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INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This directory was put together as a resource, listing individuals from government agencies, universities, agricultural organizations, farmers and other private citizens and organizations with particular noxious and invasive plants management interest, expertise and skill. The directory will be made available to individuals and groups as a resource for organizing technical and assistance in solving management issues. It is also a was to keeping interested parties and individuals informed of the activities and issues in Management of Noxious and Invasive Plants in Alaska.

Included is everyone who took time to complete a form, so the directory represents a self-selected group, rather than a comprehensive list of all interested individuals. If you would like to be added to this directory, please fill out the form at the back of this directory and mail or fax it to Michele Hébert, Land Resources Agent for the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service.

The goals of the directory are to heighten the awareness among all citizens of the degradation that can be brought to Alaska lands and waters by the explosive spread of non-native invasive plants and to bring about greater statewide coordination, cooperation and action that will successfully halt the introduction and spread of such plants and restore infested lands and waters to a healthy and productive condition.

Many of the individuals listed, participated in the Alaska Strategic Planning Workshop on February 2, 2001, for the Management of Noxious and Invasive Plants. The outcome of that workshop was a draft strategic management plan for Alaska. The goals and actions outlined in the plan provide a structure that, if supported and advanced through individual or cooperative efforts, will further the effective management of noxious and invasive plant species across all lands and jurisdictions of the state of Alaska. The participants in this strategic plan recognize that through the development of a statewide coordinated and cooperative approach to noxious and invasive plants management, they can more effectively advance the actions necessary to achieve both the strategic goals and actions and respective individual and organizational responsibilities.

The directory is a project of the Committee for Noxious and Invasive Plants Management (CNIPM). The main goal of this committee is to launch and coordinate a process for the development of a strategic plan to manage noxious and invasive plants in Alaska. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been developed to establish CNIPM and to secure agency and organizational support.

CNIPM wishes to thank all those who assisted in compiling this directory.

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COMMENTS • OVERSIGHTS • CORRECTIONS • DELETIONS

We realize that in some cases, there may be oversights in this edition of the Contact Directory for the Management of Noxious and Invasive Plants. We hope to correct any errors in subsequent editions. Additions, deletions, or corrections would be appreciated. Please use this sheet for your comments and mail or fax form to:

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SIGNATURE: _____



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on SB 353, dated 4-29-02
 bill/subject committee name

Alaska has a unique opportunity relative to the Lower 48 states in not having to spend the millions of dollars annually which many western states use for control efforts of noxious & invasive weeds.

Alaska's isolation has limited widespread infestations of noxious & invasive plants, but this is changing with the increased tourism & importation of plant materials and livestock feeds.

A position within the Ak. Div. of Ag. enforcing current state statutes & regulations would benefit through prevention efforts rather than the high monetary costs & possible loss of native habitat if noxious / invasive plants are allowed to become established & spread unchecked.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
 committee on SB 353, dated Feb. 29, 2002
 bill/subject committee name

~~Respect~~ Alaska has an exploding Noxious +
 Invasive Plant problem. ~~These~~ These invasives are
 invading areas from the pan handles to the slope.
 They will destroy our ^{state's} scenic beauty & result
 in impairments to agriculture, tourism,
 recreation & wild life.

It is vitally important that action is
 taken now to control these devastating
 invaders.

Signed:

Jeff Durham
 Testifier JEFF DURHAM
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 Representing (Optional)
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SITE: DELTA JCT LIO

COMMITTEE: Senate Finance

DATE: May 1, 2002

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

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PRINT YOUR NAME

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REPRESENTING

DO YOU WANT
TO TESTIFY?
Y or N

Phil Kaspari

Available to answer questions

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SB 353 -



SITE: MAT-LIO

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

COMMITTEE: SFIN

SB 353

DATE: 04-17-02

UPDATE#:

not heard on 4/17/02

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COMMITTEE: SFIN

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT
 APR 30 2002
 SENATE FINANCE
 OFFICE

