

AK LEGISLATURE FINANCE COMMITTEES FILES 2007-2008 3319

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Unalakleet	710	\$75,000	\$ 30,721.70	\$105,721.70	0.02%	\$26.07	\$105,695.63	\$ 16,259	\$105,695.63	\$ 16,259	\$121,954.63	0.11%
Koyuk	350	\$75,000	\$ 15,144.50	\$90,144.50	0.00%	\$0.00	\$90,144.50	\$ 30,863.00	\$121,007.50	\$ -	\$121,007.50	0.11%
McGrath	347	\$75,000	\$ 15,014.69	\$90,014.69	0.00%	\$0.00	\$90,014.69	\$ 30,598.46	\$120,613.15	\$ -	\$120,613.15	0.11%
Russian Mission	329	\$75,000	\$ 14,235.83	\$89,235.83	0.00%	\$0.00	\$89,235.83	\$ 29,011.22	\$118,247.05	\$ -	\$118,247.05	0.11%
Brevig Mission	327	\$75,000	\$ 14,149.29	\$89,149.29	0.00%	\$0.00	\$89,149.29	\$ 28,834.86	\$117,984.15	\$ -	\$117,984.15	0.11%
Nulato	310	\$75,000	\$ 13,413.70	\$88,413.70	0.00%	\$0.00	\$88,413.70	\$ 27,335.80	\$115,749.50	\$ -	\$115,749.50	0.10%
Anaktuvuk Pass	308	\$75,000	\$ 13,327.16	\$88,327.16	0.00%	\$0.00	\$88,327.16	\$ 27,159.44	\$115,486.60	\$ -	\$115,486.60	0.10%
Elim	302	\$75,000	\$ 13,067.54	\$88,067.54	0.00%	\$0.00	\$88,067.54	\$ 26,630.36	\$114,697.90	\$ -	\$114,697.90	0.10%
Fek	291	\$75,000	\$ 12,591.57	\$87,591.57	0.00%	\$0.00	\$87,591.57	\$ 25,660.38	\$113,251.95	\$ -	\$113,251.95	0.10%
Kachemak	457	\$75,000	\$ 19,774.39	\$94,774.39	0.03%	\$24.46	\$94,749.93		\$94,749.93	\$ 17,018	\$111,767.93	0.10%
Seldovia	287	\$75,000	\$ 12,418.49	\$87,418.49	0.00%	\$0.00	\$87,418.49	\$ 25,307.66	\$112,726.15	\$ -	\$112,726.15	0.10%
Ambler	283	\$75,000	\$ 12,245.41	\$87,245.41	0.00%	\$0.00	\$87,245.41	\$ 24,954.94	\$112,200.35	\$ -	\$112,200.35	0.10%
Tanana	281	\$75,000	\$ 12,158.87	\$87,158.87	0.00%	\$0.00	\$87,158.87	\$ 24,778.58	\$111,937.45	\$ -	\$111,937.45	0.10%
Anderson	280	\$75,000	\$ 12,115.60	\$87,115.60	0.00%	\$0.00	\$87,115.60	\$ 24,690.40	\$111,806.00	\$ -	\$111,806.00	0.10%
Kaktovik	276	\$75,000	\$ 11,942.52	\$86,942.52	0.00%	\$0.00	\$86,942.52	\$ 24,337.68	\$111,280.20	\$ -	\$111,280.20	0.10%
Upper Kalskag	276	\$75,000	\$ 11,942.52	\$86,942.52	0.00%	\$0.00	\$86,942.52	\$ 24,337.68	\$111,280.20	\$ -	\$111,280.20	0.10%
Huslia	265	\$75,000	\$ 11,466.55	\$86,466.55	0.03%	\$29.15	\$86,437.40		\$86,437.40	\$ 22,230	\$108,667.40	0.10%
Teller	263	\$75,000	\$ 11,380.01	\$86,380.01	0.00%	\$0.00	\$86,380.01	\$ 23,191.34	\$109,571.35	\$ -	\$109,571.35	0.10%
Shungnak	259	\$75,000	\$ 11,206.93	\$86,206.93	0.00%	\$0.00	\$86,206.93	\$ 22,838.62	\$109,045.55	\$ -	\$109,045.55	0.10%
Lower Kalskag	252	\$75,000	\$ 10,904.04	\$85,904.04	0.00%	\$0.00	\$85,904.04	\$ 22,221.36	\$108,125.40	\$ -	\$108,125.40	0.10%
Aleknagik	241	\$75,000	\$ 10,428.07	\$85,428.07	0.00%	\$0.00	\$85,428.07	\$ 21,251.38	\$106,679.45	\$ -	\$106,679.45	0.10%
Goodnews Bay	238	\$75,000	\$ 10,298.26	\$85,298.26	0.00%	\$0.00	\$85,298.26	\$ 20,986.84	\$106,285.10	\$ -	\$106,285.10	0.10%
Nightmute	234	\$75,000	\$ 10,125.18	\$85,125.18	0.00%	\$0.00	\$85,125.18	\$ 20,634.12	\$105,759.30	\$ -	\$105,759.30	0.10%
Atkasuk	227	\$75,000	\$ 9,822.29	\$84,822.29	0.00%	\$0.00	\$84,822.29	\$ 20,016.86	\$104,839.15	\$ -	\$104,839.15	0.09%
