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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 2003-2004

Dear Representative Heinze

Hello, I'm Katya Razo. I'm a little student
the Anchorage Literacy Project. I've been
a student for two months and know need your
help. please don't cut the Anchorage Literacy
Project Budget because the project helps
many students the different country
don't close your eyes, you have a power and skills.
It helps people like me prepare for jobs
and something more important help us
for understanding American culture.
Learn two language ^{words} is believe in the future.
don't forget this, and open your mind and
your heart, nothing is impossible.
God bless you.

Katya

1327 W 27th
(907) 646178

Apr 302

Dear Senator Ellis:

I'm Hsien-Ju Hsieh. I come from Taiwan. I came to Alaska in summer of 2001. I have been learning English for one year. I enjoy learning at Anchorage Literacy Project. Because those teachers are very dedicated. Please don't cut the HSMG and ABE spending. I want to know more American culture through learning English.

Sincerely

Hsien-Ju, Hsieh. Mar. 11. 03

(040 W. 27th Ave # 417)

Anchorage A.K.

Dear Senator French,

My name is Daning, I'm studying at Anchorage Literacy Project. I've been a student for one year.

The advantages of studying at A.L.P are first, The ALP helps beginning students. second it's important for understanding American culture. third studying here has expanded my view of the world, and I guess lots of positive things ALP can help someone like me.

Excuse me if I say: Please, don't cut the HSME and ABE, because they're very helpfull right now and the future.

Sincerely,

Daning I

Student of ALP
1345 Rudakov Cir.
Anchorage, AK

March 12,2003

Dear Senator Guess,

I am from China and I have been living in Anchorage, Alaska for ten years. When I first came here, my English knowledge only consisted of a few words, hello and goodbye... Then I joined the Anchorage Literacy Project English classes and began learning English. When I was pregnant, they sent a volunteer tutor to my home. They helped me learn how to make appointments with the doctor and I learned how to drive plus they helped me with many other things. Many years passed, and after my children went to school, I started taking the Anchorage Literacy Project English class again. I wanted to learn more about American culture and history. I am appreciative of those people who helped me in this land.

I believe many people are like me and really need help. Please do not cut the HSMG and adult basic education spending it opens new horizons.

Literacy brings diverse people together.

Sincerely, Qian W. Scott

Qian W Scott
3120 Lockwood Circle
Anchorage AK 99504

March 11, 200

Dear Seniⁿ Davis,

my name is
shen-heia Smith I am a
student at the Anchorage
literacy project, I am very
concerned about the human
services matching Grant, If
they cut the budget we wont
have teachers to teach us,
my goal is to get a better job
please don't cut this grant.

Sincerely

shen-heia Smith

3554 Newcomb Dr.
Anchorage AK 99508

Dear Senator Ellisi

This letter is to beg you to please not cut the funds for the Anchorage Literacy Project. This program is so useful and important to many students. It teaches students how to read and write English and it also helps student to prepare for jobs or advance in their current job.

It would be so disappointing to see this program cut do to funds not being provided to support it. Once again, the Anchorage Literacy Project really needs the funds and many students need the Anchorage Literacy Project. So please, keep this project and the funds going, and thank so much.

Sincerely yours,

Michael P. Purb

1621 Alpen Horn
Anchorage, AK 99507

Dear Senator Davis:

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good program. It helps many students learn English, prepare for jobs, and teach their children. There's nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go. It is an important part of the state.

Please don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding. The Anchorage Literacy Project needs those funds, and the students need the Anchorage Literacy Project.

Sincerely yours,



1816 LAURA CR.

Anchorage AK 99508

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I believe it should
be kept open for the
people that want
and ~~to the school~~
really need to -
succeed in my
Education

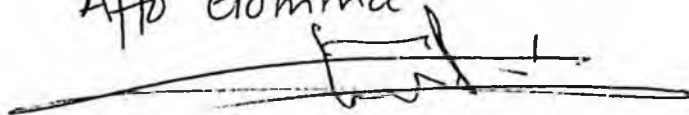
Dear Sir or Madam;

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Please don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding. The Anchorage Literacy Project needs those funds, and the students need the Anchorage Literacy Project.

Sincerely yours,

Affo Gomma

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Affo Gomma', written over a horizontal line.

P.S. I have been taking classes at Adult Literacy Project to help improve my English. It has helped me in a way ESL classes have not, here we focus on the fundamentals which give a very good base to continue building on. Please continue supporting this program.


3-12-03

Dear Sirs + Madams,

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Please don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding. The Anchorage Literacy Project needs those funds, and the students need the Anchorage Literacy Project.