DATE: 4/12/02

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 30 April 2002

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 355

SB 355 LET ME HELP ACCOUNT

"An Act establishing an account in the general fund to receive general gifts, donations, and bequests to the State of Alaska."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Admin.	7/10/02		✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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<i>Allen Gustafson</i>	✓			
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<i>John D. Leman</i>	✓			
<i>John ...</i>	✓			
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COCHAIR: <i>Pete Kiddy</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 355
 (S) Publish Date: 4/12/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title "An Act establishing an account in the BRU Centralized Admin. Services
general fund to receive general gifts, donations, and bequest Component Finance
 Sponsor Senate HES by Request
 Requester (S) State Affairs Component No. 59

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Misc.)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
 Establishing accounts is within the normal scope of Division of Finance operations and therefore will not result in increased cost to the State.

Prepared by: Kim Garner, Director Phone 465-3435
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Sponsor Statement SB 355 The "Let Me Help Fund"

Throughout the past year and especially during this current Legislative Session, a large, well organized minority of Alaskans have been pushing hard to force the Legislature to pass tax legislation. These Alaskans truly believe that they should contribute to state government, I agree that these Alaskans who want to make a contribution should have the ability to contribute. To let these persons help fund government, I introduced Senate Bill 355. Senate Bill 355 creates a new fund in the general fund to receive donations from those Alaskans who believe that our state government does not have enough money and who choose to help with their voluntary contributions.

The "Let Me Help Fund" was inspired by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee's "Tax Me More Fund" which was established by executive order in Arkansas to let those who want more government help pay for it.

CHANCE FOR TAX PROPONENTS TO

Give money

FOR THOSE OF you in a dither to surrender a slice of your paycheck to Alaska's ever-growing state government, fortune is smiling upon you.

Sen. Lyda Green has offered Senate Bill 355 which would set up the "Let Me Help Fund," an account designed to, as she put it in her sponsor statement, "receive donations from those Alaskans who believe that our state government does not have enough money and who choose to help with their voluntary contributions."

At the end of each fiscal year, the money would be transferred to the general fund for government operations.

Green's proposal was based on Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's tongue-in-cheek "Tax Me More Fund." He set up the fund last year as lawmakers there were trying to find new tax revenue. A few weeks back, we suggested Alaska follow Huckabee's lead, but Green was already way ahead of us.

In our view, it is wonderful that those who crave bigger, more intrusive government could — with the Legislature and governor's approval — soon have a means to pay more to the state without giving other Alaskans a pay cut.

They should be thanking the senator from Wasilla but, instead, they are in a snit over resistance to the notion of taxes.

A majority of Alaskans, of course, disagree with their thinking on taxes because the state has:

- A Permanent Fund stuffed with \$25 billion that earns something like \$700 million a year;
- Enough money to pay each resident an annual dividend, fund a longevity bonus and provide care for the elderly in Pioneer Homes;
- A \$7 billion total state government budget for a population of just 630,000;
- The nation's highest per capita government spending;
- The highest per capita total education spending, the highest educational spending as a percentage of personal income, and is fourth in kindergarten through 12th-grade spending per student; and,
- The nation's highest welfare benefits.

So, how much is enough when it comes to government? If it cannot get by on \$7 billion a year, how much of Alaskans' household budgets will it take in the future?

We hesitantly point out that those most insistent about saddling Alaskans with all manner of taxes — our friends on the opposite page immediately come to mind — for years have had the opportunity to voluntarily return their Permanent Fund dividend checks or donate money to the state, even without Green's fund. They could have taken the moral high ground in the tax debate. Turns out, darn few of them have kicked in a dime.

But then that's the problem with some of these folks who worship at the altar of big government.

They never tire of wanting to put your money where their mouths are.

Voice of the Times
A CONSERVATIVE VOICE FOR ALASKANS

WILLIAM J. TOBIN
Senior editor

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 3/27/02

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/5/02
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/12/02

State Affairs Committee considered **SENATE BILL NO. 355**
SB 355 LET ME HELP ACCOUNT

"An Act establishing an account in the general fund to receive general gifts, donations, and bequests to the State of Alaska."

and recommends:

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- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCF # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DOA	4/10		✓	1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement

CSSB 359(RUL) – Municipal Organization Grants

This bill amends current statutes regarding organization grants to boroughs and unified municipalities. It also directs the Local Boundary Commission to report to the Twenty-Third Legislature on areas in the unorganized boroughs that could be incorporated as boroughs.