Kaltag	227	\$75,000	\$ 9,822.29	\$84,822.29	0.00%	\$0.00	\$84,822.29	\$ 20,016.86	\$104,839.15	\$ -	\$104,839.15	0.09%
Shaktolik	224	\$75,000	\$ 9,692.48	\$84,692.48	0.00%	\$0.00	\$84,692.48	\$ 19,752.32	\$104,444.80	\$ -	\$104,444.80	0.09%
White Mountain	224	\$75,000	\$ 9,692.48	\$84,692.48	0.00%	\$0.00	\$84,692.48	\$ 19,752.32	\$104,444.80	\$ -	\$104,444.80	0.09%
Port Lions	220	\$75,000	\$ 9,519.40	\$84,519.40	0.00%	\$0.00	\$84,519.40	\$ 19,399.60	\$103,919.00	\$ -	\$103,919.00	0.09%
Holy Cross	205	\$75,000	\$ 8,870.35	\$83,870.35	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,870.35	\$ 18,076.90	\$101,947.25	\$ -	\$101,947.25	0.09%
Toksook Bay	596	\$75,000	\$ 25,788.92	\$100,788.92	0.00%	\$0.00	\$100,788.92		\$100,788.92		\$100,788.92	0.09%
Nunam Iqua	204	\$75,000	\$ 8,827.08	\$83,827.08	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,827.08	\$ 17,988.72	\$101,815.80	\$ -	\$101,815.80	0.09%
Nondalton	203	\$75,000	\$ 8,783.81	\$83,783.81	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,783.81	\$ 17,900.54	\$101,684.35	\$ -	\$101,684.35	0.09%
Old Harbor	200	\$75,000	\$ 8,654.00	\$83,654.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,654.00	\$ 17,636.00	\$101,290.00	\$ -	\$101,290.00	0.09%
Pelican	115	\$75,000	\$ 4,976.05	\$79,976.05	0.03%	\$24.12	\$79,951.93		\$79,951.93	\$ 19,884	\$99,835.93	0.09%
Mekoryuk	192	\$75,000	\$ 8,307.84	\$83,307.84	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,307.84	\$ 16,930.56	\$100,238.40	\$ -	\$100,238.40	0.09%
Oazinkie	191	\$75,000	\$ 8,264.57	\$83,264.57	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,264.57	\$ 16,842.38	\$100,106.95	\$ -	\$100,106.95	0.09%
Thorne Bay	486	\$75,000	\$ 21,029.22	\$96,029.22	0.00%	\$0.00	\$96,029.22	\$ 42,855.48	\$138,884.70	\$ 3,072	\$141,956.70	0.13%
Whittier	188	\$75,000	\$ 8,134.76	\$83,134.76	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,134.76	\$ 16,577.84	\$99,712.60	\$ -	\$99,712.60	0.09%
Ruby	185	\$75,000	\$ 8,004.95	\$83,004.95	0.00%	\$0.00	\$83,004.95	\$ 16,313.30	\$99,318.25	\$ -	\$99,318.25	0.09%
Newhalen	180	\$75,000	\$ 7,788.60	\$82,788.60	0.00%	\$0.00	\$82,788.60	\$ 15,872.40	\$98,661.00	\$ -	\$98,661.00	0.09%
Grayling	171	\$75,000	\$ 7,399.17	\$82,399.17	0.00%	\$0.00	\$82,399.17	\$ 15,078.78	\$97,477.95	\$ -	\$97,477.95	0.09%
Adak	167	\$75,000	\$ 7,226.09	\$82,226.09	0.00%	\$0.00	\$82,226.09	\$ 14,726.06	\$96,952.15	\$ -	\$96,952.15	0.09%
Coffman Cove	156	\$75,000	\$ 6,750.12	\$81,750.12	0.00%	\$0.00	\$81,750.12	\$ 13,756.08	\$95,506.20	\$ -	\$95,506.20	0.09%
Wales	151	\$75,000	\$ 6,533.77	\$81,533.77	0.00%	\$0.00	\$81,533.77	\$ 13,315.18	\$94,848.95	\$ -	\$94,848.95	0.09%
Golovin	150	\$75,000	\$ 6,490.50	\$81,490.50	0.00%	\$0.00	\$81,490.50	\$ 13,227.00	\$94,717.50	\$ -	\$94,717.50	0.09%
Deering	139	\$75,000	\$ 6,014.53	\$81,014.53	0.00%	\$0.00	\$81,014.53	\$ 12,257.02	\$93,271.55	\$ -	\$93,271.55	0.08%
Eagle	137	\$75,000	\$ 5,927.99	\$80,927.99	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,927.99	\$ 12,080.66	\$93,008.65	\$ -	\$93,008.65	0.08%