Sincerely yours,

Sophia Gomma 
-concerned voter-

Education is the key to success for our community, there are those who have not had the chance of support to be educated in their youth. We have a responsibility to all residence of Anchorage to continue educating the whole population and not exclude certain groups. Anchorage Literacy Project serves an important service + fills a ^{needed} gap - to our community + must have the continued funds in order to continue with their very important and worthwhile work.

March 11 - 2003

Dear Senator Dyson:

I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy Project. My name is mi suk I am from South Korea and I am full Korean. Before I came to Anchorage I could not write in English very well. I'd always have trouble spelling and have trouble reading. But when I came here and found this school it was a dream come true. I found I could learn English better. Please do not cut the Human Services Matching Grant. If you do thousands like me will lose an opportunity to learn English.

Sincerely

mi Suk Duggers

18412 Man-o-War
Eagle River, AK 99577

March 11-2003

Dear Senator Cowdery:

My name is Lina Pounds. I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy Project. Please do not cut the Human Service Matching Grant. I like to attend the Anchorage Literacy Project because its help me to get my education and to pursue my nursing career.

Sincerely,
Lina Pounds

8010 Queen St. Apt #4
Anchorage, AK 99518

March 11, 2003

Dear Senator Davis:

My name is Ousmane Ponn

I am a student at the Anchorage
Literacy Project. Please do not cut
the Human Services Matching Grant.
I like to attend the Anchorage
Literacy Project because
I like to have my G-E-D
to get a better job.

Please we need this at school

Dear Senator Guess:

March 11 2003

My name is sue I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy Project I am very concerned about the Human Services matching grant if they cut the budget we won't have teachers to teach us my goal is to help my grand children p.s please

don't cut this grant thank you

sincerely sue Inask.

March 11, 2003

Dear Senator Stevens:

My name is Yunchony Short

I am a student at the Anchorage
Literacy Project.

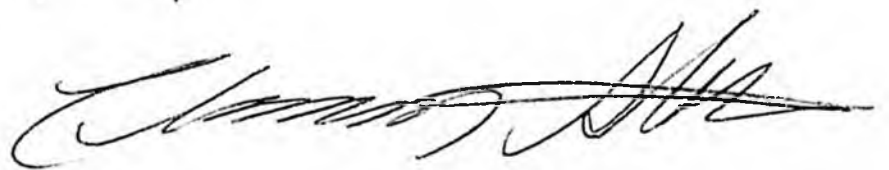
Please do not cut the Human Services
Matching Grant for this school.

I do want to attend the
Anchorage Literacy Project.

because they do teach us their possible.

and all the teachers not take a their brake.

I think this is very important to keep
this school stays open.



Dear Senator Ellis:

March 11-200

my name is Ki Jeffers

I am a student at the Anchorage
Literacy project I am very
concerned about the Human
services matching grant IF
they out the budget we won't
have teachers to teach us
my goal is to get a better job
please don't cut this grant

sincerely

Ki Jeffers

March 11, 2003
1800 Bonnister Rd
Anchorage, Ak 99508

Dear Senator Ellis,

My name is Ida Johnson.
I am a student at the Anchorage
Literacy Project. Please do not cut the
Human Services Matching Grant.
I like attending the Anchorage
Literacy Project because it help
me to unstand documents better.

Sincerely

Ida Johnson

Dear Senator Guess:

My name is Irene Sadowski

I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy Project.
Please do not cut the Human Services Matching Grant.
I like to attend the Anchorage Literacy Project because
it helps me write and read better

Sincerely
Irene Sadowski

March 11, 2003

Dear: Senator Guess,

My name is yupa yeanying. I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy project. I am very concerned about the Human Services Matching Grant. If they cut the budget we won't have teachers to teach us and we will lose our class. I am from a different country and My English is terrible but when I come to class right now I can read, speak and write ~~better~~ better.

I know myself what I want to do in the future. I want to go to college and have a good job.

Please don't cut this grant.

Sincerely yours,
yupa yeanying

March 11, 2003

Dear Senator Cowdery,

My name is Erlinda M. Ancheta

I am a student at the Anchorage Literacy Projects. Please do not cut the Human Services Matching Grant. I like to attend the Anchorage Literacy Project because it helps me to read better, understand in the wordings and it helps me to get my GED.

Thank you,


March 11, 2003

Dear Senator Davis,

My name is Thom Khounsavath. I am a

student at the Anchorage Literacy Project.

I am very concerned about the Human

Services Matching Grant. If they cut

the budget we won't have teachers

to teach us.

My goal is to have a better life and

get a better job, that I can help to

support my family. Please don't cut
that grant.

Sincerely
Thank you.

