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**HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 2003-2004**



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance  
 Committee name  
 Committee on SB. 117, dated 4/30/03  
 Bill/Subject

Wow - How Gov Murkowski -  
 SB 117 would give us pioneers a  
 chance to apply for charity! Thanks!  
 Your promise made to prompt us  
 to vote for you gave no indication  
 what we would be so demeaned!!  
 Should this bill pass I sure know  
 who us seniors and our family will  
 vote out of gov Office in the coming  
 election! Sincerely -

Signed: Eileen G. Jensen  
 Testifier

Myself & senior friend & family  
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 COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Alaskan resident since 1951 and I hope I can remain here with the aid of the longevity bonus when my health is slowly eroding as I approach 82 this fall. The Ketchikan Daily News stated a huge increase in revenues for British Petroleum Oil Company at a time when oil prices have fluctuated from high to low. When an oil company can show a glorious increase of 4.2 billion dollars - double the amount gained last year - where is the problem?

I suggest our legislators go back and negotiate a reasonable severance tax for the oil being taken by British Petroleum Oil company. There's plenty of oil - let our bashful legislators stop giving oil away for nothing. Good luck.

Alaska is rich in resources - let's use them wisely.

I oppose the passing of Senate Bill #117

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COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM PRESIDENT OF LOCAL CHAPTER AARP  
HERE KETCHIKAN, - ABOUT 250  
STRONG -

WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY REDUCTION  
TO THE LONGEVITY BONUS - I TESTIFIED,  
THREE TIMES AND GIVEN WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
MANY TIMES - THE COMMITTEE HAS  
HEARD ALL THE REASONS WHY THE NEED FOR  
THE BONUS -

THE 'LONGEVITY' BONUS ELIGIBILITY DRAFT BILL  
DATED APRIL 29/30 IS UNACCEPTABLE

THE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BONUS  
MONTHLY INCOMES AND ASSETS VALUES  
ARE TOO LOW AND INSULTING TO  
A SENIOR MAINTAINING A HOME-LIVING  
A WELFARE FOR LIFE STYLE, -

I PERSONALLY FEEL THIS LAST MINUTE  
DECISION NEEDS ADDITIONAL STUDY & CHANGING THE  
INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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Administrative Service to administer the  
University Bonus Program of \$1 million to  
18,000 Alaska citizens who are very expensive.

I do object to the elimination of the Administrative  
Administration of the University Bonus Program. It will  
eventually eventually.

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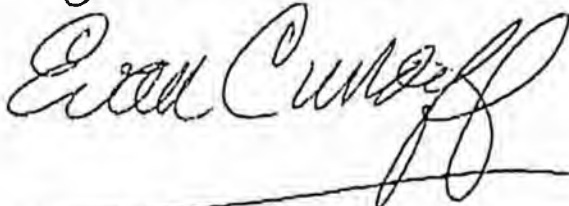
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I want to thank all the members of the state of Alaska 23 rd Legislature, the members of Senate Rules Committee and especially Governor Frank Murkowski for this opportunity to speak my mind. At this time there is no way that any rational person can be so naïve to believe that the majority of our elected representatives plan to oppose the reconstruction of the Longevity Bonus Program. All the facts are in and duly noted. Not only duly noted but also completely ignored. I predict that the resultant effect of this bill will be a total disaster. Not just for the senior citizens involved but <sup>for</sup> all the people of Alaska and mostly the craven legislature who gave birth to it. I for one, as in the past, will never miss an election but hence forth in the future I will oppose any and every legislation offered and actively encourage all within my voice and pen to do the same. This Legislature and its Governor is totally corrupt and deplete of morals. With no shame have chosen to equate the future well being and peace of its senior citizenry and pioneers of this State to bike trails, road improvements, enticements for tourists and their own personal welfare. For having chosen these baseless priorities and so willfully jeopardizing so many lives I solemnly wish that each of you reap by a hundredfold the pain that you have caused.

GLEN FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS -

Evan Cundiff  
Homer, Alaska



Doris Robbins  
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Attention Senate Finance Committee

Testimony April 30, 2003

RE: Eliminating Longevity Bonus Program

This bill is wrong on several counts. It breaks a commitment made when the final sunset clause was adopted in 1994. It serves as a quick and dirty way to save money for "better" purposes, done in haste with little regard of its overall effect.

I believe that most of the people presently getting the bonus will qualify for public assistance, or if they just can't live with "going on the dole" they will take the rest of their money and go outside where it will no longer re-circulate in the Alaska economy.

The last minute change in the bill to turn it into an official public assistance bill was done without gathering the facts. The estimates are just broad suppositions. Finally, some consideration was given to continue payments through August instead of just callously ending the checks in July. As much advance notice is given to criminals.

However, do you know anyone who can find new housing, especially low income, with only a month's notice? Are you aware that there are very few vacancies for which people of little means can qualify? The Pioneers' Home was mentioned as one solution. Anyone knows their waiting list would require several years if ever to get you a placement.

Even if people apply through the new public assistance formula, do you have the staff to process the applications quickly? First, it will take some time for them to gather the documentation needed, once they understand what it is you want. Do you plan to include applications in your next check mailing? I suspect as soon as the bill passes they will be forgotten in a quagmire of paperwork.

I have heard from some bonus recipients in recent days. Some rely on the bonus to buy medication, to buy groceries, and to pay for help with chores they are too ill to take care of. They repeatedly tell me that this was suppose to have been settled and now feel you are going back on your word.

Just today, one bonus recipient told me how it use to be before the bonus. "We weren't a normal state. The average age was 25!" People had to relocate to the "Alaska village" in Washington or Oregon where they reminisced about "The Great Land."

Today I see seniors everywhere I go. They serve in many volunteer positions, become foster grandparents in schools, serve as mentors in extended families, and generally raise the level of civilization of our state. Some hold part time jobs that would be difficult to fill otherwise.

Seniors do have money which helps boost our economy, they just don't quite have enough. These days there are 401k's and retirement plans that people can get into. Years ago they did not exist. The Longevity Bonus which allowed them to stay also brought more medical facilities in a state where often there were not enough people to support a physician.

Please consider the real effect of your actions here today. Keep the Longevity Bonus and your promise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris Robbins".

Doris Robbins  
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38 Year Resident



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Anyone spending time in villages or interacting with  
Alaskan Elders knows how critical the longevity bonus  
is. To eliminate it will be devastating to low  
income Elders. If there is a need to trim the  
budget, then perhaps there should be an  
income level cut-off for receipt of the bonus, or  
the opportunity for higher income Elders to decline  
the check. (Then again, eliminating the longevity bonus  
will insure our next Governor will be  
Thank you. a democrat.)

Signed: Grand Juror  
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BILL# or SUBJECT: SB 117 LONGEVITY  
COMMITTEE: (S) FINANCE

I AM A LONG TIME RESIDENT BORN IN  
PETERSBURG IN 1923. FATHER CAME IN  
LATE 1800S MOTHER HAD RESTAURANT IN  
PETERSBURG IN 1910 - BOTH BURIED IN PETERSBURG  
I HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA ALL  
MY LIFE.

I FEEL THE LONGEVITY BONUS  
HELPS SENIORS TO LIVE AND ENJOY  
LONG TIME ALASKA LIVING BECAUSE  
THIS IS HOME. OUR FAMILY LIVES  
IN ALASKA.

IF THE LONGEVITY BONUS IS  
TAKEN AWAY A LOT OF PEOPLE  
WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO THE  
LOWER 48 WHERE LIVING COSTS ARE  
LOW ENOUGH THAT THEIR SAVINGS  
WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR AWHILE.  
MEDICAL EXPENSES OFTEN RUN OVER  
WHAT MEDICARE OR INSURANCE WILL COVER  
LONGEVITY WILL HELP WITH THAT ALSO

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**Mabel Smeltzer**

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**From:** "Mabel Smeltzer" <mmses@kpnet.net>  
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**Subject:** Proposed Substitute Longevity Bill

The first response to your proposed new Longevity Bill is: How much will it cost to institute the new eligibility for this program: (hire more people, reprogram computers, research finances, mailing costs to send out new forms; and all this by July 1, 2003?) This kind of thinking would only escalate the high cost of state government.

The motivation should be for Seniors to stay in and maintain their home so as NOT to have to ask for assistance for as long as they are able. This means they must be able to do this and to receive reasonable medical attention, pay for drugs, pay for heat and electricity and nourishing food as needed. First the ability to drive is lost (we have a borough bus, but it doesn't go into the borough) so mobility is impaired. The dependence on others is starting.

These are Seniors who have saved and survived the downturn, but now are asked to give up what has been promised to them by law.

Ernest and Mabel Smeltzer  
298 Sunset Drive N  
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Hello! My name is Jim Dennis and I reside at 430 Hamilton drive Craig Alaska. There is an editorial in yesterdays Ketchikan paper calling for the longevity bonus program to be turned in to a needs based system. That's great! Whack everyone off that does not meet some definition of poverty and make the rest feel like bums. I have been watching this budget battle with growing disgust for the last several years. Every one wants to cut out the fat in government but the "fat" has turned in to a giant hot potato that every one wants to pass on to some one else. It seems that old people and children are the easiest group to stick with the hot potato.

When I was a child I was told that you were supposed to be nice to old people, children and women, as they were weaker than the rest of us. Now, I know that the last part there is no longer politically correct and if said in the wrong company, is likely to get you beat up, but I thought the first two principals were still valid. Wrong again. I am good at that.

In school I was taught that as citizens we have rights and responsibilities. Among those rights and responsibility it was implied that we have the right to good government and the responsibility to pay for our fair share of it. The free ride is over. It is time to step up and pay our part in this. It is time for a State income tax. I don't see what the bitch is. If you don't have any income then you don't have to pay. If you have income then you have the money to pay. If you don't like paying then pack your bags and leave. That is just what some elderly Alaskans will have to do if you take away the longevity bonus.

The last time I was In Anchorage I saw there were still lot's of fancy houses and car's so I would guess that the old adage of go north and make your fortunes is still alive and well. We auto to use a little of that fortune to pay for a few old people and to educate the children instead of just taking the money and running. Thank you.

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COMMITTEE: (S) FINANCE

THE LONGEVITY PROGRAM SHOULD BE  
PROTECTED AND AVAILABLE FOR LONG  
TIME SENIORS AS IT WAS 1ST  
ESTABLISHED TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR  
RETIREMENT. THAT MONEY WILL BE  
RETURNED INTO THE COMMUNITY BY  
LIVING EXPENSES FOR HIGH COST OF  
LIVING IN ALASKA.