Currently, statutes do not provide for an organization grant to be disbursed to a unified municipality that merges or consolidates by occupying an area formerly occupied by a borough.

The bill amends the statutes by providing for an organization grant for a municipality that unifies after January 1, 2002 in an area formerly occupied by a third class borough.

The grant is for \$200,000 for the first full or partial fiscal year.

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sectional Analysis

CSSB 359(RLS) – Municipal Organization Grants

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Section 2. Amends AS 29.05.190 by adding new subsection (d), exemption language regarding a grant for unified municipalities formerly occupied by a third class borough.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CS SB 359 (FIN)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
Title Municipal Organization Grants BRU Community Assist & Econ. Dev. (405)
Component Community & Business Development
Sponsor Senate Community & Regional Affairs
Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2486

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	250.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see second page.

Prepared by: Patrick K. Poland, Director Phone 907-269-4578
Division Community & Business Development Date/Time 4/30/02 4:25 PM
Approved by: Deborah. B. Sedwick, Commissioner Date 4/30/2002
Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. CS SB 359 (FIN) #2

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5/11/02

Adopted

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 359()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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*Adopted
5/11/02*

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 359()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY

**Offered:
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**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 359(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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STATE OF ALASKA
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see second page.

Prepared by: Patrick K. Poland, Director
Division: Community & Business Development
Approved by: Deborah. B. Sedwick, Commissioner
Agency: Department of Community & Economic Development

Phone 907-269-4578
Date/Time 4/30/02 4 25 PM
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED BY
APR 30 2002
SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/18/02

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 30 April 2002

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 359

SB 359 MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION GRANTS

"An Act relating to organization grants for mergers, consolidations, or unifications involving th.rd class boroughs."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SB 359 (FIN)
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same title

new title

House Bill:

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technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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ADOPTED

Amendment #1
4/29/02

CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SB 359

BY SENATOR WILKEN

Page 1, line 2, following "boroughs":

Insert "; and relating to identification by the Local Boundary Commission of areas that meet the standards for borough incorporation"

Page 2, following line 2:

Insert a new section to read:

"*Sec.3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

REVIEW OF UNORGANIZED BOROUGH. The Local Boundary Commission shall review conditions in the unorganized borough. By the 10th day of the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature, the commission shall report to the legislature the areas it has identified that meet the standards for borough incorporation and the basis for its determination, and make recommendations for legislative consideration.



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Senate Finance Committee

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FAX COVER SHEET

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
PHONE: 465-4935
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NOTES: Final Please

CS SB 359 (FIN)

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amendment. JJ

Thx
Mindy

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4 FEB 2002 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	OB 350		
Amendment	-1.F		
Motion	adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Objection by</u>	Austerman		
<u>Removed</u>	✓		
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Olson			
Senator Ward			
Senator Wilken			
Senator Austerman			
Senator Green			
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Leman			
Co-Chair Donley			
Co-Chair Kelly			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	PASS		

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 359(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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Amend #1

actual language of conceptual amendment

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SB 359

Outline Estimate of Costs for Consolidation

(For the formation of a new Home Rule Borough from a 3rd class borough and first class city)

1. Computer software, hardware & training (\$60,000)
 - network consultant to connect and merge two independent networks
 - DSL or FO connection between buildings (1/2 mile)
 - computers, software, licenses, servers, routers, connecting lines
 - Centralize telephone systems
 - travel and per diem
 - training

(State IT Director Larry Walsh (465-2220) suggests we can piggyback on state's IT contractor for cheapest rate with reliable expertise.)