Diomede	132	\$75,000	\$ 5,711.64	\$80,711.64	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,711.64	\$ 11,639.76	\$92,351.40	\$ -	\$92,351.40	0.08%
Kobuk	130	\$75,000	\$ 5,625.10	\$80,625.10	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,625.10	\$ 11,463.40	\$92,088.50	\$ -	\$92,088.50	0.08%
Shageluk	129	\$75,000	\$ 5,581.83	\$80,581.83	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,581.83	\$ 11,375.22	\$91,957.05	\$ -	\$91,957.05	0.08%
Saint George	128	\$75,000	\$ 5,538.56	\$80,538.56	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,538.56	\$ 11,287.04	\$91,825.60	\$ -	\$91,825.60	0.08%
Atka	90	\$75,000	\$ 3,894.30	\$78,894.30	0.02%	\$14.30	\$78,880.00		\$78,880.00	\$ 11,955	\$90,835.00	0.08%
Ekwok	118	\$75,000	\$ 5,105.86	\$80,105.86	0.00%	\$0.00	\$80,105.86	\$ 10,405.24	\$90,511.10	\$ -	\$90,511.10	0.08%
Nikolai	109	\$75,000	\$ 4,716.43	\$79,716.43	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,716.43	\$ 9,611.62	\$89,328.05	\$ -	\$89,328.05	0.08%
Anvik	99	\$75,000	\$ 4,283.73	\$79,283.73	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,283.73	\$ 8,729.82	\$88,013.55	\$ -	\$88,013.55	0.08%
Tenakee Springs	98	\$75,000	\$ 4,240.46	\$79,240.46	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,240.46	\$ 8,641.64	\$87,882.10	\$ -	\$87,882.10	0.08%
Koyukuk	97	\$75,000	\$ 4,197.19	\$79,197.19	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,197.19	\$ 8,553.46	\$87,750.65	\$ -	\$87,750.65	0.08%
Larsen Bay	97	\$75,000	\$ 4,197.19	\$79,197.19	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,197.19	\$ 8,553.46	\$87,750.65	\$ -	\$87,750.65	0.08%
Chignik	95	\$75,000	\$ 4,110.65	\$79,110.65	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,110.65	\$ 8,377.10	\$87,487.75	\$ -	\$87,487.75	0.08%
Chuathbaluk	95	\$75,000	\$ 4,110.65	\$79,110.65	0.00%	\$0.00	\$79,110.65	\$ 8,377.10	\$87,487.75	\$ -	\$87,487.75	0.08%
Cold Bay	89	\$75,000	\$ 3,851.03	\$78,851.03	0.00%	\$0.00	\$78,851.03	\$ 7,848.02	\$86,699.05	\$ -	\$86,699.05	0.08%
Port Heiden	89	\$75,000	\$ 3,851.03	\$78,851.03	0.00%	\$0.00	\$78,851.03	\$ 7,848.02	\$86,699.05	\$ -	\$86,699.05	0.08%
