Mr. Landus said effective in April, the department extended their retrospective in hoping to apply to nursing home

residents both in the private sector and pioneer homes. He noted that they are under a two month retrospective, so the check you receive in April is based on your report of circumstances that happened in February. That reduces the entire expenditure panning around HB 11, because everyone who enters a nursing home bed, under the Administration change in policy, will continue to get the bonus for two months whether it is countable federally or not countable.

SENATOR COTTEN said the State Affairs committee substitute deals with the 90 days and doesn't deal with receiving the bonus before 1985. MS. MILLER said that is where the legislation references the Federal Social Security Act.

Senator Cotten asked if a person would qualify for the bonus if a stay doesn't exceed 90 days and as long as the bonus is

exempt. Therefore, if a stay is 91 days, a patient could receive a check even if they were receiving the bonus before 1985. MR. LANDUS said that is the way he reads the bill.

He said the reason the language is so illusory in its reference to the Social Security Act is that there are some profound legal questions and confusing federal criteria that has been added to the exemption. The primary one is that you need not only to have been receiving the old bonus that was based on the twenty-five year residency, but you also according to the federal act you had to have been under public assistance prior to the 1985 change of rules.

Number 259

SENATOR FISCHER moved and asked unanimous consent to pass CSHB 11 (STATE AFFAIRS), out of the Senate HESS Committee with individual recommendations. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

House  
91  
HHES  
91/04/17  
0800

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
April 17, 1991  
8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rep. Georgianna Lincoln, Co-Chair  
Rep. Patrick Carney, Co-Chair  
Rep. Bettye Davis, Vice-Chair (arrived later)  
Rep. Cheri Davis  
Rep. Mark Hanley (arrived later)  
Rep. John Gonzales  
Rep. Mary Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SB 24: "An Act making supplemental appropriations to the Department of Administration and the Department of Health and Social Services related to the longevity bonus program; and providing for an effective date."

CSSB 24(FIN) MOVED OUT -- DO PASS

HB 11: "An act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

CSHB 11(STA) MOVED OUT -- DO PASS

Chair Lincoln announced that HB 11, with two fiscal notes, was next on the calendar.

Number 098

REP. MARK BOYER, prime sponsor of HB 11, explained the background of the legislation. He said HB 11 would track federal changes in statutes and would allow for those people who are in nursing homes for less than 90 days, if they qualified prior to October 1, 1985, to retain their longevity bonus payment. Rep. Boyer addressed the \$165,000 fiscal note from the Department of Administration (DOA),

representing a number of people called "qualified slots" for the bonus. He commented that the fiscal note was misleading in a sense because it only represents nine or ten fully funded slots, which only affects about 600 or 700 people in the sense that people are always coming and going. He said that many more people were touched than what was shown on the fiscal note.

Number 177

GORDON LANDES, Public Assistance Programs Officer, Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), distributed a position paper and fiscal note which indicated that the total effect for CSHB 11(STA) would be approximately \$5,000 savings in Medicaid. He addressed the fiscal note attachment dated April 15, 1991.

Number 212

Rep. Carney made a motion to move CSHB 11(STA) out of committee with fiscal notes with unanimous consent.

There being no objections, it was so ordered.

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 29, 1991

1:35 p.m.

Tape HFC 91-62, Side 2, #000 - end

Tape HFC 91-63, Side 1, #000 - end

Tape HFC 91-63, Side 2, #000 - 407

Tape HFC 91-64, Side 1, #000 - 240

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Mike Navarre called the meeting of the House Finance Committee to order at 1:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Co-Chair Navarre	Vice-Chair Boyer
Co-Chair MacLean	Representative Barnes
Representative Brown	Representative Jacko
Representative Koponen	Representative Larson
Representative Phillips	Representative Sharp
Representative Ulmer	

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Johnny Ellis; Representative Tom Moyer; Gene Cernaw, Representing MicroSat Corporation; Peter Diamandis, Representing MicroSat Corporation; Larry Galloway, Department of Commerce and Economic Development; Jerry Luckhaupt, Legal Services; Tom Williams, BP Exploration; Bob Blasco, Attorney, Holland America - Westours; Mary Nordale, Attorney, Holland America - Westours; and Scott Burgess, Alaska Municipal League.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

HB 11 An Act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.