2. Legal services - (\$100,000)
 - Merge Codes and ordinances
 - Commercial contracts review
 - Collective bargaining contracts
 - Litigation contingency

3. Human Resources Consultant - (\$45,000)
 - Personnel Audit
 - Job Qualifications/descriptions
 - Retirement and Benefits merger
 - Federal/state compliance review
 - Training, travel & per diem

4. Accounting and Finance (\$50-100,000)
 - Evaluate current systems or select new one
 - Merge accounting activities of City and Borough
 - Fixed asset inventory/depreciation schedules
 - Standardize payroll
 - training

5. Merge comprehensive plans (\$25-50,000)
 - a. (City, Borough, Tongass Forest, Bald Eagle Preserve, Northern Southeast ~~AREA~~ **AREA** Transportation Plan),
 - b. Combine platting and zoning activities, computers

6. Document Control Clerk, (\$40,000)
Restructure offices (25,000).

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement

SB 359 – Municipal Organization Grants

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Tony Knowles, Governor



State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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April 17, 2002

The Honorable John Torgerson
Chairman
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: *SENATE BILL NO. 359* "An Act relating to organization grants for mergers, consolidations, or unifications involving third class boroughs."

Dear Senator Torgerson:

The Local Boundary Commission endorses Senate Bill No. 359, which provides funding to defray the cost of government transition relating to the reconstitution of a third class borough as a second class, first class, or home rule borough through merger, consolidation, or unification.

By providing an incentive for such reconstitution of a third class borough, Senate Bill No. 359 is wholly consistent with the fundamental policy enacted by the legislature in 1985 to proscribe the formation of new third class boroughs. Therefore, the Commission encourages favorable consideration of the proposal.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Waring".

Kevin Waring
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Alan Austerman, Senate CRA Committee
The Honorable Randy Phillips, Senate CRA Committee
The Honorable Pete Kelly, Senate CRA Committee
The Honorable Georgianna Lincoln, Senate CRA Committee
The Honorable Dave Black, Mayor, City of Haines
The Honorable Jerry Lapp, Acting-Mayor, Haines Borough

Members: Kevin Waring, Chairperson; _____, First Judicial District;
_____, Second Judicial District; Allan Tesche, Third Judicial District; Ardith Lynch, Fourth Judicial District



CITY OF HAINES, ALASKA

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April 16, 2002

Members of the Alaska Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Legislator:

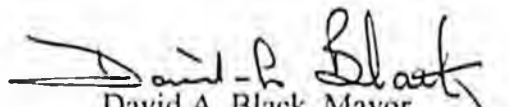
The City of Haines is pleased to present testimony in favor of Senate Bill 359 and its companion, House Bill 518. Our community supports this bill. This legislation is an evolution of our constitutional principle to provide the least number of governmental and taxation units.

Home rule powers allow our Borough to be less dependant of the State of Alaska over time. It is necessary, after voter approval, that consolidation be implemented quickly and comprehensively. A drawn out process due to the lack of funds will be troublesome, litigious and frustrating.

Haines has outgrown the Third Class Borough. The community has been sorting through the consolidation process for over 4 years, at great expense of the public's time and resources.

We appreciate the State of Alaska's help in completing this process in a manner that is exemplary to other local government consolidations that will follow.

Sincerely,


David A. Black, Mayor
CITY OF HAINES, ALASKA


Marco Pignalberi
CITY MANAGER

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 4/10/02

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/11/02
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/17/02

Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 359

SB 359 MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION GRANTS

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- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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was referred to the
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No hearing was held
on this bill

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CS SB 360 (RES)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
Title Gas Pipeline Financing BRU Alaska Railroad Corporation
Component Alaska Railroad Corporation
Sponsor Senate Resource
Requester Senate Finance Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual			163,000.0			
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	163,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Bond proceeds			163,000.0			
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	163,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see second page.