I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF  
ALASKA SINCE 1950; HAVE HOME  
AND FAMILY HERE AND PLAN ON  
LIVING HERE ALL MY LIFE.  
MY HUSBAND WAS BORN IN  
PETERSBURG IN 1923  
MY FAMILY LESTER ELKINS AND  
HELEN FENN HAVE BEEN IN  
ALASKA SINCE EARLY 1920'S AND 1930'S.

MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE ENORMOUS AND  
LONGEVITY MONEY HELPS WITH THAT ADDED  
EXPENSE.



## *Fireweed Place*

Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority

"Housing Designed by Seniors for Seniors"

415 Willoughby Avenue Juneau, Alaska 99801

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April 30, 2003

Co Chairs, Senator Green, Senator Wilken and Senators

My name is Lorilyn Swanson I reside in Juneau and have been the manager of Fireweed Place, an apartment building for seniors for the past 8 years. We have 78 seniors living in the building at this time. Of these 78, 40 receive the Longevity Bonus. The Longevity Bonus is anywhere from 30 to 40% of their income. Many are already on subsidized housing waivers, which are based on the Medium Income Limits for each Borough. As you must be aware the Medium Income Limits were just revised as of 2/20/2003 and under these new limits low low income for a single person in Juneau is \$2,366.66 to qualify for housing and \$2,708 for a couple. In Anchorage it is \$2,145.83 for a single person and \$2,454.16 for a couple. It varies for each community. As you can see these figures are far above the figures that have been set forth in CS to SB 117.

This bill needs to be thought out more carefully before setting income limits as many seniors feel that while they were once wanted in the state they are now being force to apply for welfare and the promise once made to them to get they to stay in the state is now being broken.

Read the McDowell Group report of December 2000. Read the Alaska Trends of 2001 these all support the Longevity bonus for seniors. The Governor has chosen to make two classes of citizens those that receive the bonus and those that don't. Seniors to not look at it this way – it has just been accepted as is.

Please give us a year to work on a program where if the longevity bonus must be reduced that it can be done in a way that will not jeopardize ones living situation as of July 1. AARP, Senior Groups are all willing to work with you on a program – give the seniors the time and allow us to work out a solution to be put in place for next year. Thank you.



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I think this Bill should not be passed. My parents are both in their 70's and although my mother is eligible for Native medical services, my father a Korean war veteran is not and he relies on the longevity bonus for medical insurance. Having poverty level limits on eligibility is unfair to older productive citizens that have contributed a lot to the State of Alaska.

Signed Jeffrey A. Alderson  
Testifier

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RE: \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT     FOR REVIEW     PLEASE COMMENT     PLEASE REPLY     PLEASE RECYCLE

MESSAGE: It would really help if we have a good  
understanding in all the bills their passing. And  
please Dont hesitate to e-mail me. If you  
need any public concerns or surveys done.

*Thank you*  
*Julia*



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Signed Inba Cleveland  
Testifier

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I strongly believe that if the Longevity bonus is take away from our elders they are jeopardizing our Elders. As a Former Healthaide (When you become old like an elder you also become like a child, that needs help with pretty much every thing in life just to survive.

Now days they need all the money coming in for them just to have bills payed, Food on the table, heat to buy stove oil, RENT To pay. medical reasons, EX....

SO please look and think carefully, who really needs this money Our Elders! Needs the money.

Thank you

Signed Mary J Ramoth  
Testifier Mary J Ramoth  
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I object the removal of longevity bonus benefits from our elders. Without this income elders will have a hard time to purchase non-food items such as, laundry soap, gas for subsistence hunting and stove oil to heat their homes.

Living in a place where we don't have access to whole sale, prices are unbelievable high. Just a box of 30 per load laundry soap cost 34<sup>00</sup>

Please, leave the longevity bonus benefits alone. The elders depend on it for non-food items.

*Mary Jayne*



## Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on 'The Longevity Bonus Program, dated April 30, 2003. My Name is Roswell L. Schaeffer, Sr. Mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough.

The Elders Longevity bonus program was changed by the State legislature as an agreed commitment between the two groups to cut the longevity bonus program on a sliding scale in 1994. This was a state contract with the older Alaskans whereby, in 1994 the longevity bonus program was cut to \$67 million dollars and is now down to \$47 million.

In the Northwest Arctic Borough alone we have 185 Elders receiving the longevity bonus for a total of about \$1.7 million dollars a year. The Governor must realize that these Elders in our region for the most part have not held permanent full time jobs to accumulate a retirement fund. They have spent the majority of their lives hunting, fishing and gathering foods for their families without the luxury of a job. Some have held seasonal jobs throughout their lives. It is our generation that will have a retirement to turn to in the future because most of us work.

A large reduction or the elimination of the Longevity Bonus Program will have a very devastating effect on our Elders. For example: A Selawik Elder talked about her fixed income recently. Her longevity bonus and social security checks totaled about \$1,300.00 a month. After paying all her bills she has \$300.00 to live on for the rest of the month. Many of our Elders in this region don't have the luxury of having any retirement because they have been living off subsistence all of their lives and have not worked full time during their lifetimes to build a nest-egg of retirement benefits as do many Americans in the urban areas. Receiving a fixed income for Elders mean that every little bit of income helps and without it they are put into a bind.

The longevity bonus means a lot to our Elders and without that \$250.00 a month they have nowhere to turn. Governor Murkowski, in his infinite wisdom and of course, lack of knowledge about rural people stated on television, "Well, let them apply for welfare." Welfare Reform is a reality. This program is very limited in its cash distribution...only families with dependent children can receive cash and only for a short period of time. The Elders, if they were eligible for welfare could only apply for food stamps. Many are too proud to look at welfare as a means of support. Making this program a welfare program is wrong. It may have adverse effects on many of our proud Elders.

In this region alone, the longevity bonus serves 185 of our Elders, bringing to our region \$46,250.00 per month for a total of about \$1.7 million dollars a year. I reviewed the Elders listed in each village who received the longevity bonus. In the village of Noatak there were 14 Elders receiving the longevity bonus. Of these 14 Elders, none of them ever held a permanent full time job to accumulate retirement benefits. Five of these Elders worked construction or held other seasonal jobs to receive some social security benefits. Our Elders are of the generation who were totally dependant upon hunting, camping, fishing, trapping and for the women, raising a lot of

children. I would venture to say that at least 50% of us 'baby boomers' will be eligible for retirement benefits because we have worked in permanent full time positions to earn these benefits. It has been only in these last 25 years that many of us have seriously looked at permanent full time employment and for the future retirement benefits.

I applaud the House Finance committee for taking the stand on continuing with the longevity bonus. With our yearly Permanent Fund Dividends getting smaller each year I think this is a bad time to eliminate the longevity bonus program. I recommend that the Senate should let the longevity bonus program ride out its term but not as a welfare program.

Signed

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IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE ELIGIBILITY RULES TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THE SYSTEM. NOT EVERYONE NEEDS/DESERVES THIS SORT OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. PEOPLE SHOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES FORTUNATE TO EVEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THIS BONUS MONEY. BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT CAME ALONG, THERE WAS NO ONE TO HELP THE ELDERLY. UNLESS YOU THINK BEING PUT ON A BOAT AND OUT TO SEA TO DIE IS ASSISTANCE.

GOVERNMENT HAND-OUTS ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSONAL FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT.

Signed

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I do not believe the longevity Bonus  
Should be changed in any way. It  
is gradually going out anyway so why  
spend more money to change it now. The time  
and work to change this is not good at  
this time.

Thank you

Signed Dennis Brankney Dennis Brankney  
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is gradually going out anyway so why  
Spend more money to change it now. Other times  
and work to change this is not good at  
this time.

Thank you

Signed Donnis Branham Donnis Branham  
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Senators. Again we must protest your plan to eliminate the Longevity Bonus even with intent to make a welfare program. The proposed eligibility with a monthly income down to poverty level would eliminate most of us - and place many seniors in the situation of relying on family or leaving the state in order to survive. Apparently you people are determined to eliminate the elders from Alaska Society. Why do you refuse to listen to the general public, when again and again, people are saying that the only fair way to eliminate the financial deficit is an income tax; let all people share the burden. You guys don't live in the real world!

Signed Elizabeth & Albert Dennis

Testifier ourselves & others in the same boat

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The Longevity Bonus check represents 12 percent of my personal income.

I have no objection to losing 12 percent of my income, IF every other resident of the state is asked to give up 12 percent of his or her income, starting with the governor and every legislator, every state employee, every employee of the oil companies, and all other working people of the state.

Loss of the L.B. check will force many older residents into poverty level. Many may have to leave the state (reluctantly). The 300 percent increase in the cost of my medications over the past 15 months has already caused me to restrict my extremely modest lifestyle as well as made it impossible for me to continue any level of support of charitable and nonprofit agencies of the city and state.

It is true that the Longevity Bonus is "not fair." It never was. By the same token, LIFE is not fair, and all men (and women) are definitely NOT created equal, in this state and country any more than anywhere else.

Signed

Carol A. Phillips

Testifier

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Committee on Longevity Bonus Pgm., dated April 30, 2003  
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Please do not make it difficult for our senior citizens to receive the Longevity Bonus by treating it as a form of Public Assistance.

I know for a fact that this bonus is very much needed by our senior citizens and is something that all senior citizens are deserving of.

How would you like to have to apply to see if you qualify for your retirement income? Many of our senior citizens have not had the privilege of having a job that would ensure them of a retirement income. Leave the program alone!

Signed Dana Gail McKenzie  
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**DATE: 4-30-03**

**TO: Senate Finance**

**FAX: 465-2107**

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**FROM: Herb & Polly Didrickson**

**MESSAGE:Re: Elimination of the Longevity Bonus**

**They would like you to know that being on a fixed income, they appreciate and depend on their longevity checks. They still have a house payment.**

**Thank you, Herb & Polly Didrickson, Sitka constituents**

My name is Robert Thibodeau. I am the person that strongly objected to the elimination of the Longevity Bonus program. And I wrote a letter and hand-delivered it to every legislator. And now I must object to the "needs based" substitute for pretty much the same reasons. If you are in need of a copy, I will be happy to get a one for you.