Thom Khounsavath

Dear Senator French

My name is Raymond Nelson. I am a student at the Anchorage
~~the~~ Literacy Project. I am very concerned about the Human
Services Matching Grant. If they cut the budget we
won't have teachers to teach us.

My goal is to go to college and get a degree
in geology and Astrophysics.
Please don't cut this grant.

Sincerely,
Raymond Nelson

Dear Senator Guess, March 11, 2003.

My name is Soon JA BOYKE I am a
Student at the Anchorage Literacy Project

I am very concerned about the Human
Services Matching Grant IF they cut
the budget we won't have teach us

My goal is how to read. English and
wrighten, a letter to, so please help
us, please don't cut this grant.

think you sincerely soon ja

Dear

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good program. It helps many students learn English, prepare for jobs, and teach their children. There's nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go. It is an important part of the state.

Please don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding. The Anchorage Literacy Project needs those funds, and the students need the Anchorage Literacy Project.

Sincerely yours, *Shirley Chin Hubbard*

*401 - A Fischer Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99518*

Please add to public testimony *Representations*

The Honorable Max Grwenberg

I am oak.

I am here in this country 33 years

All that time . I didnt know how
to read and write.

But this A.L.P teach me in English
read and write.

A.L.P is good for other people
like me.

I hope this place be continuely open.

Please help us.

Dear Sir you have wonderful day,

Thank you for your time,

Cap Lambert
4433 San Ernesto
Anchorage, AK 99508

Please add to public testimony.

THE HONORABLE RALPH SAMUELS REPRESENTATIVE
STATE OF ALASKA.

Dear Representative Samuels,

I am TRINH, TRINH UYEN from Viet Nam

I need to study English at The Anchorage Literacy Project. That school is a good program. English is very important for me. I need job, I need to understand English and teach my children, so I need The Anchorage Literacy Project.

Please, don't cut A Basic Education funding. Please, don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant.

Sincerely Yours



TRINH TRINH
4602 Newhaver Loop
Anchorage, AK 99507

Please add to public testimony

The Honorable Max Gruenberg
Representative, state of Alaska.

Dear Representative Gruenberg.

I am Umavasee Muephothong from Thailand. I need to study English at the Anchorage Literacy Project. That school is good Program English is very important for me. I need job I need to talk and understand English I want to conversations with the people. So I need the Anchorage Literacy Project. Please don't cut the Human service Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding

Respectfully yours.

U. Muephothong
600 Canrose Dr
Anchorage, AK 99504

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Dear Laila Mc Greire

I'm Jeong Han from Korea
ten month ago.

I need learning english
english important for me

The Anchorage Literacy project
in a good prog.

please don't cut the Human
Services Matching Grant.

please again, don't cut adult
basic education funding.

thank you.

Sincerely

Jeong Han
22116 Revere Cir
Anch, AK 99515

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Dear Alaska

Please Support the English Classes
I need to study English, I take classes
at the Anchorage Literacy Project

Raquel Sosa
704 Spennard Rd
Anch, AK 99504

March 12 2003

Dear ALASKA

~~Dear Alaska~~

I need to study English

please support the English Classes

I take classes at the Anchorage Literacy project

M. Fernanda Gallegos S.

3704 Spenard Rd

Anch, AK 99504

March 12 2003

Add to public testimony

Dear Alaska

Need To Study English

Take classes at Anchorage Literacy project

Please Support the English classes

Fernando Gallegos

~~Fernando Gallegos~~

3704 Spearhead Rd.

Anch, AK 99504

Daniel Gonzalez

2112 Arctic Blvd.

Anchorage, AK. 99503.

The Anchorage Literacy project is a good school. This project helped me to improve myself. I learn English as a second language. There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H. S. Grant or Grant or the Adult Literacy funding.

Daniel Gonzalez

Please add to public testimony

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Mariusz Zylh
Sincerely,

Please don't cut the H.S.M.
Grant or the Adult Basic Education funding

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a
good school. This project helps me to
learn English as a second language.
There is now here else! Anchorage for
beginning literacy and adult basic
students to go.

Mariusz Zylh
1580 Russian Sack #24
Anchorage AK 99501
03-13-2003

Carmenza Velasco-Hamilton
7921 Canal St
Anchorage Ais. 99502
March 13 - 2003

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Please don't cut the H.S.M. Grant or the Adult Basic Education Funding.

Sincerely,

Carmenza Velasco-Hamilton

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Luis Ortiz
205 Darley #1
Anchorage, AK 995

3/13/2003

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good School.