Prepared by: Bill O'Leary, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Division: Alaska Railroad Corporation
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS SB 360 (RES)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The bill authorizes the issuance of up to \$18 billion in revenue bonds by the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) to pay for 70% of the construction of a Natural Gas Pipeline. Based on current estimates, ARRC could issue \$14.265 billion in bonds as early as State Fiscal Year 2005. ARRC will act as a conduit for the issuance of these bonds to allow the debt to be issued as tax exempt. Through modeling, the tax exemption has been shown to reduce the cost of financing the project by over one billion dollars. The bonds would be solely secured by revenues generated by the pipeline. The Alaska Railroad will bear no liability and have no responsibility for repayment of the bonds.

The projected costs of issuing the bonds determined here will be paid with bond proceeds at closing. Anticipated professional services include those related to financial advisors, attorney's fees (bond, counsel, underwriters counsel, tax counsel, negotiating with producers), rating agencies, underwriters, printing, travel, public notices, and feasibility consultant. ARRC will front certain minor necessary reimbursable costs from corporation revenues.

For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that bonds with a face value of \$14.265 billion will be issued in FY 2005. The bonds are expected to be issued with a 25 year term and for modeling purposes carry an interest rate of 6.5%. As the project will not generate revenue while under construction, the first two years of interest payments will be made with bond proceeds. Following construction, annual debt service will begin at approximately \$1.3 billion, growing to \$1.4 billion in year 6 and then gradually lowering to \$800 million in the final year. However, ultimately, issuance amounts, dates, term, and other significant variables will be dependent upon the financing structure determined by market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB360(RES)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Alaska Natural Gas Project Act BRU Administration & Support
Component Office of the Commissioner
Sponsor Senate Resources
Requester Senate Finance Committee Component No. 123

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	83.0	83.0				
Travel	30.0	30.0				
Contractual	260.0	260.0				
Supplies	5.0	5.0				
Equipment	6.0					
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	384.0	378.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	384.0	278.0				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	384.0	378.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Page 2 for analysis.

Prepared by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Phone 465-5469
Division Department of Revenue Date/Time 4/21/02 3:18 PM
Approved by: Wilson Condon, Commissioner Date 4/21/2002
Agency Department of Revenue

CSSB360(RES) - Department of Revenue

Alaska Railroad Project Bonds

Sections 6 through 9 of this legislation would authorize the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue up to \$18 billion in bonds for construction of a natural gas pipeline to commercialize North Slope natural gas resources.

Because of the importance of this project to the state's public finances, the complexity of the bond issuance and the large amount of bonds to be sold, it is important that the Alaska Railroad Corporation receive expert advice from the beginning. It also is important that the Executive Branch be involved in the discussions to represent the state's independent interests.

To meet the needs stated above, the Department of Revenue proposes to transfer to the Alaska Railroad Corporation, via a Reimbursable Services Agreement, up to \$50,000 per year for the first two years to ensure that the corporation can contract with a financial adviser and bond counsel for this project. The Commissioner's Office also requests \$10,000 per year to cover the expenses of contracting with the state's financial adviser and bond counsel to make certain that the state's own interests, separate from those of the Alaska Railroad Corporation, are adequately considered and protected.

The portion of the fiscal note to help prepare for the Alaska Railroad Corporation bond issue and related Department of Revenue expenses therefore totals \$60,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004.

CSSB360(RES) - Department of Revenue

Property Taxes and Royalty Payments

Section 10 of this legislation authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to negotiate with a project applicant for a waiver, reduction or deferral in property taxes under AS 43.56 on an Alaska North Slope Natural Gas Project.

This legislation also calls on the Commissioner to develop, negotiate and present to the legislature a proposed contract for potential future payments from the project developer in consideration for the property taxes, and for any royalty payments waived, reduced or deferred under Section 4 of this act, but only under specific conditions:

- The project applicant has obtained all necessary certificates under AS 38.35.240.
- The project applicant must show, "by clear and convincing evidence," that the project would not be economically feasible without the property tax relief. This would require substantial analysis by the Commissioner of Revenue, including detailed economic review of present and future values of project economics.
- The applicant and Commissioner of Revenue must enter into an agreement to begin construction of the project by a date certain.
- The Commissioner shall consult with any municipality that could be affected by the property tax relief allowed under this section, and shall prepare a report on the socioeconomic effects of the project on the affected municipalities.
- Any contract covering the waiver, reduction or deferral of royalty payments or property taxes must include a mechanism to recapture all or a portion of the payments if natural gas prices rise above the level estimated in determining the finding required under this act.
- And any waiver, reduction or deferral of taxes under this section is not effective until approved by the legislature. The Commissioner would be required to make preliminary findings under this chapter and conduct public hearings on those findings before presenting them to the legislature.