What can I say that will give seniors the same consideration and respect as say the oil companies? Why are we, seniors treated so badly? Studies made by various groups such as the McDowell Group clearly show that seniors contribute a lot more economically to the State of Alaska than what they receive from the State and that includes the Longevity Bonus. Are the lucky ones those that leave the State and retire elsewhere? Why are nursing homes and drugs so expensive? Why are we afraid to go to the Doctor's office for fear that we will be burdened with another medical expense? Is Alaska to be the home of the rich retirees that "snowboard" outside every winter. And I might add, what are your plans when you reach the age of retirement? Does Alaska offer the same benefits that other States do?

You are going to receive a lot of testimony from seniors. They are going to plead and appeal to your reason. Not one is happy with the "needs based" arrangement. There will be no discussion. You will have done your duty. I don't think that it will make any difference. You have already made up your mind. But whom are you listening to? Who has your attention? With seniors leaving the State, you will be relieved of a burden. It is a sad day for seniors and for the State of Alaska. Again I am Robert Thibodeau, 81 years young and "bitching". I don't wish any of you to get old and be burdened with aches and pains and worries of old age. The native population had the right idea. Respect for age is one of their ingrained principles. We could learn a lot from them. Oh yes, we die and then it is over.

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Name

Committee on LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM, dated 04-30-03  
Bill/Subject Fax (907) 465 2187

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE LONGEVITY PROGRAM AND ASK TO HAVE IT CONTINUED. ALASKANS, WHO ~~LIVE~~ LIVE HERE - AND MANY WHO CAME HERE - ARE IN NEED OF THE MONTHLY CHECK; THEY COUNT ON IT. THE "LIMIT" SET UP TO RECEIVE IT IS OUTRAGES. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO SET UP THE REVISED PROGRAM SHOULD ~~LEAVE~~ LEAVE UNDER THESE LIMITS AND SEE ON THEMSELVES HOW FAR THEIR MONEY GOES! THEIR CAN BE A DIFFERENT SOLUTION FOR THE BUDGET SHORTFALL.

WHAT ABOUT THE INCOME TAX?! WE HAD IT FOR MANY YEARS!

Signed Therena Q. Lang and Henry P. Lang  
Testifier 4/30/03  
Representing (Optional)

Address 2117 Belair Ave Drive, ANCHORAGE, 99517  
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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee  
Committee Name

Committee on Longevity Bonus, dated April 30, 2003  
Bill/Subject

FAX 907--465-2187

We have previously expressed our opinion regarding the Longevity Bonus Program. Many Seniors have come to depend on it and would be seriously affected by its cancelation. Seniors are declining at an alarming rate. We count 20 friends who have passed away this past year. The program will become less costly and phase out in the near future.

Robert E. Renkert

Mildred W. Renkert

rer:b

Signed

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Address

1225 S St. Anchorage, AK 99501



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance Committee  
Committee Name

Committee on Longevity Bonus, dated 4/30/03  
Bill/Subject

As pioneer Alaskans we respectfully request your consideration of maintaining the Longevity Bonus in its present form.

We believe there should be honor in Government and stand by a promise made to us in the form of the Longevity Bonus and our future time in Alaska.

Having lived in Alaska since 1942 and served in the Army during WWII as an Alaska veteran I speak for many of my associates and friends who also depend on what was given and we are very thankful.

If this Bonus never happened we might have depended on other plans, however the Bonus has been factored in our lives and our future. At age 76 there isn't a whole lot one can do at this point to change one's life.

We are not asking for charity as the new bill is worded; just honor the trust we should have in our representatives to keep your word. Please do not change the present Longevity Bonus as it now stands.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**We are counting on you to do the right thing.**

Sincerely,

Richard and Patricia Garvin

Signed *Richard N. Garvin*  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)  
2822 Knik Avenue, Anchorage AK 99517

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE Comm.  
Committee Name

Committee on LONGEVITY BONUS, dated 4/30/2003  
Bill/Subject

I feel strongly that a requirement to place the Longevity Bonus in the category of "Need" is an insult to the integrity of each senior required to do so.

The bonus was a commitment made by the State of Alaska and should be honored as such.

Signed Robert B. Smith (ROBERT B. SMITH)  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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# Alaska State Legislature

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 Committee Name

Committee on Longevity Bonus Program  
Senate Finance Committee, dated 4-30-03  
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 Bill/Subject

This program was not established as a public assistance program and should not be considered one now. It was a program to benefit seniors for their contributions to the state. It as you know, is already being phased out.

This small group of people should not be singled out for such a reduction in their income. Other state wide measures should be instituted as needed such as a graduated income tax or/and a sales tax.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed Suzanne Stefano  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)  
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## Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Finance \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Name

Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ Longivity Bonus \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_ April 30, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_

I am totally against cutting the Longivity Bonus given to the Elders of Alaska. This money whatever little it may seem, helps all Elders of Alaska. It helps elders in the urban and rural both. Living in the rural is very harsh. Food, stove oil, electricity (to name a few) is RIDICULOUSLY expensive out there. I grew up in the rural community and I know what it is like out there.

Elders in the Urban community use this for Medications, homes, food, warm clothing and such. I also live in an Urban community and understand how much help this would be. A while back I was looking for a liscensed babysitter, I went to interview her. I didn't realize how old she was, until I went to her house. She looked like she had arthritis, her back was bent over and she had a lot of wrinkles. Her house was very old, it had a very musty smell to it. My husband and I left after the interview. As we were driving off my husband said, "no way, "she look like she might collapse any time". Up to this day, I think about her. There may be other babysitter wanna be's like her out there that might depend on this little income they look forward to. Please, don't do this!!!



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Name

Committee on THE LONGEVITY Bonus, dated April 30, 2003  
Bill/Subject

I believe that prior to this date, many senior Alaskans testified that they did not want to see the Longevity Bonus Program eliminated or tampered with. For the third time I must state the same; leave the Longevity Bonus Program alone. Most of us have been paying taxes in this State for 50 + years and the program is due to terminate soon, and eliminate the problem it causes with balancing the budget. Although Governor Murkowski campaigned with a promise of no new taxes, that promise has already been broken, and a statewide income tax is the best way to balance the budget, in the minds of many Alaskans. I've seen too many Bristol Bay fishermen head back to the lower 48 without contributing to our economy in any way and understand the North Slope oil field workers are in much the sameboat. I know of one who lives in Florida and commutes for North Slope big paying jobs. If there must be cutbacks; let's start with them that do not contribute anything to our State.

Signed

Testific: Melvin J. Monson Sr.

Melvin J. Monson Sr.

Thank you,

Representing (Optional)

2245 Forest Park Drive Anchorage AK 99517-1324

Address

279-8867

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Senate Finance Committee

30 April 2003

Re: SB 117: Eliminating Longevity Bonus Program

Gentlemen:

I am opposed to the elimination or modification of the Alaskan Longevity Program at this time.

We are in a serious budget shortfall and at this time there are many attempts being made to increase taxes. Most noteworthy are the sin taxes, alcohol, gasoline, car registration and cigarettes which apply to me and all others in an equitable manner. Each pay as the sin applies.

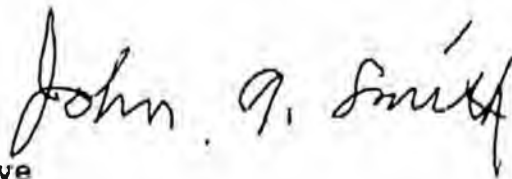
There is the ever present spector of State Sales tax / State Income tax which to me seems inevitable, for one or both. This applies to all in a fair and equitable manner.

As an Alaskan resident since 1954 and at 75 years of age I foresee this deluge of taxes before me and all others, I see the elimination of the Longevity Bonus as a direct assault on me personally since it does not apply equitably to all others.

The Longevity Bonus was rewarded by a Governor and Legislature to recognize productivity to the people who worked in the years 1955-1990 to build industry, commerce and infrastructure leading to the States prosperity in those years. This growth of pulp mills, pipeline and population was appreciated by some of us, including politicians.

If the Longevity Bonus is to be assailed then do it as a single issue during daylight hours and do not confront me with MORE taxes AND the loss of a \$6000 hedge against the rising cost of living and ...  
MORE taxes.

John A. Smith  
Eva J. Smith  
237 Lakeview Drive  
PO Box 1386  
Sitka, Alaska 99835-1386  
(907) 747-8190



PUBLIC TESTIMONY4-30-03TO: SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEEErin Casey  
an old voted  
8480 Jewel Lake  
Auch AK 99502  
243 8530

PLEASE DO NOT REQUIRE VISITS TO  
WELFARE OFFICE! I AM A HOUSEBOND  
 CRIPPLED OLD LADY AND <sup>MUST</sup> KEEP ENOUGH  
 BORROWED MONEY (DEBT) IN CHECKING TO  
 PAY SOMEONE TO MOVE ME IF LANDLORD  
 SUCCEEDS IN THROWING ME OUT SO  
 HE CAN RENOVATE & INCREASE RENT  
 OVER 20% RAISE I ALREADY PAY FROM MY  
 LOW INCOME. I'LL FILL OUT A FORM UNDER PERJURY

PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 200% OF  
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL INCOME  
 SO I CAN KEEP FAIL-SAFE (DEBT) CASH  
 CUSHION ON HAND FOR EMERGENCIES  
 AND DON'T FORCE ME INTO WELFARE  
CASE LOAD I CANT GO TO ITS OFFICE

LEAVE ME WHAT DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE  
 I STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN AS I PAY  
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 AVOID BEING AN OBJECT OF CHARITY



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**DATE: 4-30-03**

**TO: Senate Finance**

**FAX: 465-2187**

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**FROM: Sitka Constituents**

**MESSAGE:Re: Longevity Bonus hearing**

Tarleton F. Smith  
3407 Halibut Point Rd.  
Sitka, AK 99835

April 30, 2003

To : Alaska State Senators.

Subject : Longevity Bonus.

Please permit the Longevity Bonus to continue until it self-terminates, as designed. Every month the cost of the L.B. is shrinking as <sup>we</sup> old-timers pass away.

I have lived in Alaska beginning 13 years before Statehood. The money I get from the L.B. stays in Alaska and helps the State's economy, as well as my own finances.

Yours sincerely,  
Tarleton F. Smith

4-30-03

## The Longevity Bonus

Please Leave the Longevity Bonus as it is. Attrition will phase it out with no harm to anyone.

Shame on the Governor for making designs on the "Widow's mite". He has an astronomical income and makes ten times more money than any senior.

The bonus was promised to help seniors stay in Alaska.