C , HB 11(STA) was reported out of Committee with a "do pass" recommendation; a zero fiscal note by the Department of Health and Social Services, dated April 19, 1991; a \$5 thousand dollar fiscal note by the Department of Health and Social Services, dated April 12, 1991; and a \$165 thousand dollar fiscal note by the Department of Administration, dated April 12, 1991.

## HOUSE BILL 11

"An Act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Boyer, prime sponsor of House Bill 11, gave an overview of the bill. He stated that the bill would allow nursing home residents to qualify for a longevity bonus payment. (See Attachment 8 for detail.)

Representative Sharp asked if the bill would allow people who are discharged early to not lose their longevity benefit if they were qualified for it prior to 1985. Representative Boyer stated that was correct, if the total stay was less than 90 days.

Representative Boyer MOVED to report CS HB 11(STA) out of Committee with individual recommendations. There being NO OBJECTION, CS HB 11(STA) was reported out of Committee with individual recommendations.

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 10, 1991

8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rep. Gene Kubina, Chairman  
Rep. Tom Moyer, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Dave Choquette  
Rep. Betty Bruckman  
Rep. Mike Miller  
Rep. Larry Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rep. Max Gruenberg

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HB 11: "An Act relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date."

CS PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS

\* HB 237: "An Act establishing certain criteria that must be considered when state agency leases involve the construction of new buildings."

HEARD AND HELD

HB 138: "An Act making special appropriations to the Department of Environmental Conservation for solid and hazardous waste management and for a grant to the Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Center and to the Department of Administration for equipment and computer software; and providing for an effective date."

CS PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### PREVIOUS ACTION

BILL: HB 11  
SHORT TITLE: LONGEVITY BONUS;NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

PRIME SPONSOR: BOYER

CO-SPONSOR: ULMER

JRN-DATE	JRN-NUM	ACTION
01/11/91	00019	(H) PREFILE RELEASED
01/21/91	00019	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
01/21/91	00019	(H) STATE AFFAIRS, HES, FINANCE
01/22/91	00019	(H) CO-SPONSOR ADDED: ULMER
02/27/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 08:30 AM CAPITOL ROOM
04/01/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 01:00 PM ANCHORAGE LIO
04/01/91	N/A	(H) MINUTE(STA)
04/10/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 08:00 AM CAPITOL ROOM

BILL: HB 237  
SHORT TITLE: STATE LEASING OF NEW BUILDINGS

PRIME SPONSOR: TRANSPORTATION

JRN-DATE	JRN-NUM	ACTION
03/25/91	00576	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
03/25/91	00576	(H) STATE AFFAIRS, JUDICIARY, FINANCE
04/10/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 08:00 AM CAPITOL ROOM

BILL: HB 138  
SHORT TITLE: APPROP: CLEAN WATER FUND/WASTE MGT LOANS

PRIME SPONSOR: BOYER  
CO-SPONSOR: BROWN, ULMER, FINKELSTEIN, KOPONEN, ELLIS

JRN-DATE	JRN-NUM	ACTION
02/13/91	00224	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
02/13/91	00224	(H) STATE AFFAIRS, RESOURCES, FINANCE
04/05/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 08:00 AM CAPITOL ROOM
04/08/91	N/A	(H) STA AT 08:00 AM CAPITOL ROOM
04/08/91	N/A	(H) MINUTE(STA)
04/10/91	00745	(H) STA RPT CS(STA) NEW TITLE 4NR
04/10/91	00745	(H) REFERRED TO RESOURCES

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 33, SIDE A Number 000

The House State Affairs Committee meeting was called to

order by Chairman Kubina at 8:05 a.m. Members present were Representatives (Reps.) Kubina, Moyer, Choquette, Baker, and Miller.

Chairman Kubina announced that the committee would first hear HB 138 that morning. Chairman Kubina asked Rep. Boyer, prime sponsor of HB 138, to address the committee.

Rep. Boyer stated that a proposed committee substitute (CS) for HB 138 had been written. He noted that Mr. Jeff Mach, Department of Environmental Conservation, had been in contact with Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR) in regard to a market survey that Rep. Baker had mentioned in the meeting of April 8, 1991. Rep. Boyer said that the study by ALPAR was several years old and did not address all of the issues that were needed. He asked that the request for funding of the market study in HB 138 be kept in the bill.