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as a Second Language there is nowhere
else in Anchorage for beginning literacy
and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M. Grant
on the Adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely Luis Ortiz

Please add to public testimony

♥♥
Katarzyna Zych
1580 Russian Blvd Dr # 23
Anchorage AK 99508
03-13-2003

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good place.
This project helps me to learn English as
a second language. There is nowhere else
in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult
basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M. Grant or the Adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

Katarzyna Zych

Please add to public testimony

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Public testimony

03/13/03

Pero Kovacevic
6346 E 32nd Ave
Anchorage
AK 99504

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There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and
adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M. Grant or the Adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely;

Pero Kovacevic

♥♥ Please add to
Public testimony

CLAUDIA S. ZELAYA.
320 MCDERNEY ST OPT B
ANCHORAGE AK 99508

the Anchorage Literacy Project. Is a good school.
this project helps me to learn English as a
second language.
there is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning
literacy and adult basic students to go.

please don't cut the H.S.M. Grant or the
Adult Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIA S. ZELAYA.

♥♥ Please add to public testimony

Name: Tai He Kim

Address: 4745 PIPER ST UNIT 7

ANCHORAGE AK 99507


The Anchorage Literacy project is a very good school. I am learning English at A.L.P

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go

please, please don't cut the H.S.M.E program or that Adult

Basic Education funding

Sincerely

Tai He Kim 

♥♥ Please add to
Public testimony

Maho Flathau
6646 Desiree loop.
Anchorage, AK 99507

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good school.

I am Learning English at A.L.P.

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for
beginning Literacy students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M. or program or
the Adult Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

Maho Flathau

♥♥

Please add to public
testimony

Penney Sipharath

701 S Klevin SPC 1A

Anchorage A.K 99508

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good school

I am learning English at A.L.P.

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for
beginning Literacy and adult basic students

To go

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G Program
on the Adult Basic Education funding

Sincerely

penney Sipharath.

FRANCISCO MIXAN
5800 LAKE OTIS PKWY APT 130
ANCHORAGE AK 99507

THE ANCHORAGE LITERACY PROJECT IS A
GOOD SCHOOL.

I AM LEARNING ENGLISH AT A.L.P.

THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE IN ANCHORAGE
FOR BEGINNING ENGLISH LITERACY

PLEASE DON'T CUT THE H.S.M.G.
PROGRAM OR THE ADULT BASIC
EDUCATION FUNDING.

SINCERELY

FRANCISCO MIXAN.

Tamara Evans
1065 W, 20th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99503

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public testimony

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a
good school.
I am learning English at A.L.P.
There is nowhere else in Anchorage
for beginning literacy students to go

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G.
program or the Adult
Basic Education funding

Sincerely,
Tamara
Evans
3.13.03

Chueai Davis
Y61 NOSTMANST
Anchorage,
AK 99504

The Anchorage Literacy project is a good

I am learning English at A-L-P

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning
literacy

and adult basic students to go

Please don't cut the H-S-M.G program
or the Adult Basic Education funding

Sincerely

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public testimony

Rukhsana

1110 Daberr. Rd SP NO 1
ANCHORAGE AK 99508

(907) 332-6621

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good school -
I am learning English at A.L.P.
There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning Literacy
and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G. Program or the Adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

Rukhsana Tariq

♥♥

Please add
to public
testimony

Name IN YONG CHUNG
Address APT 304
905 RICHARDSON
VISTA RD
ANCHORAGE, AK
99501

The Anchorage Literacy project is a good school.

I am learning English at A.L.P.

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literacy and adult basic students to go.

please don't cut the H.S.M.G. program or
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Sincerely,

IN YONG CHUNG

Please add
to public testimony

JWONA ZAJTZ
9122 DEWBERRY STR.
ANCHORAGE, AK 99502

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I am learning English at A.L.P.

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy
and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S. M.G. program or the Adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

Jwona Zajtz

Name Maria Luisa Garcia
Address 7601 Greenview Dr
Anchorage Alaska 99507

♥♥
The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good school
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Please don't cut the H.S.M.G. program or the adult
Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

Maria Luisa Garcia

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Jung sin AmBERGER

6920 ROYAL COURT
ANCHORAGE AK 99502

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I am learning English at A.L.P.

There is nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning Literacy
and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G. program
or the Adult Basic Education funding,
sincerely.

Jung sin Amberger,

Please add to public testimony

born 9,12-58 LUCIA PIAZZA

3430 MCKENZIE DR

Please add
to public testimony

ANCHORAGE AK 99511
telefon 248-6428

The Anchorage Literacy project is a
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and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G. program
on the Adult

Basic Education funding.

Sincerely,

- LUCIA PIAZZA

Chong Flack
4510 Wright St #27
Anchorage, AK 99507

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I am Learning English at A.L.P.