Doris Smith

T. and DORIS SMITH  
3407 Hallbut Point Road  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Ms Anne M Gangle

Box L105 SITKA AK

I am a 73 year old resident  
of Sitka for 40 years.

My monthly income is  
\$1403.00 without the 150.00  
longevity bonus.

I have glaucoma in one eye  
and use drops daily which  
cost almost \$150.00 a month  
without the meds. I will lose  
the sight in the eye.

I live on ~~an~~ Income Based  
rental apt. - Cost \$493.00.

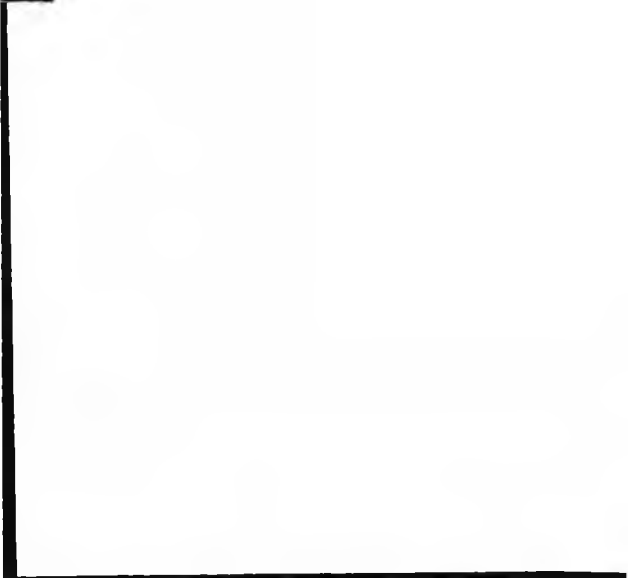
Heat is electric - too expensive  
to use except during the coldest  
days, never at night.  
Food is expensive, even for one  
person.

I buy all my clothes at  
the used clothing store.

Life is not easy, being old  
and wondering what I will  
manage to keep my life together  
if I lose the bonus money.

Thank You A. Gangle

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April 25, 2003

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To: Senate Finance Committee, Senators Green & Senator Wilken, CO-Chair  
FAX: 465 2187

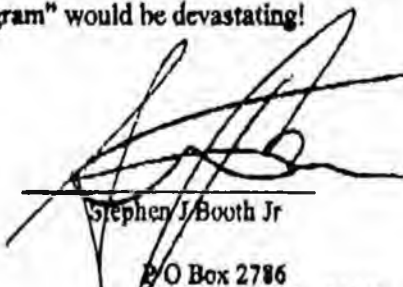
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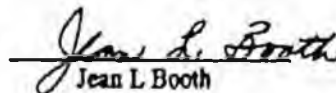
Gentlemen:

As previously communicated the Longevity Bonus represents a good 20 % (percent) of our total income! Please place yourselves in a similar situation and consider the consequence of your pending action.

We urge you to let the *Longevity Bonus Program* die by attrition as currently structured. Please do not end or alter the program and force some (perhaps many) seniors to involuntarily join the "Welfare" ranks. For emergencies we only have the "Equity" in our home and the loss of the "Longevity Bonus Program" would be devastating!

Sincerely,

  
Stephen J. Booth Jr.

  
Jean L. Booth

P.O. Box 2786  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669  
907-262-4790  
FAX: 907-262-2922

CC: Senator Tom Wagoner

TO: HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
STATE CAPITOL, JUNEAU, ALASKA

PLEASE DON'T PUT A SALES TAX ON RENT. IT ALREADY TAKES  
HALF OF MY SMALL FIXED INCOME AND I AM YEARS DOWN ON ANY  
WAITING LIST TO EVEN BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.

PLEASE DON'T TAX THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES I USE TO STAY ALIVE,  
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS THAT CONTROL PAIN AND LOSS OF  
MOBILITY, ESSENTIAL VITAMINS, INCONTINENT SUPPLIES,  
PRESCRIPTIONS, AND FOOD. I'VE LONG GIVEN UP FRILLS LIKE  
COFFEE, JUICE, OR AN OCCASIONAL INEXPENSIVE MEAL OUT.

IT TAKES THE LONGEVITY BONUS PAYMENT IN ADDITION TO MY  
LITTLE SOCIAL SECURITY JUST TO SCRAPE BY--AND I AM NOT  
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YES ON FUNDING LONGEVITY  
LIMITS ON SALES TAX

FOR A SMALL % INCOME TAX  
GRADUATED FOR FAIRNESS

E. M. CASEY, AN OLD VOTER

8480 Jewel Lake Rd  
Anchorage, AK 99502  
tel 243 8530

APRIL 26, 2003

4/29/03

Dear Senate Finance Committee.

I am sending a petition from our assisted living home in Anchorage.

The starred signatures are residents in the assisted living. The others are friends and family members.

There are many, very low income residents here. If the Longevity Bonus is taken, the state, through what's has been called General Relief funds, would have to subsidize their residency. This doesn't make sense.

And please, SB 117 is no answer to this. Please keep the promise for now until we can truly study the impact of taking the LTB away. The poor elderly won't always come forward. We need time to speak with them and make sure we are not causing harm to those who are already poor.

Thank you,  
Sue Samet

**We the undersigned believe that ending the Longevity Bonus will cause many hardships for older Alaskans. We ask that the promise of the Longevity Bonus be kept to those who helped make this a great state. Don't end the Longevity Bonus.**

- | <u>Name</u>                                 | <u>Address</u>   |
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| * 3. <u>Leah M Eddy</u>                     |  |
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| * 8. <u>Margaret L. Thomson</u>             |  |
| * 9. <u>Sue Milton</u>                      |  |
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\* 16. Alexandra Barr

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\* 18. Claudine Hogan

\* 19. Mary Lumberidge

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APRIL 26, 2003

Room 518  
Dear Senator or Representative:

Wilken  
SUBJECT: LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM

(1)

9450 Herbert Pl.  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
789-7516

Please leave this program alone, it is working well. The State of Alaska made a PROMISE to the people who helped get us Statehood, built up Alaska in Territorial days and took pride in doing so. Fourth Avenue was the only paved road in Anchorage, the fishermen trappers and miners ran the Territory they loved. They were all hard working people. When they aged, they wanted to stay in Alaska. The Sitka Pioneer Home, the only one at the time, helped a lot. Others had to leave Alaska due to our high cost of living.

The PROMISE was the Longevity Bonus Program to help these Pioneers stay here. They were the people who had lived and worked here, even though it was hard at times. Governor Murkowski says we can use other available programs to offset the loss of the monthly check. NOT TRUE.

1. Medicare pays less and less. More medical no longer covered. Some needed blood tests not covered, hospital charges \$91.00 for this one alone.
2. Some doctors will not take new Medicare patients.
3. Costs of prescriptions are out of sight. Some people have to decide whether to eat or get needed medicine to help their condition.
4. Meals on Wheels cannot bring a meal to your home if you can drive a short distance or a family member can. Or if you walk your dog in your own yard. I can't get respite for even 2 hours a week for the same reason.
5. The Pioneer Homes have long waiting lists, lots of empty beds due to the lack of help. I also know some people are paying over \$4,000 a month there even though they are not bed ridden. I don't understand this charge. Suppose the Governor closes these Pioneer Homes? At \$4,000 per month, how much of your savings could be left to go elsewhere? I realize the "have nots" stay there, too, but how is the amount charged the "haves" decided? A percentage of the remaining balance in savings?

*Ewer* The Longevity Bonus check has been figured into all our budgets. Each month there are of us to receive these checks because we are a dying breed. I figure the youngest person receiving a check of \$100 per month was 72 years old this year. I was 74 on 12/23/2002, which makes me one of the last people to qualify for \$250.00 per month. I have been in Alaska 55 years. This means a lot of people who receive \$250 are older than I am, but may not have been in Alaska as long due to the program rule of residency was declared to be unconstitutional and opened it up to anyone of a certain age, no matter how recently they had come to Alaska. Lots of people we know brought up Mom & Pop to live here and get the \$250 a month, turned the garage into an apartment. This made the list of those getting checks go out of sight.

Three generations of our family born in Alaska, children, grandchildren and great children. We do own our home. I receive \$250, date of birth 12/23/28, my husband gets \$200 even though he's been here longer, dob 2/22/29, 2 months younger than me. Every penny we spend for anything is spent here. We contribute to local charities, and quietly help individuals needing it, taught remedial reading without salary, helped deaf 13 year old to speak and other personal help to make life better here. That's what the pioneer Alaskans always did, help each other because we cared and not for money.

We need this program to continue as it is, it's working well. As I said in the beginning, leave the program alone, we're dying off and the Governor is wrong, most of us don't qualify for the programs he thinks are there and we don't want charity. Also, if we lose this program I can think of other ways to save money, but then a lot of people wouldn't like it because it would be their money being given up.

I cannot believe the Governor and our Senators and Representative would even consider touching this program. At the same time the Tourist Industry, which is private industry, is again asking for a government FREE subsidy to offset its advertising costs. Tourists have always come to see our different, beautiful State. Let this private industry finally stand on its own. I would think the elderly are more important, remember, we live here.

Thank you for your time, Sincerely

*Marilyn O'Brien*

2.

My husband and I worked hard for Statehood, at our own expense, working with Delegate E. Bob Bartlett. My husband's letter to Congress regarding our Fisheries, was so impressive it became a part of the Congressional Record.

I'm sorry this is so long, but it is a very important to our age group and it seems as though the needy, the handicapped and the elderly are often targets of cutting costs of government down and more funds are asked for and given to businesses which should always stand on their own two feet. I consider this a form of welfare, meaning the business handouts, because it is their problem how they advertise. Saying they are bringing business to Alaska, they are doing this advertising for their business, Alaska itself does not need advertising. They choose to do big time advertising, fine, they can pay for it like the rest of us do. We pay for an ad in the newspapers. The State should not pay for anyone's advertising and these funds are not repaid to us, the people of Alaska. The industry is quick to say how much they do for Alaska, it looks to me like they want to be paid twice, one when they charge the customer and once when they ask the State for money for free.

Sorry if I sound cynical, these two subjects are related. One, the government wants to take away from people who can no longer work except for charitable organizations due to health and age restrictions and continue to give to private industry every single year. If they were a charity that would be different and would be considered however, maybe these people have over extended their business for the all mighty dollar and feel the State owes them something. Not true, as Harry S. Truman said, if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Businesses come and go, I know this to be true, I feel very strongly about this, we should not subsidize tourist industry.