Rep. Moyer made a motion that the CS for HB 138 be adopted by the committee. There were no objections and it was so adopted.

Rep. Moyer then made a motion that the CS for HB 138 be passed out of committee with individual recommendations.

There were no objections and it was so moved.  
Number 104

Chairman Kubina announced that HB 11 would be heard next.

He stated that there was a CS for HB 11 before the committee.

REP. MARK BOYER, prime sponsor of HB 11, addressed the committee. He stated that the meeting of April 1, 1991, had been well attended. He further stated that the CS for HB 11 narrowed the bill to state that anyone who spends less than 90 days in a nursing home would be allowed to continue to receive the longevity bonus. Rep. Boyer also said that this would impact five to nine longevity bonus recipients at any one time.

Number 150

Chairman Kubina stated that there were two fiscal notes for HB 11.

Rep. Poyer stated that they reflected a negative impact on the medicaid budget.

Number 170

BARBARA BATHONY, Director, Division of Pioneer Benefits, testified in favor of HB 11. She stated that the number of people affected by HB 11 had been derived by research from the private and public sector nursing homes and represented the number of people eligible for the longevity bonus at any one time.

According to Ms. Bathony, although approximately 60 residents per month would be admitted to a nursing home, many are only admitted for three to four days. She further stated that because of the declining population of pioneers, there would be a slow decline in the number of eligible recipients after the first year.

Rep. Boyer stated that over the course of a full year, only five to ten people would be eligible for the full year because of the large number of people who were admitted for only one day.

Number 220

Chairman Kubina asked Ms. Bathony if the Department of Health and Social Services was in favor of the HB 11 as amended and Ms. Bathony replied that it was.

When asked by Rep. Choquette why the number of recipients fluctuated, Ms. Bathony stated that the population group would increase, reach a peak, and then decline.

Rep. Choquette made a motion that the CS for HB 11 be adopted by the committee. There were no objections and it was so adopted.

Rep. Choquette then made a motion that the CS for HB 11 be passed out of committee with individual recommendations.

There were no objections and it was so moved.

Number 250

Rep. Boyer noted that there were three fiscal notes for HB 11. The committee only had received two, so the third fiscal note was to be sent onto the Finance Committee at the request of the committee.

Chapter 108  
Chapter: CH108  
Source: CSSSHB20 (FIN)  
Action Date: June 20, 1992  
Effective Date: July 1, 1992  
92

AN ACT

Relating to qualifications for longevity bonus payments; and providing for an effective date.

\* Section 1. AS 47.45.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Notwithstanding (b)(2) of this section, a person who resides in a nursing home who meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter qualifies for the bonus if the costs of care of the person at the nursing home are paid for entirely from private sources.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.

Senate  
92  
SFIN  
92/05/06  
1340

HB20

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 6, 1992

1:40 p.m.

TAPES SFC-92, Y, Side 1 (001-157)  
SFC-92, Y, Side 2 (161-591)  
SFC-92, Z, Side 1 (001-568)  
SFC-92, Z, Side 2 (565-515)

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chairman Pourchot convened the meeting at approximately 1:55 p.m.

PRESENT

In addition to Co-chairman Pourchot, Senators Adams, Shultz, and Uehling were present. Co-chairman Kerttula and Senators Duncan and Hoffman arrived shortly after the meeting began.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Burgess, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League; Allison Elgee, aide to Rep. Navarre;

Senator Sturgulewski; Colonel Thomas Carroll, Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA); Jeff Morrison, Director, Administrative Services & Support, DMVA; Sandra Wicks, Deputy Director, Division of Municipal & Regional Assistance, Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs; Dave Harding, aide to Rep. Maclean; Charlie May Moore, Administrator Teacher Certification, Dept. of Education;

Mike McMullen, Manager System Services, Dept. of Administration; Barnaby Dow, aide to Rep. Ulmer; Chris Christensen, Staff Counsel, Alaska Court System; Gloria Hartzman, aide to Rep. Sharp; Dennis Dewitt, Director, Division of Pioneers' Benefits, Dept. of Administration;

Gordon Landis, Division of Medical Assistance, Dept. of Health & Social Services; Edith Jacobsen, aide to Rep. Jacko; Duane Gilley, Director, Education Finance & Support, Dept. of Education; Mike Greany, Director, Legislative Finance Division (LFD); Nancy Slagle, fiscal analyst, LFD;