Allakaket	87	\$75,000	\$ 3,764.49	\$78,764.49	0.00%	\$0.00	\$78,764.49	\$ 7,671.66	\$86,436.15	\$ -	\$86,436.15	0.08%
Port Alexander	75	\$75,000	\$ 3,245.25	\$78,245.25	0.00%	\$0.00	\$78,245.25	\$ 6,613.50	\$84,858.75	\$ -	\$84,858.75	0.08%
Pilot Point	73	\$75,000	\$ 3,158.71	\$78,158.71	0.00%	\$0.00	\$78,158.71	\$ 6,437.14	\$84,595.85	\$ -	\$84,595.85	0.08%
Hughes	69	\$75,000	\$ 2,985.63	\$77,985.63	0.00%	\$0.00	\$77,985.63	\$ 6,084.42	\$84,070.05	\$ -	\$84,070.05	0.08%
Clark's Point	65	\$75,000	\$ 2,812.55	\$77,812.55	0.00%	\$0.00	\$77,812.55	\$ 5,731.70	\$83,544.25	\$ -	\$83,544.25	0.08%
False Pass	63	\$75,000	\$ 2,726.01	\$77,726.01	0.00%	\$0.00	\$77,726.01	\$ 5,555.34	\$83,281.35	\$ -	\$83,281.35	0.07%
Egegik	81	\$75,000	\$ 3,504.87	\$78,504.87	0.01%	\$5.14	\$78,499.73		\$78,499.73	\$ 4,321	\$82,820.73	0.07%
Kasaan	61	\$75,000	\$ 2,639.47	\$77,639.47	0.00%	\$0.00	\$77,639.47	\$ 5,378.98	\$83,018.45	\$ -	\$83,018.45	0.07%
Akhiok	41	\$75,000	\$ 1,774.07	\$76,774.07	0.00%	\$0.00	\$76,774.07	\$ 3,615.38	\$80,389.45	\$ -	\$80,389.45	0.07%
Platinum	38	\$75,000	\$ 1,644.26	\$76,644.26	0.00%	\$0.00	\$76,644.26	\$ 3,350.84	\$79,995.10	\$ -	\$79,995.10	0.07%
Kupreanof	37	\$75,000	\$ 1,600.99	\$76,600.99	0.00%	\$0.00	\$76,600.99	\$ 3,262.66	\$79,363.65	\$ -	\$79,363.65	0.07%
Bettles	31	\$75,000	\$ 1,341.37	\$76,341.37	0.00%	\$0.00	\$76,341.37	\$ 2,733.58	\$79,074.95	\$ -	\$79,074.95	0.07%
<b>Municipal Totals</b>	<b>704,768</b>	<b>\$15,025,000</b>	<b>\$ 30,495,311.36</b>	<b>\$45,520,311.36</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$5,601,073.42</b>	<b>\$39,919,237.94</b>	<b>\$ 5,717,326.66</b>	<b>\$45,636,564.60</b>	<b>\$ 65,937,506</b>	<b>\$111,574,070.60</b>	
Total funds available		<b>48,100,000</b>										
Basic local support (D)	<b>\$15,025,000</b>											
<b>Unincorporated Totals</b>	<b>\$2,579,461</b>											
		<b>\$17,604,461</b>										
		<b>\$30,495,539</b>	Total available for per capita	<b>\$ 43.27</b>								
									<b>\$ 45,379,185.79</b>			
									<b>\$2,579,461</b>			
									<b>\$ 47,958,646.56</b>			
total pop under 22	63,517	\$88.18	per capita of \$5.359.1 million redistribution									