Marg Snapp  
PO Box 6165  
Sitka AK 99835

Senator Gary Wilken  
Room 518  
State Capitol  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

MAY 24 2003

March 19, 2003

Dear Senator Wilken,

I'm writing to express my concern on the proposed cutting of the Longevity Bonus from the proposed budget.

I work in Social Services/Public Assistance for the State of Alaska. I can tell you with authority that often the Longevity Bonus is all that keeps many of our elders from going on Public Assistance - that's "Welfare".

Our elders are dying off each year - the Longevity Bonus budget should be getting smaller each year. The recipients of the Bonus that I encounter are spending their bonus on health and medical issues - prescriptions, insurance, etc. They are close to, but not yet at, the poverty level. The goal is to lower the Welfare roles - this budget cut could easily increase the roles.

I ask to you to oppose this budget cut.

Thank you for representing Alaskans,

  
Marg. Snapp, Voter

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

50 Front St. Suite #203  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901



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## LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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Ketchikan, Alaska 99901  
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 BILL# or SUBJECT: SB 117  
 COMMITTEE: (S)STA

It should not be a surprise  
 that seniors need and use their  
 generosity. They understand hard  
 times, but targeting this group  
 for cuts is not only a hardship  
 but also an insult.

These seniors help support their  
 community by volunteering here,  
 supporting merchants and neighbors.  
 They are also the greatest volunteers  
 in the community and are  
 more than willing to work for  
 the betterment of all.

We urge you to rethink this  
 action which is strongly opposed.



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I Am opposed to doing Away  
with The longjevety SB117

I Am a life long Resident of Alaska  
A WWII Vet.

I Paid State income tax.  
I Cant Rember being up set paying  
State tax. It was simple to pay. I  
Even mad out my own federal & State tax  
papers.

Why dont you want to not have  
a State tax?

Even a state school tax of 100<sup>00</sup>  
7 year. This would include Seasonial  
workers. They work here in The Summer  
& take all their wages & leave.  
The Seiner & who Recive the longjevety  
Spand our Benifits Here & Alaska

*Ernest Smeltzer*

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 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL# or SUBJECT: SB 117  
 COMMITTEE: (S)STA

I AM OPPOSED TO LONGEVITY BONUS  
PROGRAM LOSS. I AM 73<sup>3</sup> YEAR-OLD  
ARRIVING IN KETCHIKAN IN 1936  
BEING EVACUATED FROM ALASKA NOV 1942  
I NOW WONDER IF THIS IS THE START OF LONGEVITY  
PEOPLE LEAVING ALASKA WITH LOSS OF  
THESE FUNDS. IF THIS HAPPENS  
THE PERMANENT FUNDS WILL NO DOUBT  
BE REMOVED. WE DO NEED THIS MONEY  
FOR LOCAL EXPENSES. I HAVE 2  
GRAND CHILDREN IN KETCHIKAN & WANT TO  
REMAIN IN KETCHIKAN.

T HANKS  
Guy H Townsend

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NAME: Don Macmillan, age 72  
 ADDRESS: 615 MAIN ST.  
KETCHIKAN AK

PHONE: 907 225 4348  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL# or SUBJECT: SB 117  
 COMMITTEE: (S) STA

I am ~~the~~ 3rd generation Alaskan.  
Grandparents arrived in AK 1898.  
To live here, the expenses are  
tremendous.

Don't Pass SB 117.

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 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL# or SUBJECT: SB 117  
 COMMITTEE: (S) STA

I strongly oppose taking  
 the Longevity (or Permanent Fund  
 away from us seniors.  
 We came here in 1950 and  
 decided when we 65 & 70 we were  
 going to stay here. Part of that we  
 lived were getting longevity & Perm  
 funds. I get no retirement except  
 the so called. This we felt we could  
 afford to live here.

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**SB**

**119**

**HFIN**

**FILE**



# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 5  
Bill Version: CSSB 119(FIN)  
(S) Publish Date: 5/14/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title "An Act Eliminating the Alaska BRU Alaska Public Offices Commission  
Public Offices Commission..." Component Alaska Public Offices Commission  
Sponsor Sen. Rules Component No. 70  
Requester Sen. Finance

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

Prepared by: Kevin Jardell, Assistant Commissioner  
Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by: Mike Miller, Commissioner  
Agency Department of Administration

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time 5/14/03 11:13 AM  
Date 5/14/2003

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NO/OBJ

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE

TO: CSSB 119

Page 23 Line 20 Delete "AS 39.25.160(a)"

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5/13/03

*Sen. Theriault*

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act authorizing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to issue advisory opinions;  
 2 amending campaign financial disclosure and reporting requirements, campaign  
 3 contribution limits, provisions related to contributions after elections, and provisions  
 4 related to unused campaign contributions; providing for expedited consideration of, and  
 5 modifying procedures for determining, violations of state election campaign laws;  
 6 amending the time period within which to file an administrative complaint of a violation  
 7 of state election campaign laws; amending the definitions of 'express communication'  
 8 and 'political party' for state election campaigns; amending the registration fee for  
 9 lobbyists; providing for increased use of electronic filing for reports to the Alaska Public  
 10 Offices Commission; adding a definition of 'commission' in the regulation of lobbying  
 11 laws; amending the requirements for the reporting of financial interests by public  
 12 officials; adding a definition of 'domestic partner' in the legislative ethics code and in the

1 public official financial disclosure requirements; allowing classified employees to take an  
2 active part in political party management; making conforming amendments; and  
3 providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* Section 1. AS 15.13.030 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 15.13.030. Duties of the commission.** The commission shall

7 (1) develop and provide all forms for the reports and statements  
8 required to be made under this chapter, AS 24.45, and AS 39.50;

9 (2) prepare and publish a manual setting out uniform methods of  
10 bookkeeping and reporting for use by persons required to make reports and statements  
11 under this chapter and otherwise assist candidates, groups, and individuals in  
12 complying with the requirements of this chapter;

13 (3) receive and hold open for public inspection reports and statements  
14 required to be made under this chapter and, upon request, furnish copies at cost to  
15 interested persons;

16 (4) compile and maintain a current list of all filed reports and  
17 statements;

18 (5) prepare a summary of each report filed under AS 15.13.110 and  
19 make copies of this summary available to interested persons at their actual cost;

20 (6) notify, by registered or certified mail, all persons who are  
21 delinquent in filing reports and statements required to be made under this chapter;

22 (7) examine, investigate, and compare all reports, statements, and  
23 actions required by this chapter, AS 24.45, and AS 39.50;

24 (8) prepare and publish a biennial report concerning the activities of  
25 the commission, the effectiveness of this chapter, its enforcement by the attorney  
26 general's office, and recommendations and proposals for change; the commission shall  
27 notify the legislature that the report is available;

28 (9) adopt regulations necessary to implement and clarify the provisions  
29 of AS 24.45, AS 39.50, and this chapter, subject to the provisions of AS 44.62  
30 (Administrative Procedure Act); and

1                   (10) consider a written request for an advisory opinion concerning  
2                   the application of this chapter. AS 24.45. AS 24.60.200 - 24.60.260. or AS 39.50.

3 \* Sec. 2. AS 15.13.040(a) is amended to read:

4                   (a) Except as provided in (g) and (l) of this section, each candidate shall make  
5 a full report, upon a form prescribed by the commission,

6                   (1) listing

7                   (A) the date and amount of all expenditures made by the  
8 candidate;

9                   (B) [,] the total amount of all contributions, including all funds  
10 contributed by the candidate;

11                   (C) [, AND FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF  
12 \$100 IN THE AGGREGATE A YEAR,] the name, address, [PRINCIPAL  
13 OCCUPATION, AND EMPLOYER OF THE CONTRIBUTOR AND THE]  
14 date, and amount contributed by each contributor; and

15                   (D) for contributions in excess of \$250 in the aggregate  
16 during a calendar year, the principal occupation and employer of the  
17 contributor; and

18                   (2) [. THE REPORT SHALL BE] filed in accordance with  
19 AS 15.13.110 and [SHALL BE] certified correct by the candidate or campaign  
20 treasurer.

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 15.13.040(b) is amended to read:

22                   (b) Except as provided in (l) of this section, each [EACH] group shall make  
23 a full report upon a form prescribed by the commission, listing

24                   (1) the name and address of each officer and director;

25                   (2) the aggregate amount of all contributions made to it;

26                   (3) [AND, FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF \$100 IN  
27 THE AGGREGATE A YEAR,] the name, address, [PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION,  
28 AND EMPLOYER OF THE CONTRIBUTOR, AND THE] date, and amount  
29 contributed by each contributor and, for contributions in excess of \$250 in the  
30 aggregate during a calendar year, the principal occupation and employer of the  
31 contributor [; FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "CONTRIBUTOR"

1 MEANS THE TRUE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR SERVICES  
2 BEING CONTRIBUTED]; and

3 (4) [(3)] the date and amount of all contributions made by it and all  
4 expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by it.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 15.13.040(g) is amended to read:

6 (g) The provisions of (a) and (l) of this section do not apply if a candidate

7 (1) indicates, on a form prescribed by the commission, an intent not to  
8 raise and not to expend more than \$5,000 [\$2,500] in seeking election to office,  
9 including both the primary and general elections;

10 (2) accepts contributions totaling not more than \$5,000 [\$2,500] in  
11 seeking election to office, including both the primary and general elections; and

12 (3) makes expenditures totaling not more than \$5,000 [\$2,500] in  
13 seeking election to office, including both the primary and general elections.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 15.13.040(h) is amended to read:

15 (h) The provisions of (d) of this section do not apply to one or more  
16 expenditures made by an individual acting independently of any group or nongroup  
17 entity and independently of any other individual if the expenditures

18 (1) cumulatively do not exceed \$500 [\$250] during a calendar year;  
19 and

20 (2) are made only for billboards, signs, or printed material concerning  
21 a ballot proposition as that term is defined by AS 15.13.065(c).