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and adult basic students to go.

Please don't cut the H.S.M.G. program or the Adult.

Basic Education funding

Sincerely

Chong Flack

Please add to public testimony

Dear Senator Gretchen Guest Dear Representative _____:

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good program. It helps many students learn English, prepare for jobs, and teach their children. There's nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go. It is an important part of the state.

Please don't cut the Human Services Matching Grant. Please don't cut Adult Basic Education funding. The Anchorage Literacy Project needs those funds, and the students need the Anchorage Literacy Project.

Sincerely yours,

Luz Pany Villanarin

Please add to public testimony

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Sincerely yours,

Luz Dany Villamarin

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Dear Senator French / Dear Representative Croft :

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Sincerely yours,

It helps my job speakin English.
I need to learn English
It's very important for me.
It's for my family and for my education

Jose' Castillo

Please add to public testimony

Dear Senator Guess / Dear Representative Anderson

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good program. It helps many students learn English, prepare for jobs, and teach their children. There's nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go. It is an important part of the state.

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Sincerely yours,

I need to learn English
It's very important for me
It helps my job

It's for my family

It's for my education

My children go to school in Anchorage.

Ernestina Rodriguez

Please Add to public
Testimony

Dear Senator Ellis / Dear Representative Heinze :

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Sincerely yours,

DUSANKA DEVIĆ

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It's for my family
It's for my education.

Please add to Public
Testimony

Dear Senator Davis / Dear Representative Cissna:

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Sincerely yours,

Eduardo Gomez

I live in Anchorage.

I need to speak English.

It's very important for me.

It's for my family and for my education.

Please Add to Public Testimony

Dear Senator ~~JOHNNY E~~ / Dear Representative HELZE :

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Sincerely yours,
ROSA McCLELLAN.

THANKS.

I NEED TO LEARN ENGLISH
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME
MY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL IN ANCHORAGE
I NEED TO TALK TO MY CHILDREN'S TEACHERS.
IT'S FOR MY FAMILY
IT'S FOR MY EDUCATION.
IT HELPS MY JOB.

Please add to Public
-JIMMY

Dear Senator Hollis French / Dear Representative Ethan Berkowitz:

The Anchorage Literacy Project is a good program. It helps many students learn English, prepare for jobs, and teach their children. There's nowhere else in Anchorage for beginning literacy and adult basic students to go. It is an important part of the state.

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Sincerely yours,

Clifford Gerkhart
Volunteer Instructor

Dear sirs - I volunteer my time to ALP because I know the benefit it brings to Anchorage & Alaska as a whole. ALP is an investment, not an expense. Don't cut our funding!

CG

Please add to
D.L.I. to L.I.M.A.V.

Sidthisak Kaybouathone
134 Schodde St
Anchorage, AK 99508

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This project help me to learn English as a
second language. There is nowhere else in
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Please don't cut the Human Service
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Sincerely,

Sidthisak Kaybouathone

Please add to public testimony.

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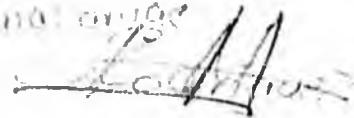
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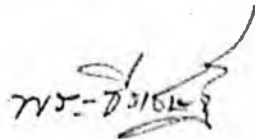
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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/20/03

REPORTED OUT MAR 30 2004 SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: March 31, 2004

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 40

SB 40 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF

"An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 40 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

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- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DOT	3/26/04		✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Earl Dymally</i>				✓
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SB40-DOT-CO-3-26-04
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
Title Construction of highways by DOT&PF RDU Administration & Support
Component Commissioner's Office
Sponsor Cowdery
Requester Senate Finance Component No. 530

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Nona Wilson Phone 465-6973
Division: Legislative Liaison Date/Time 3/26/04 9:54 AM
Approved by: John MacKinnon Date 3/26/2004
Agency: Deputy Commissioner

Conceptual Amendment #2
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SENATE BILL NO. 40

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR COWDERY

Introduced: 1/29/03

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and
2 Public Facilities."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 19.10.170(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except as provided in AS 44.33.300, it is the general policy of the state to
6 require the construction of all highways under bid contract in accordance with
7 AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code). However, subject to the provisions of (b) of this
8 section, when the estimated cost of a construction project is less than \$100,000 or
9 when it appears to be in the best interests of the state and the estimated cost of a
10 construction project is \$250,000 or less, the department may perform the work
11 notwithstanding any other provisions of law.

Conceptual Amendment

This legislation would sunset 6/30/08.