Population of communities under 22%PERS adjustment \$ 63,517.00



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May 4, 2007

Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senate Finance  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Hoffman,

First of all, the Alaska Municipal League wishes to thank you for your efforts and work with regards to this bill. We truly appreciate your willingness to listen and respond to municipalities across the state.

The Alaska Municipal League wholeheartedly supports SB72. These funds are sorely needed to help smaller communities provide basic services to their residents; and for larger communities to provide much-needed tax relief. Escalating fuel prices, retirement costs, insurance rates and shipping needs have played havoc with the budgets of most of Alaska's municipalities.

Again, we thank you for your work with regards to this area of concern. We feel that a partnership between the State of Alaska and Alaska's communities can truly result in a better place for us all to live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathie Wasserman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kathie Wasserman  
Executive Director  
Alaska Municipal League



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May 3, 2007

Senator Burt Stedman, Co-chair.  
Senate Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
VIA FACSIMILE: 907-465-3922

Re: SB 72

As a small first class city (287 pop.), we provide fire, ems, police protection, water, sewer, and road maintenance, both within the city limits and outlying areas. The city also maintains a building that houses a library and clinic with a resident doctor and part time dentist. This building is provided at no charge as a service to the community; which could not attract medical providers otherwise. We have a boat storage, small boat harbor, and city dock that we operate as well.

We depend upon state aid to support the essential services to the residents of the Seldovia community; which already has one of the highest mil rate and sales tax rate in the state.

We desperately need revenue sharing to continue to provide necessary services to our citizens. Without revenue sharing we are faced with further cuts to necessary services. We believe it is the responsibility of the state to share revenues from our natural resources with the communities of Alaska.

Sincerely;

Richard Wyland, Mayor

**SB**

**75**

**SFIN**

**FILE**

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/7/07

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 02/15/07  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 2/21/07

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 75

SB 75 EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

"An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS SB 75 (STA)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

<b>SENATE BILL:</b>	
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<b>HOUSE BILL:</b>	
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

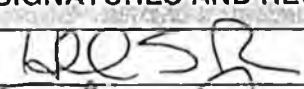
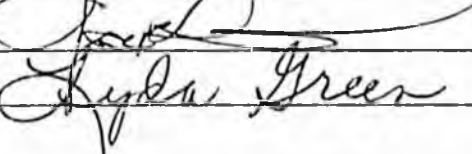
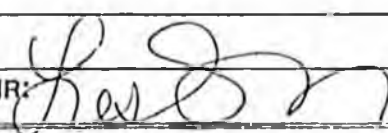
PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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 Intervent.

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DPS	02/14	✓			1
DPS	02/14	✓			2

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	French	X			
	Green			X	
CHAIR: 	McBride	✓			

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: CSSB 75(STA)  
(S) Publish Date: 2/21/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title: "An act extending the Council on Domestic Violence.. RDU Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Component: Batters Intervention Program  
Sponsor: Senator Elton  
Requester: Senate State Affairs Component No. 2241

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</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	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
1005 A Receipts						
1171 PFD Crim						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This bill extends the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to June 30, 2011.

Prepared by: Chris Ashenbrenner, Interim Program Administrator  
Division: Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Approved by: Commissioner Walt Monegan  
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Phone 465-5504  
Date/Time 2/14/2007 4:00PM  
Date 2/14/2007

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSSB 75(STA)  
(S) Publish Date: 2/21/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title "An act extending the Council on Domestic Violence.. RDU Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Component CDVSA  
Sponsor Senator Elton  
Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. 521

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2
Travel	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5
Contractual	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2
Supplies	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3
Equipment	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</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	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8
1007 I/A Receipts	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7
1171 PFD Crim	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>	<b>10,627.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	8	8	8	8	8	8
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This bill extends the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to June 30, 2011.

Prepared by: Chris Ashenbrenner, Interim Program Administrator  
Division: Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Approved by: Commissioner Walt Monegan  
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Phone 465-5504  
Date/Time 2/14/07 4:00PM  
Date 2/14/2007



SENATOR KIM ELTON

**SB 75 – Sunset Extension for  
The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

**Sponsor Statement**

SB 75 extends the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), which is due to expire June 2007. Housed within The Department of Public Safety, CDVSA plays a vital role in communities across the state, providing “planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs”.