22 \* Sec. 6. AS 15.13.040(j) is amended to read:

23 (j) Except as provided in (l) of this section, each [EACH] nongroup entity  
24 shall make a full report in accordance with AS 15.13.110 upon a form prescribed by  
25 the commission and certified by the nongroup entity's treasurer, listing

26 (1) the name and address of each officer and director of the nongroup  
27 entity;

28 (2) the aggregate amount of all contributions made to the nongroup  
29 entity for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election;

30 (3) [AND,] for all [SUCH] contributions described in (2) of this  
31 subsection [IN EXCESS OF \$100 IN THE AGGREGATE A YEAR], the name,

1 address, and principal occupation [, AND EMPLOYER] of the contributor, and the  
 2 date and amount contributed by each contributor and, for all contributions described  
 3 in (2) of this subsection in excess of \$250 in the aggregate during a calendar year.  
 4 the employer of the contributor [; FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
 5 "CONTRIBUTOR" MEANS THE TRUE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS, PROPERTY,  
 6 OR SERVICES BEING CONTRIBUTED]; and

7 (4) [(3)] the date and amount of all contributions made by the  
 8 nongroup entity, and, except as provided for certain independent expenditures in  
 9 AS 15.13.135(a), all expenditures made, incurred, or authorized by the nongroup  
 10 entity, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election; a nongroup entity  
 11 shall report contributions made to a different nongroup entity for the purpose of  
 12 influencing the outcome of an election and expenditures made on behalf of a different  
 13 nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election as soon as  
 14 the total contributions and expenditures to that nongroup entity for the purpose of  
 15 influencing the outcome of an election reach \$500 in a year and for all subsequent  
 16 contributions and expenditures to that nongroup entity in a year whenever the total  
 17 contributions and expenditures to that nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing  
 18 the outcome of an election that have not been reported under this paragraph reach  
 19 \$500.

20 \* Sec. 7. AS 15.13.040 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

21 (l) Notwithstanding (a), (b), and (j) of this section, for any fund raising activity  
 22 in which contributions are in amounts or values that do not exceed \$50 a person, the  
 23 candidate, group, or nongroup entity shall report contributions and expenditures and  
 24 supplying of services under this subsection as follows:

25 (1) a report under this subsection must

26 (A) describe the fund raising activity;

27 (B) include the number of persons making contributions and  
 28 the total proceeds from the activity;

29 (C) report all contributions made for the fund raising activity  
 30 that do not exceed \$50 a person in amount or value; if a contribution for the  
 31 fund raising activity exceeds \$50, the contribution shall be reported under (a),

1 (b), and (j) of this section;

2 (2) for purposes of this subsection,

3 (A) "contribution" means a cash donation, a purchase such as  
4 the purchase of a ticket, the purchase of goods or services offered for sale at a  
5 fund raising activity, or a donation of goods or services for the fund raising  
6 activity;

7 (B) "fund raising activity" means an activity, event, or sale of  
8 goods undertaken by a candidate, group, or nongroup entity in which  
9 contributions are \$50 a person or less in amount or value.

10 (m) Upon request of the commission, the information required under this  
11 chapter shall be submitted electronically.

12 (n) For purposes of (b) and (j) of this section, "contributor" means the true  
13 source of the funds, property, or services being contributed.

14 \* Sec. 8. AS 15.13.070(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) An individual may contribute not more than

16 (1) \$1,000 [\$500] per year to a nongroup entity for the purpose of  
17 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual  
18 who conducts a write-in campaign as a candidate, or to a group that is not a political  
19 party;

20 (2) \$10,000 [\$5,000] per year to a political party for the purpose of  
21 influencing the nomination or election of a candidate or candidates.

22 \* Sec. 9. AS 15.13.070(c) is amended to read:

23 (c) A group that is not a political party may contribute not more than [\$1,000  
24 PER YEAR]

25 (1) \$2,000 per year to a candidate, or to an individual who conducts a  
26 write-in campaign as a candidate; [OR]

27 (2) \$2,000 per year to another group or [,] a nongroup entity; or

28 (3) \$4,000 per year [, OR] to a political party.

29 \* Sec. 10. AS 15.13.070(f) is amended to read:

30 (f) A nongroup entity may contribute not more than \$1,000 [\$500] a year to  
31 another [A] nongroup entity for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election

1 of a candidate, to a candidate, to an individual who conducts a write-in campaign as a  
2 candidate, to a group, or to a political party.

3 \* Sec. 11. AS 15.13.072(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) A candidate or an individual who has filed with the commission the  
5 document necessary to permit that individual to incur election-related expenses under  
6 AS 15.13.100 may solicit or accept contributions from an individual who is not a  
7 resident of the state at the time the contribution is made if the amounts contributed by  
8 individuals who are not residents do not exceed

9 (1) \$20,000 a calendar year, if the candidate or individual is seeking  
10 the office of governor or lieutenant governor;

11 (2) \$5,000 a calendar year, if the candidate or individual is seeking  
12 the office of state senator;

13 (3) \$3,000 a calendar year, if the candidate or individual is seeking  
14 the office of state representative or municipal or other office.

15 \* Sec. 12. AS 15.13.074(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) A person or group may not make a contribution

17 (1) to a candidate or an individual who files with the commission the  
18 document necessary to permit that individual to incur certain election-related expenses  
19 as authorized by AS 15.13.100 when the office is to be filled at a general election  
20 before the date that is 18 months before the general election;

21 (2) to a candidate or an individual who files with the commission the  
22 document necessary to permit that individual to incur certain election-related expenses  
23 as authorized by AS 15.13.100 for an office that is to be filled at a special election or  
24 municipal election before the date that is 18 months before the date of the regular  
25 municipal election or that is before the date of the proclamation of the special election  
26 at which the candidate or individual seeks election to public office; or

27 (3) to any candidate later than the 45th day

28 (A) [AFTER THE DATE OF A PRIMARY ELECTION IF  
29 THE CANDIDATE

30 (i) HAS BEEN NOMINATED AT THE PRIMARY  
31 ELECTION OR IS RUNNING AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE; AND

1 (ii) IS NOT OPPOSED AT THE GENERAL  
2 ELECTION;

3 (B)] after the date of the primary election if the candidate was  
4 not nominated at the primary election; or

5 (B) [(C)] after the date of the general election, or after the date  
6 of a municipal or municipal runoff election[, IF THE CANDIDATE WAS  
7 OPPOSED AT THE GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, OR MUNICIPAL RUNOFF  
8 ELECTION].

9 \* Sec. 13. AS 15.13.074(g) is amended to read:

10 (g) An individual required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45 may not  
11 make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature at any time the individual is  
12 subject to the registration requirement under as 24.45 and for one year after the date of  
13 the individual's initial registration or its renewal. However, the individual may make a  
14 contribution under this section to a candidate for the legislature in a district in which  
15 the individual is eligible to vote or will be eligible to vote on the date of the election.  
16 An individual who is subject to the restrictions of this subsection shall report to the  
17 commission, on a form provided by the commission, each contribution made while  
18 required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45. Upon request of the commission,  
19 the information required under this subsection shall be submitted electronically.  
20 This subsection does not apply to a representational lobbyist as defined in regulations  
21 of the commission.

22 \* Sec. 14. AS 15.13.110(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) Each candidate, group, and nongroup entity shall make a full report in  
24 accordance with AS 15.13.040 for the period ending three days before the due date of  
25 the report and beginning on the last day covered by the most recent previous report. If  
26 the report is a first report, it must [SHALL] cover the period from the beginning of the  
27 campaign to the date three days before the due date of the report. If the report is a  
28 report due February 15, it must [SHALL] cover the period beginning on the last day  
29 covered by the most recent previous report or on the day that the campaign started,  
30 whichever is later, and ending on February 1 of that [DECEMBER 31 OF THE  
31 PRIOR] year. The report shall be filed

1 (1) 30 days before the election; however, this report is not required if  
2 the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy is within 30  
3 days of the election;

4 (2) one week before the election;

5 (3) 105 [10] days after a special [THE] election; and

6 (4) February 15 for expenditures made and contributions received that  
7 were not reported previously [DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR], including, if  
8 applicable, all amounts expended from a public office expense term account  
9 established under AS 15.13.116(a)(8) and all amounts expended from a municipal  
10 office account under AS 15.13.116(a)(9), or when expenditures were not made or  
11 contributions were not received during the previous year.

12 \* Sec. 15. AS 15.13.116(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A candidate who, after the date of the general, special, municipal, or  
14 municipal runoff election or after the date the candidate withdraws as a candidate,  
15 whichever comes first, holds unused campaign contributions shall distribute the  
16 amount held on February 1 for a general election or within 90 days after a special  
17 election. The distribution may only be made to

18 (1) pay bills incurred for expenditures reasonably related to the  
19 campaign and the winding up of the affairs of the campaign, including a victory or  
20 thank you party, thank you advertisements, and thank you gifts to campaign  
21 employees and volunteers, and to pay expenditures associated with post-election fund  
22 raising that may be needed to raise funds to pay off campaign debts;

23 (2) make donations, without condition, to

24 (A) a political party;

25 (B) the state's general fund;

26 (C) a municipality of the state; or

27 (D) the federal government;

28 (3) make donations, without condition, to organizations qualified as  
29 charitable organizations under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) if [, PROVIDED] the organization  
30 is not controlled by the candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family;

31 (4) repay loans from the candidate to the candidate's own campaign

1 under AS 15.13.078(b);

2 (5) repay contributions to contributors, but only if repayment of the  
3 contribution is made pro rata in approximate proportion to the contributions made  
4 using one of the following, as the candidate determines:

5 (A) to all contributors;

6 (B) to contributors who have contributed most recently; or

7 (C) to contributors who have made larger contributions;

8 (6) establish a fund for, and from that fund to pay, attorney fees or  
9 costs incurred in the prosecution or defense of an administrative or civil judicial action  
10 that directly concerns a challenge to the victory or defeat of the candidate in the  
11 election;

12 (7) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to an  
13 account for a future election campaign; a transfer under this paragraph is limited to

14 (A) \$50,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for governor  
15 or lieutenant governor;

16 (B) \$10,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state  
17 senate;

18 (C) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for the state  
19 house of representatives; and

20 (D) \$5,000, if the transfer is made by a candidate for an office  
21 not described in (A) - (C) of this paragraph;

22 (8) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a  
23 public office expense term account or to a public office expense term account reserve  
24 in accordance with (d) of this section; a transfer under this paragraph is subject to the  
25 following:

26 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are  
27 elected to the state legislature;

28 (B) the public office expense term account established under  
29 this paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's  
30 serving as a member of the legislature;

31 (C) all amounts expended from the public office expense term

1 account shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); and

2 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$5,000  
3 multiplied by the number of years in the term to which the candidate is elected  
4 plus any accumulated interest; and

5 (9) transfer all or a portion of the unused campaign contributions to a  
6 municipal office account; a transfer under this paragraph is subject to the following:

7 (A) the authority to transfer is limited to candidates who are  
8 elected to municipal office, including a municipal school board;

9 (B) the municipal office account established under this  
10 paragraph may be used only for expenses associated with the candidate's  
11 serving as mayor or as a member of the assembly, city council, or school  
12 board;

13 (C) all amounts expended from the municipal office account  
14 shall be annually accounted for under AS 15.13.110(a)(4); and

15 (D) a transfer under this paragraph is limited to \$5,000.