Attention: Sheila

Of Senator Wilken's office

RE: SB 40

Date: 3/31/04 Time: 8:30 AM

The attached Senate Finance CS incorporates the amendment(s) your boss sponsored. Please review and approve so the bill can be forwarded to the Senate Secretary.

The CS is your copy.

Thanks,
Senate Finance Secretary
Mindy #4935
Robin #2618

OK
Sheila
3/31

Approved: _____

(please initial)

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 40(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR COWDERY

A BILL
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4 OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS \$250,000 OR LESS], the department may
5 perform the work notwithstanding any other provisions of law.

6 * **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect June 30, 2008.

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE
Amendment Number: # 1
Bill Number: SB 40
Sponsor: Olson Date: 3/30/04
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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SB 40

BY SENATOR OLSON

1 Page 1, lines 8 - 11:

2 Delete "when the estimated cost of a construction project is less than \$100,000 or
3 when it appears to be in the best interests of the state and the estimated cost of a
4 construction project is \$250,000 or less, the department may perform the work
5 notwithstanding any other provisions of law."

6 Insert "the department may perform the work notwithstanding any other
7 provisions of law when

8 (1) the estimated cost of a construction project is less than \$100,000;
9 (2) the construction project is not connected by a land road to the
10 main road system of the state and the commissioner determines that [OR WHEN]
11 it appears to be in the best interests of the state; or

12 (3) the construction project is connected by a land road to the
13 main road system of the state, the estimated cost of a construction project is
14 \$250,000 or less, and the commissioner determines that it appears to be in the
15 best interests of the state [, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PERFORM THE WORK
16 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW]."

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AMENDMENT TO SB 40, DOTPF CONSTRUCTION.

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 40 mandates that all Department of Transportation and Public Facilities construction projects above \$250,000 in cost be competitively bid. In many cases, this restriction forecloses an efficient, economical method of completing rural construction projects through the force account funding mechanism. This is particularly true where the DOTPF project compliments and is an integral part of another village project such as water and sewer installation, land fill development, electrical extension, housing project, or a federally ear-marked BIA road project.

The amendment I offer exempts rural areas that are not served by Alaska's connected road system. The question of whether to competitively bid or force account a particular project in these areas is best determined through Administrative Order No. 199 (attached). This order, issued in October 2002, was recommended and supported by a task force comprised of representatives of state contracting agencies, the AGC, labor unions, and rural construction entities. This order seems to be working effectively in determining the correct approach.

Secondly, the exemption is for those areas of the state where expensive airlift or sealift is required for the mobilization of equipment and materials. Often, mobilization costs just to get started on the project is all or a large part of \$250,000.



TONY KNOWLES
GOVERNOR

STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

October 1, 2002

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 199

I, Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, make the following findings concerning construction in rural Alaska that is publicly financed by state grants:

- A. Payment of prevailing wages to construction workers employed by contractors on most public construction projects is a long-standing requirement under federal and state law.
- B. Contracting with private construction companies through competitive bidding on these projects is an effective means of ensuring high-quality construction, completed in a timely fashion at a fair cost, but frequently results in low utilization of the local workers in rural areas of Alaska.
- C. Some programs allow grantees of public money to use force account labor, which occurs when the grantee employs its own workers to perform publicly-financed construction work instead of contracting with a private contractor. The use of force account labor for these publicly-financed construction projects, especially in rural Alaska, yields enhanced local control and ownership of these projects and high levels of local hire, and certain state and federal programs have evolved to favor the use of force account labor on these publicly-financed construction projects.
- D. However, the use of force account labor for publicly financed construction projects is frequently justified as less expensive and therefore preferable to competitive bidding by paying workers considerably lower wages and benefits than contractors pay their employees covered under the Little Davis Bacon Act under AS 36.05.010 or the Davis Bacon Act under 40 U.S.C. 276a.
- E. Wage rates on publicly-financed construction projects in rural Alaska that include fringe benefits, retirement plans, and other incentives help encourage rural workers to consider construction as a viable career with continued opportunities for training and employment.
- F. The construction industry in Alaska needs new entrants to meet ongoing and future needs for workers. Access to training opportunities directly related to construction projects in rural Alaska is essential to increase productivity and earning power of rural Alaskans and enable them to establish careers in the construction industry.
- G. Over the years, the use of force account construction, especially in rural Alaska, has increased significantly. To ensure that the construction of public improvements is most efficient, occurs at the lowest price, and provides maximum local job and economic opportunities, while recognizing the significant role of communities and federal agencies in guiding these programs, all current construction, wage, employment, and training practices should be evaluated. Communities and granting agencies should work cooperatively to offer communities more

effective alternatives to present construction practices.