For purposes of this fiscal note, the department assumes a project applicant will fulfill the requirements of this legislation sometime in Fiscal Year 2003, requiring the Commissioner to begin reviewing the need for property tax relief, preparing the socioeconomic studies, and then negotiating property tax relief with the project applicant for presentation to the legislature during the 2004 session.

The one position in FY03 and FY04 (a special assistant to the commissioner) and the \$200,000 in contractual funds in FY03 and \$200,000 in FY04 would help pay for the community impact studies, economic feasibility review (in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources), financial and tax advisers to help prepare recommendations for the legislature, and required public hearing process.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB 360 (Res)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 4/22/2002
Title: Alaska Natural Gas Project Act

Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
BRU: Oil and Gas Developmen
Component: Oil and Gas Developmen

Sponsor: Senate Resources
Requester: Senate Finance

Component Number: 439

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	165.0	165.0				
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()			*See Below			
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	165.0	165.0				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	165.0	165.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: none

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would authorize DNR to waive, reduce, or defer royalties on North Slope gas if: 1) an applicant provides clear and convincing evidence that royalty relief will make an uneconomic project economic; 2) the applicant and DNR Commissioner have entered into an agreement to begin pipeline construction by a certain date; 3) DNR has considered any other financial incentives granted by other jurisdictions; 4) the applicant has obtained certain certificates including certificates from the Dept. of Labor and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and 5) the Legislature approves the royalty relief.

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Approved by: Pat Pourchot
Agency: Natural Resources

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Date/Time: 22-Apr-02
Date: 22-Apr-02

ANALYSIS: (continued)

* It is impossible to determine at this time whether the state will waive, reduce, or defer any royalties on North Slope gas. However, because waiver, reduction, and deferral are only authorized if and to the extent necessary to make an uneconomic project economic, any waiver, reduction, or deferral should not result in the loss of royalties that would have otherwise been received. Otherwise stated, if there is no project and hence no marketing of North Slope gas, no royalties will be paid; hence, if royalty relief enables a project, any royalties received from that project—even reduced royalties—would exceed royalties received in the absence of a project. The only danger exists in granting royalty relief where none is actually needed. In that case, the fiscal impact could be substantial. For example, if royalties are waived when they would otherwise be \$1 per mcf, over the course of 20 years the state could lose up to \$36.5 billion. However, the bill contains safeguards designed to minimize the risk of unnecessary waiver of royalties.

Unfortunately, the safeguards are not self-executing. If an applicant seeks royalty relief, DNR will need to obtain access to and review extensive documentation pertaining to the economics of the project, as well as financial incentives being offered by other jurisdictions, then engage in complex negotiations with multiple sophisticated oil and gas corporations. This effort will require diversion of existing and proposed staff from their currently assigned duties, the retention of one or more experts, and travel. Currently, we anticipate that much of the work envisioned by this bill would fall on the Division's Petroleum Investments Manager, Petroleum Market Analyst, and a Commercial Analyst, as well as an additional Pipeline Commercial Analyst, requested in the FY03 budget. One or more experts would need to be retained at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to assure that royalty relief is kept to the bare minimum necessary. Additionally, DO&G estimates that \$80,000 would be needed for staff and expert travel related expenses (\$2,500 per trip x 4 people x 4 trips x 2 years = \$80,000). These sums could be appropriated by the legislature, or SB 360 could be modified to allow recoupment of at least the expert expenses from the applicant(s).