16 \* Sec. 16. AS 15.13 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 **Sec. 15.13.374. Advisory opinion.** (a) Any person may request an advisory  
18 opinion from the commission concerning this chapter, AS 24.45, AS 24.60.200 -  
19 24.60.260, or AS 39.50.

20 (b) A request for an advisory opinion

21 (1) must be in writing or contained in a message submitted by  
22 electronic mail;

23 (2) must describe a specific transaction or activity that the requesting  
24 person is presently engaged in or intends to undertake in the future;

25 (3) must include a description of all relevant facts, including the  
26 identity of the person requesting the advisory opinion; and

27 (4) may not concern a hypothetical situation or the activity of a third  
28 party.

29 (c) Within seven days after receiving a request satisfying the requirements of  
30 (b) of this section, the executive director of the commission shall recommend a draft  
31 advisory opinion for the commission to consider at its next meeting.

1 (d) The approval of a draft advisory opinion requires the affirmative vote of  
2 four members of the commission. A draft advisory opinion failing to receive four  
3 affirmative votes of the members of the commission is disapproved.

4 (e) A complaint under AS 15.13.380 may not be considered about a person  
5 involved in a transaction or activity that

6 (1) was described in an advisory opinion approved under (d) of this  
7 section;

8 (2) is indistinguishable from the description of an activity that was  
9 approved in an advisory opinion approved under (d) of this section; or

10 (3) was undertaken after the executive director of the commission  
11 recommended a draft advisory opinion under (c) of this section and before the  
12 commission acted on the draft advisory opinion under (d) of this section, if

13 (A) the draft advisory opinion would have approved the  
14 transaction or activity described; and

15 (B) the commission disapproved the draft advisory opinion.

16 (f) Advisory opinion requests and advisory opinions are public records subject  
17 to inspection and copying under AS 40.25.

18 \* Sec. 17. AS 15.13.380 is repealed and reenacted to read:

19 **Sec. 15.13.380. Violations; limitations on actions.** (a) Promptly after the  
20 final date for filing statements and reports under this chapter, the commission shall  
21 notify all persons who have become delinquent in filing them, including contributors  
22 who failed to file a statement in accordance with AS 15.13.040, and shall make  
23 available a list of those delinquent filers for public inspection. The commission shall  
24 also report to the attorney general the names of all candidates in an election whose  
25 campaign treasurers have failed to file the reports required by this chapter.

26 (b) A member of the commission, the commission's executive director, or a  
27 person who believes a violation of this chapter or a regulation adopted under this  
28 chapter has occurred or is occurring may file an administrative complaint with the  
29 commission within one year after the date of the alleged violation. If a member of the  
30 commission has filed the complaint, that member may not participate as a  
31 commissioner in any proceeding of the commission with respect to the complaint.

1 The commission may consider a complaint on an expedited basis or a regular basis.

2 (c) The complainant or the respondent to the complaint may request in writing  
3 that the commission expedite consideration of the complaint. A request for expedited  
4 consideration must be accompanied by evidence to support expedited consideration  
5 and be served on the opposing party. The commission shall grant or deny the request  
6 within two days after receiving it. In deciding whether to expedite consideration, the  
7 commission shall consider such factors as whether the alleged violation, if not  
8 immediately restrained, could materially affect the outcome of an election or other  
9 impending event; whether the alleged violation could cause irreparable harm that  
10 penalties could not adequately remedy; and whether there is reasonable cause to  
11 believe that a violation has occurred or will occur. Notwithstanding the absence of a  
12 request to expedite consideration, the commission may independently expedite  
13 consideration of the complaint if the commission finds that the standards for expedited  
14 consideration set out in this subsection have been met.

15 (d) If the commission expedites consideration, the commission shall hold a  
16 hearing on the complaint within two days after granting expedited consideration. Not  
17 later than one day after affording the respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard,  
18 the commission shall

19 (1) enter an emergency order requiring the violation to be ceased or to  
20 be remedied and assess civil penalties under AS 15.13.390 if the commission finds  
21 that the respondent has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice that  
22 constitutes or will constitute a violation of this chapter or a regulation adopted under  
23 this chapter;

24 (2) enter an emergency order dismissing the complaint if the  
25 commission finds that the respondent has not or is not about to engage in an act or  
26 practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this chapter or a regulation  
27 adopted under this chapter; or

28 (3) remand the complaint to the executive director of the commission  
29 for consideration by the commission on a regular rather than an expedited basis.

30 (e) If the commission accepts the complaint for consideration on a regular  
31 rather than an expedited basis, the commission shall notify the respondent within

1 seven days after receiving the complaint and shall investigate the complaint. The  
2 respondent may answer the complaint by filing a written response with the  
3 commission within 15 days after the commission notifies the respondent of the  
4 complaint. The commission may grant the respondent additional time to respond to  
5 the complaint only for good cause. The commission shall hold a hearing on the  
6 complaint not later than 45 days after the respondent's written response is due. Not  
7 later than 10 days after the hearing, the commission shall issue its order. If the  
8 commission finds that the respondent has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or  
9 practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this chapter or a regulation  
10 adopted under this chapter, the commission shall enter an order requiring the violation  
11 to be ceased or to be remedied and shall assess civil penalties under AS 15.13.390.

12 (f) If the complaint involves a challenge to the constitutionality of a statute or  
13 regulation, necessary witnesses that are not subject to the commission's subpoena  
14 authority, or other issues outside the commission's authority, the commission may  
15 request the attorney general to file a complaint in superior court alleging a violation of  
16 this chapter. The commission may request the attorney general to file a complaint in  
17 superior court to remedy the violation of a commission order.

18 (g) A commission order under (d) or (e) of this section may be appealed to the  
19 superior court by either the complainant or respondent within 30 days in accordance  
20 with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure.

21 (h) If the commission does not complete action on an administrative complaint  
22 within 90 days after the complaint was filed, the complainant may file a complaint in  
23 superior court alleging a violation of this chapter by a respondent as described in the  
24 administrative complaint filed with the commission. The complainant shall provide  
25 copies of the complaint filed in the superior court to the commission and the attorney  
26 general. This subsection does not create a private cause of action against the  
27 commission; against the commission's members, officers, or employees; or against the  
28 state.

29 (i) If a person who was a successful candidate or the campaign treasurer or  
30 deputy campaign treasurer of a person who was a successful candidate is convicted of  
31 a violation of this chapter, after the candidate is sworn into office, proceedings shall be

1 held and appropriate action taken in accordance with

2 (1) art. II, sec. 12, of the state constitution, if the successful candidate  
3 is a member of the state legislature;

4 (2) art. II, sec. 20, of the state constitution, if the successful candidate  
5 is governor or lieutenant governor;

6 (3) the provisions of the call for the constitutional convention, if the  
7 successful candidate is a constitutional convention delegate;

8 (4) art. IV, sec. 10, of the state constitution, if the successful candidate  
9 is a judge.

10 (j) Information developed by the commission under (b) - (e) of this section  
11 shall be considered during a proceeding under (i) of this section.

12 (k) If, after a successful candidate is sworn into office, the successful  
13 candidate or the campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer of the person who  
14 was a successful candidate is charged with a violation of this chapter, the case shall be  
15 promptly tried and accorded a preferred position for purposes of argument and  
16 decision so as to ensure a speedy disposition of the matter.

17 \* Sec. 18. AS 15.13.400(7) is repealed and reenacted to read:

18 (7) "express communication" means a communication that, when read  
19 as a whole and with limited reference to outside events, is susceptible of no other  
20 reasonable interpretation but as an exhortation to vote for or against a specific  
21 candidate;

22 \* Sec. 19. AS 15.13.400(15) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (15) "political party" means any group that is a political party under  
24 AS 15.60.010 and any subordinate unit of that group if, consistent with the rules or  
25 bylaws of the political party, the unit conducts or supports campaign operations in a  
26 municipality, neighborhood, house district, or precinct;

27 \* Sec. 20. AS 24.45.041(b) is amended to read:

28 (7) the identification of a legislator, legislative employee, or public  
29 official to whom the lobbyist is married or who is the domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
30 EQUIVALENT] of the lobbyist; in this paragraph, "domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
31 EQUIVALENT]" has the meaning given in AS 39.50.200(a).

1 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 24.45.041(g) is amended to read:

2 (g) An application for registration as a lobbyist under (a) of this section or for  
3 renewal of a registration under (f) of this section is subject to a fee of \$250 [\$100].  
4 The commission may not accept an application for registration or renew a registration  
5 until the fee is paid. This subsection does not apply to a volunteer lobbyist under  
6 AS 24.45.161 or a representational lobbyist under regulations of the commission.

7 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 24.45.041 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (h) Upon request of the commission, information required under this section  
9 shall be submitted electronically.

10 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 24.45.051 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 24.45.051. Reports.** Each lobbyist registered under AS 24.45.041 shall  
12 file with the commission a report concerning the lobbyist's activities during each  
13 reporting period prescribed in AS 24.45.081, so long as the lobbyist continues to  
14 engage in lobbying activities. The report shall be made on a form prescribed by the  
15 commission and filed in accordance with AS 24.45.071 and 24.45.081. Upon request  
16 of the commission, information required under this section shall be submitted  
17 electronically. The report also must include any changes in the information required  
18 to be supplied under AS 24.45.041(b) and the following information for the reporting  
19 period, as applicable:

20 (1) the source of income, as defined in AS 39.50.200(a) and the  
21 monetary value of all payments, including but not limited to salary, fees, and  
22 reimbursement of expenses, received in consideration for or directly or indirectly in  
23 support of or in connection with influencing legislative or administrative action, and  
24 the full name and complete address of each person from whom amounts or things of  
25 value have been received and the total monetary value received from each person:

26 (2) the aggregate amount of disbursements or expenditures made or  
27 incurred during the period in support of or in connection with influencing legislative  
28 or administrative action by the lobbyist, or on behalf of the lobbyist by the lobbyist's  
29 employer in the following categories:

30 (A) food and beverages;

31 (B) living accommodations;

1 (C) travel;

2 (3) the date and nature of any gift exceeding \$100 in value made to a  
3 public official and the full name and official position of that person;

4 (4) the name and official position of each public official, and the name  
5 of each member of the immediate family of any of these officials, with whom the  
6 lobbyist has engaged in an exchange of money, goods, services, or anything of more  
7 than \$100 in value and the nature and date of each of these exchanges and the  
8 monetary values exchanged;

9 (5) the name and address of any business entity in which the lobbyist  
10 knows or has reason to know that a public official is a proprietor, partner, director,  
11 officer or manager, or has a controlling interest, and whom the lobbyist has engaged in  
12 an exchange of money, goods, services, or anything of value and the nature and date  
13 of each exchange and the monetary value exchanged if the total value of these  
14 exchanges is \$100 or more in a calendar year; and

15 (6) a notice of termination if the lobbyist has ceased the lobbying  
16 activity that required registration under this chapter and if this report constitutes the  
17 final report of the lobbyist's activities.