ORDER

Under the authority of art. III, secs. 1 and 24, of the Alaska Constitution, I, Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, hereby order that, to the maximum extent possible consistent with existing law:

1. State agencies that administer grants for state-financed construction shall offer communities in rural Alaska a choice between the use of force account labor and private contracting for those projects where the use of force account labor is the predominant purchasing method by the state agency, while allowing communities in rural Alaska to select methods optimizing benefits to rural Alaska.

2. The Department of Environmental Conservation, village safe water program, shall provide one or more demonstration projects to evaluate innovative contracting methods that include consideration of items such as hiring practices, on-site management procedures, local equipment and materials use, training plans, and other relevant items in awarding contracts for rural sanitation projects administered by that program.

3. (a) Grant agreements for projects first funded for construction after the date of this Order under the following state programs shall include a requirement for the payment of prevailing wages, including contributions to a pension or retirement account, equal to the prevailing wages under AS 36.05, as modified through the use of the progressive, graduated pay scale developed under (b) of this paragraph, on all public construction projects:

- (1) the village safe water program under AS 46.07.010 - 46.07.080;
- (2) bulk fuel storage tank construction grants made or administered by the Alaska Energy Authority under AS 44.83.080;
- (3) rural power systems upgrade grants made or administered by the Alaska Energy Authority under AS 44.83.080;
- (4) grants from the power project fund under AS 42.45.180;
- (5) grants from the electrical service extension fund under AS 42.45.200;
- (6) community priority program grants administered under AS 44.33.020(20) by the Department of Community and Economic Development that exceed \$100,000 and constitute at least 25 percent of the total project cost.

(b) The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with communities, state and federal agencies, and groups involved in employment and training for rural construction, shall lead a technical assistance effort to develop a progressive, graduated pay scale that reflects varying skill levels of workers and the on-the-job acquisition of skill and experience.

(c) The state administrators of the grant programs listed in (a) of this paragraph shall grant, in accordance with this provision, an exemption from the requirements of (a) of this paragraph for specific projects. Unless a state administrator issues a documented finding that granting the exemption would violate the legal requirements or the intent of the grant program, the administrator shall grant an exemption upon receipt of a resolution making such a request that was adopted by the governing body of the grantee or prospective grantee after the governing body gave public notice and held a public hearing on the exemption request. A state administrator may not grant an exemption under this provision after October 1, 2007.

4. State granting agencies shall incorporate the payment of prevailing wages as provided in paragraph 3 of this Order in preparing budgets and plans for the programs listed in paragraph 3(a) of this Order.

5. The Department of Community and Economic Development shall create and regularly update a construction project directory designed to inform communities and contractors about upcoming work.
6. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Department of Community and Economic Development shall continue and expand their jobs summit program, designed to match rural Alaskans with training and employment opportunities and to promote communication between contractors and rural communities.
7. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with organizations serving rural Alaska, shall continue and expand efforts to train rural Alaskans for careers in the construction industry.
8. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall continue and expand its pilot project mandating local pre-bid or post-award conferences for public projects in rural Alaska.
9. The commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation shall lead an administration-wide effort to develop and implement a strategy to convince the United States Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rural sanitation project "cost caps" within the Indian Health Service that more realistically reflect the actual cost of construction in rural Alaska. The Department of Environmental Conservation shall give a priority consideration for funding under the village safe water program for any projects rendered "infeasible" in the Indian Health Service Sanitation Deficiency System by increases in the project's budget as a result of this Order.
10. Recognizing that the source of much of the funding for rural construction is federal money, this Order shall be implemented in cooperation with federal agencies and non-profit partner agencies in a manner that does not negatively impact federal funding formulas resulting in a reduction of the overall amount of federal funding for construction under any program, does not diminish the number of federally funded projects, and does not conflict with federal statutes and regulations. Additionally, recognizing that the intent of these programs is to promote the overall well being of communities, nothing in this Order should be construed to diminish the concepts of local control and local hire.
11. The commissioners of the departments of environmental conservation, community and economic development, labor and workforce development, and transportation and public facilities, and the executive director of AIDEA, in consultation with communities, state and federal agencies, and groups involved in employment and training for rural construction, shall provide the Governor with a joint report one year from the effective date of this Order that evaluates the results to date of this Order, and shall report annually thereafter. The report shall include: (a) a description of the actions taken by agencies and grantees to implement and comply with this Order; (b) an assessment of the effect of this Order on employment, hiring practices, wages, benefits, training, career development, number of construction projects, project costs, and choice of construction management methods; (c) the impact of this Order on the budgets and the funding available for programs listed in paragraph 3(a) of this Order; (d) the results of the demonstration projects specified in paragraph 2 of this Order; (e) the results of the local pre-bid and post-award conferences specified in paragraph 8 of this Order; and (f) other information relevant to the findings of this Order.