The Division has spread the capital costs identified above ($\$250,000 + \$80,000 = \$330,000$) over two fiscal years to reflect not only the duration of investigation and negotiations contemplated, but also that a preliminary investigation in a single year might establish that royalty relief is not needed to make an uneconomic project economic, in which case a second year of expenses might be avoided.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB 360(RES)
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Department: Labor and Workforce Development
Title: Alaska Natural Gas Project BRU: Office of the Commissioner
Sponsor: Senate Resources Component: Commissioner's Office
Requester: Senate Finance Component Number: 340

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel	3.0					
Contractual	21.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	24.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	24.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	24.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: None

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This act would require the department to hold at least one public hearing prior to making a finding regarding if an application for a natural gas project ensures employment of Alaskans and the use of Alaskan firms in the construction and operation of the project. The department proposes to hold public hearings in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau as well as a statewide teleconference. Costs associated with this bill include travel to attend the hearings, the costs to advertise and hold the hearings and costs to obtain legal advise regarding the finding.

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CS SB 360(RES) ALASKA NATURAL GAS PROJECT ACT

SB 360 seeks to expedite the construction and operation of an Alaska gas line from the North Slope south through Canada to the lower 48 or to Alaska tidewater for shipment as LNG ("project"). It provides fiscal incentives and permitting benefits to those project sponsors who are willing to work with the State of Alaska to ensure: (1) opportunities for employment of Alaskans and Alaskan businesses are maximized; (2) potential in-state demand for gas from the project can be satisfied; and (3) competition in the exploration and development of northern Alaska gas is promoted.

Currently, a project sponsor for a pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) lease to construct a pipeline from the North Slope can proceed under the provisions of the Alaska Pipeline Right-of-Way Leasing Act. However, those provisions and other provisions of Alaska law will be modified for a sponsor who agrees to do the following:

1. Train and hire Alaskans and use Alaska businesses in the construction and operation of the Project consistent with constitutional provisions.
2. Complete a study on in-state demand and submit a plan that must be approved by the RCA to meet that demand.
3. Complete a study on natural gas resources in northern Alaska and submit a plan that must be approved by the RCA to maximize access to the Project so that competition in the Alaska oil and gas industry is promoted.
4. Update those demand and resources studies ten years after construction of the Project starts.
5. Agree to provisions in the ROW lease providing for in-state use of royalty gas and expansion of the Project.

If a project sponsor gets certifications from the appropriate agencies that the sponsor will or has done all of the above, the sponsor gets the following

expeditious treatment in obtaining authorizations to construct and operate the Project:

1. The Project may be phased under both the ROW leasing act and the Coastal Zone Management act.
2. All agencies must give full cooperation to the DNR commissioner on Project matters by providing information and by issuing any necessary authorizations at the earliest practicable date, on an expedited basis, and with precedence over any like matter pending before the agency.
3. Any authorization may be amended as necessary to further the purposes of the Act.
4. If the governor finds a provision of law that impedes the Project, he may propose a waiver of law.
5. Any decisions by the commissioner and other agencies shall be subject to limited judicial review only and such claims must be brought within 60 days.
6. The DOR commissioner may negotiate a proposed contract to waive, reduce, or defer all or a portion of the property tax payments relating to the project. The commissioner can also make other terms and conditions that are in the state's best interest. The proposed contract will include any changes to the oil and gas lease terms and natural gas royalty that the DNR commissioner has negotiated. The DOR commissioner can only offer these incentives if;
 - a) the DNR commissioner has consulted with affected communities and has considered the effects development will have on these communities,
 - b) the DOR commissioner has considered whether other jurisdictions are giving incentives,
 - c) the project would not otherwise be economically feasible,
 - d) an agreement is made to begin construction by a certain date,
 - e) the contract includes a mechanism to increase state taxes and royalties if the gas price is higher than expected, and
 - f) after a public process, the legislature approves the contract.
7. The Alaska Railroad Corporation may provide tax exempt financing for the project

Any project sponsor can proceed to apply for a ROW lease under the current Alaska Pipeline Right-of-Way Leasing Act without obtaining the certificates outlined in this bill. They will not, however, be eligible for any of the incentives this legislation offers.