18 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 24.45.061 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (c) Upon request of the commission, information required under this section  
20 shall be submitted electronically.

21 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 24.45.116 is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 24.45.116. Disclosure of contributions.** A civic league or organization  
23 shall report the total amount of contributions received for the reporting period and, for  
24 any contribution over \$100, the name of the contributor and the amount contributed.  
25 The civic league or organization may establish a separate fund to account for receipts  
26 and expenditures arising out of activities to influence legislative action. Reports shall  
27 be made on a form provided by the commission on February 10, April 25, and July 10  
28 of each year, listing contributions received during the period that ended 10 days  
29 earlier. Upon request of the commission, information required under this section  
30 shall be submitted electronically.

31 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 24.45.171 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

1 (13) "commission" means the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

2 \* Sec. 27. AS 24.60.070(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) When making a disclosure under (a) of this section concerning a  
4 relationship with a lobbyist to whom the legislator or legislative employee is married  
5 or who is the legislator's or legislative employee's domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
6 EQUIVALENT], the legislator or legislative employee shall also disclose the name  
7 and address of each employer of the lobbyist and the total monetary value received by  
8 the lobbyist from the lobbyist's employer. The legislator or legislative employee shall  
9 report changes in the employer of the spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
10 EQUIVALENT] within 48 hours after the change. In this subsection, "employer of the  
11 lobbyist" means the person from whom the lobbyist received amounts or things of  
12 value for engaging in lobbying on behalf of the person.

13 \* Sec. 28. AS 24.60.080(k) is amended to read:

14 (k) In this section, "immediate family" or "family member" means

- 15 (1) the spouse of the person;
- 16 (2) the person's domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT].
- 17 (3) a child, including a stepchild and an adoptive child, of the person  
18 or of the person's domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT],
- 19 (4) a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the person;
- 20 (5) a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the person's spouse  
21 or the person's domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT]; and
- 22 (6) a stepparent, stepsister, stepbrother, step-grandparent, step-aunt, or  
23 step-uncle of the person, the person's spouse, or the person's domestic partner  
24 [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT].

25 \* Sec. 29. AS 24.60.090(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) An individual who is related to a member of the legislature may not be  
27 employed for compensation (1) during the legislative session in the house in which the  
28 legislator is a member, (2) by an agency of the legislature established under AS 24.20,  
29 (3) in either house during the interim between sessions, or (4), whether for  
30 compensation or not, by the committee. An individual who is related to a legislative  
31 employee may not be employed in a position over which the employee has supervisory

1 authority. In this subsection, "an individual who is related to" means a member of the  
2 legislator's or legislative employee's immediate family or a person who is a legislator's  
3 or legislative employee's domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT] living  
4 together in a conjugal relationship not a legal marriage with the legislator or legislative  
5 employee, and "interim between sessions" means the period beginning on the eighth  
6 day after the legislature adjourns from a regular session, and ending eight days before  
7 the date that the legislature shall convene under AS 24.05.090.

8 \* Sec. 30. AS 24.60.200 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 24.60.200. Financial disclosure by legislators, public members of the**  
10 **committee, and legislative directors.** A legislator, a public member of the  
11 committee, and a legislative director shall file a disclosure statement, under oath and  
12 on penalty of perjury, with the Alaska Public Offices Commission giving the  
13 following information about the income received by the discloser, the discloser's  
14 spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], the discloser's dependent  
15 children, and the discloser's nondependent children who are living with the discloser:

16 (1) the information that a public official is required to report under  
17 AS 39.50.030, other than information about gifts;

18 (2) as to income in excess of \$5,000 [\$1,000] received as  
19 compensation for personal services, the name and address of the source of the income,  
20 and a statement describing the nature of the services performed; if the source of  
21 income is known or reasonably should be known to have a substantial interest in  
22 legislative, administrative, or political action and the recipient of the income is a  
23 legislator or a legislative director, the amount of income received from the source shall  
24 be disclosed;

25 (3) as to each loan or loan guarantee over \$1,000 from a source with a  
26 substantial interest in legislative, administrative, or political action, the name and  
27 address of the person making the loan or guarantee, the amount of the loan, the terms  
28 and conditions under which the loan or guarantee was given, the amount outstanding  
29 at the time of filing, and whether or not a written loan agreement exists.

30 \* Sec. 31. AS 24.60.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31 (b) Upon request of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, the information

1 required under AS 24.60.200 - 24.60.260 shall be submitted electronically.

2 \* Sec. 32. AS 24.60.990(a)(5) is amended to read:

3 (5) "immediate family" means

4 (A) the spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
5 EQUIVALENT] of the person; or

6 (B) a parent, child, including a stepchild and an adoptive child,  
7 and sibling of a person if the parent, child, or sibling resides with the person, is  
8 financially dependent on the person, or shares a substantial financial interest  
9 with the person;

10 \* Sec. 33. AS 24.60.990(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (17) "domestic partner" means a person who is cohabiting with another  
12 person in a relationship that is like a marriage but that is not a legal marriage.

13 \* Sec. 34. AS 39.50.030(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Each [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN (g) OF THIS SECTION, EACH]  
15 statement filed by a public official or candidate under this chapter must include the  
16 following:

17 (1) the source of all income over \$5,000 [\$1,000] during the preceding  
18 calendar year, including taxable and nontaxable capital gains, received by the person,  
19 the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or the person's  
20 dependent child, except that a source of income that is a gift must be included if the  
21 value of the gift exceeds \$250;

22 (2) the identity, by name and address, of each business in which the  
23 person, the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or the  
24 person's dependent child has an interest or was a stockholder, owner, officer,  
25 director, partner, proprietor, or employee during the preceding calendar year, except  
26 that an interest of less than \$5,000 in the stock of a publicly traded corporation  
27 need not be included;

28 (3) [THE IDENTITY AND NATURE OF EACH INTEREST  
29 OWNED IN ANY BUSINESS DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR  
30 BY THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S SPOUSE OR SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT, OR  
31 THE PERSON'S CHILD;

1 (4) the identity and nature of each interest in real property, including  
2 an option to buy, owned at any time during the preceding calendar year by the person,  
3 the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or the person's  
4 dependent child;

5 (4) [(5)] the identity of each trust or other fiduciary relation in which  
6 the person, the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or  
7 the person's dependent child held a beneficial interest exceeding \$5,000 [\$1,000]  
8 during the preceding calendar year, a description and identification of the property  
9 contained in each trust or relation, and the nature and extent of the beneficial interest  
10 in it;

11 (5) [(6)] any loan or loan guarantee of more than \$5,000 [\$1,000] made  
12 to the person, the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT],  
13 or the person's dependent child, and the identity of the maker of the loan or loan  
14 guarantor and the identity of each creditor to whom the person, the person's spouse or  
15 domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or the person's dependent child  
16 owed more than \$5,000 [\$1,000]; this paragraph requires disclosure of a loan, loan  
17 guarantee, or indebtedness only if the loan or guarantee was made, or the indebtedness  
18 incurred, during the preceding calendar year, or if the amount still owing on the loan,  
19 loan guarantee, or indebtedness was more than \$5,000 [\$1,000] at any time during the  
20 preceding calendar year;

21 (6) [(7)] a list of all contracts and offers to contract with the state or an  
22 instrumentality of the state during the preceding calendar year held, bid, or offered by  
23 the person, the person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or  
24 the person's dependent child, a partnership or professional corporation of which the  
25 person is a member, or a corporation in which the person or the person's spouse,  
26 domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or dependent children, or a  
27 combination of them, hold a controlling interest; and

28 (7) [(8)] a list of all mineral, timber, oil, or any other natural resource  
29 lease held, or lease offer made, during the preceding calendar year by the person, the  
30 person's spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], or the person's  
31 dependent child, a partnership or professional corporation of which the person is a

1 member, or a corporation in which the person or the person's spouse or domestic  
2 partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT] or dependent children, or a combination of  
3 them, holds a controlling interest.

4 \* Sec. 35. AS 39.50.030(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) When making a disclosure under (d) of this section concerning a  
6 relationship with a lobbyist to whom the public official is married or who is the public  
7 official's domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT], the public official shall also  
8 disclose the name and address of each employer of the lobbyist and the total monetary  
9 value received from the lobbyist's employer. The public official shall report changes  
10 in the employers of the spouse or domestic partner [SPOUSAL EQUIVALENT]  
11 within 48 hours after the change. In this subsection, "employer of the lobbyist" means  
12 the person from whom the lobbyist received money, or goods or services having a  
13 monetary value, for engaging in lobbying on behalf of the person.

14 \* Sec. 36. AS 39.50.050(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The Alaska Public Offices Commission created under AS 15.13.020(a)  
16 shall administer the provisions of this chapter. The commission shall prepare and  
17 keep available for distribution [,] standardized forms on which the reports required by  
18 this chapter shall be filed. Upon request of the commission, the information  
19 required under this chapter shall be submitted electronically.

20 \* Sec. 37. AS 39.50.090(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) A public official may not use the official position or office for the primary  
22 purpose of obtaining personal financial gain or financial gain for a spouse, dependent  
23 child, mother, father, or business with which the official is associated or in which the  
24 official owns stock. A public official other than an elected or appointed municipal  
25 official may not use the official's position or office for the primary purpose of  
26 obtaining financial gain for the official's domestic partner [SPOUSAL  
27 EQUIVALENT].

28 \* Sec. 38. AS 39.50.090(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) A person may not offer or pay to a public official, and a public official  
30 may not solicit or receive money for legislative advice or assistance, or for advice or  
31 assistance given in the course of the official's public employment or relating to the