This Order takes effect immediately.

Dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, this 1st day of October 2002.

S/S Tony Knowles
Tony Knowles



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record by testimony to the

SENATE FINANCE Comm
COMMITTEE NAME

committee on

Force Account
BILL/SUBJECT

dated

03/30/04
TODAY'S DATE

(2) ITEMS =

① Force Acc. is a tool for Local Men's to use. \$250,000 - is inadequate because: we just let contractors for rest rooms in excess of 250m -

② SHOULD NOT APPLY UNIVERSALLY ON ALL PROJECTS -

LET THEM CONTINUE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE - ROAD OR NO ROAD -
- THANKS -

Signed:

JOHN TEUSKE

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
3 / 30 / 2004 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 40		
Amendment	#1		
Motion	Olson to adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Olson		
<u>Objection by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Bunde			✓
Senator Dyson	✓		
Senator Hoffman	✓		
Senator Olson	✓		
Senator Stevens			✓
Co-Chair Green			✓
Co-Chair Wilken			✓
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Yea	3		
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Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	FAILED		

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 40
 (S) Publish Date: 3/20/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOT&PF
 Title Construction of Highways by DOT&PF BRU Construction and CIP Support
 Component All Regional Components
 Sponsor Cowdery
 Requester S TRA Component I _____

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Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

Full-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

If approved, SB 40 would prohibit the department from using state forces to construct (Force Account Construction or FAC) highway projects if the value of the project was greater than \$250,000. The majority of projects that are considered for force account construction are federally funded. Federal provisions require that prior to approval of a force account project, the state must determine that this method will result in cost savings.

Since it is not possible to determine which projects will be considered for FAC over the next six years, we will base the projected savings on Calendar Year 2002. The estimated savings on 2002 force account projects (greater than \$250,000) was \$4,267,700. Assuming the amount of force account projects remains constant over the next six years, the lost savings would total \$25,606,200.

Prepared by: Dennis R. Poshard Phone 465-3904
 Division: Special Assistant to Commissioner Date/Time 2/18/03 11:40 AM
 Approved by: Acting Commissioner Mike Barton Date 2/18/2003
 Agency: Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB40

"An Act relating to the construction of highways by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

In order to maintain transparency and to make certain public funds are spent efficiently, statute requires construction and maintenance contracts be awarded on the basis of a competitive bid. In the case of small projects or repairs, however, the law allows the state, for the purpose of efficiency, to fund a project in-house through what's termed a "force account."

The purpose of SB40 is to reserve the competitive bid process for projects costing more than \$250,000, while continuing to allow the use of force accounts to fund smaller, local projects at the discretion of the (most often) Department of Transportation (DOT-PF).

To date, force account spending by DOT-PF has been consistently used to fund projects costing considerably more than \$250,000. In each case, the check-and-balance protection of a competitive bid has been lost. This can result in the state paying more for a project, while wages paid on an in-house project may be substantially lower than those paid by a private-sector contractor.

Specifically, contractors generally pay "Davis-Bacon" wages, while force account workers are often lower-paid temporary state employees.

Contractors employ skilled managers and maintain an inventory of specialized equipment. Therefore, construction work done in the public sector requires similar staffing as well as inventory, thus resulting in increased cost to the ratepayer.

SB40 also allows the use of force accounts on projects above the \$250,000 threshold when there is no responsive bidder.

re: SB 40 alternatives:

Is DELIVERY ORDER CONTRACTING an alternative?

- DOC is used by, and was developed by, the Department of Defense (it's called JOC by the Army, SABER by the Air Force) and is being increasingly used by local governments and educational facilities.
- DOC is a competitively bid, fixed price, indefinite quantity, indefinite delivery (IDIQ), general construction contract.
- The contract typically has a base year with 2 to 4 option years.
- The contract sets parameters such as location of work, type of work to be done, design criteria, etc.
- A DOC contract uses unit price guides (UPG) and/or a unit-price book (UPB) to establish a price for a multitude of line items of work. A typical UPB has about 40,000 line items in order to cover just about every imaginable task. Items that are not in the book are then negotiated, priced, and added to the UPB. A UPG uses computer cost databases, etc.
- The contractor bids a coefficient that is a markup or a markdown to the UPB items, rather than a dollar price.

What you get with a Delivery Order Contract:

- On-call general contractor where prices for line items of work are predetermined.
- A contract that is easy to manage.
- A contract that puts more money into "hard construction" instead of soft upfront costs.