CDVSA is focused upon addressing the high rate of domestic violence and sexual assault in the state. Alaska has the highest rate of domestic violence and sexual abuse in the nation, with over 32,000 separate incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault reported in communities across Alaska between 2000 and 2004. During FY 2005, Alaska shelters provided services to 8,793 clients, with 381,729 individual services provided in categories such as childcare, clothing and food, crisis intervention, counseling and personal support, legal advocacy, safety checks, shelter/safe house, and transportation.

SB 75 is a necessary step toward addressing the continued threat of domestic violence and sexual assault, and an important part of increasing the safety and well being of children and families across Alaska. Extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault will provide continued program planning and coordination of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who could otherwise lose access to the services they desperately need.

## Senate STATE AFFAIRS Minute

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Feb 20, 2007

### SB 75-EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SENATOR KIM ELTON, Alaska State Legislature, said SB 75 extends the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is due to expire in June. Between 2000 and 2004 there were over 32,000 incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault reported across Alaska. Extending the council will provide continued program planning and coordination of victim services. He noted that Legislative Budget and Audit supports the extension, and it has been endorsed by the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Juneau Police Department, Standing Together Against Rape, Sitkans against Family Violence, Abuse! Women, Women's Aid in Crises, Kenai LeeShore Center, Tundra Women's Clinic, Unalaskans against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, and the Alaska Women's Lobby.

9:45:34 AM

SENATOR GREEN said there have been many conversations about the network and the council including "a certain amount of questions." She said the extension is too long, and she has talked to people about having study groups gather information. There is some concern, she said. She asked to extend the council to 2011 instead of 2014.

SENATOR ELTON said he has been part of those conversations, and he agrees that there needs to be more. He said that everybody sees the need for the council and a need to continue discussions on how the council does business and who sits on the council. He advocates a rural designee, for example. The conversations can be done within the context of the extension, he stated. Alaska's House of Representatives bill extends the council to 2011. He doesn't have a strong opinion on the time period.

SENATOR GREEN said the task force to be formed would begin its work immediately. It would have a plan in place regarding "where the people come from and who's contributing to it and what is the role of whom, so there is a little more assurance that everyone is in agreement." She moved Amendment 1:

Page 1, line 6:  
Delete "2014"  
Insert "2011"

Hearing no objections, Amendment 1 passed.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said she has visited the Alaska Women's Resource Center in Anchorage, and she said, "In our community, Covenant House, certainly for young women, is a place that will often be a refuge for those who are seeking help in a domestic violence situation at a young age. Stepping Stones-to get in you've got to have been in a domestic violence situation and have a child. Then you have AWAKE, and so forth." She asked how this agency helps bring those groups together and facilitates help.

SENATOR ELTON said the council works with federal and state money and the process is semi-protected from decisions that are made by elected officials. The decisions are made by professionals. The council has members from the executive branch and from service providers. He said others can answer the question about delivery of services to the other groups.

9:51:27 AM

CHRIS ASHENBRENNER, Interim Program Administrator, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said the council uses communication to coordinate the multiple services and agencies. The council funds the 20 victim service agencies around the state with a two-year funding cycle. The council funds training and participates with its sister agency-the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is the advocacy agency for many of the victim service programs as well as other programs that may not be members of the network. She said the council coordinates trainings and venues for discussions on domestic violence and sexual assault.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked about administrative overhead. When she goes onsite, it is always a tough day seeing people in a tough life, and the resources are never enough. She noted that people in Stepping Stones are trying to get back on their feet, get a job, and get their children in day care.

MS. ASHENBRENNER said overhead is about ten percent, which includes the council administrative offices that do auditing and the council itself, which has quarterly meetings. She said 76 percent of the funding goes directly to victim service programs.

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MS. ASHENBRENNER said she would be happy to participate in a report. She urged movement of the bill so the council can do its work instead of figuring out how to dismantle.

9:55:45 AM

WALT MONEGAN, Commissioner Designee, Alaska Department of Public Safety, said police officers responding to domestic violence or sexual assault only work on a problem to a certain point, and that is not enough. Organizations such as the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault are necessary to help people "get the rest of the way." He strongly supports the bill.

9:57:43 AM

SENATOR FRENCH moved SB 75, as amended, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, CSSB 75(STA) passed from committee.

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/21/07**  
**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Harris, Samuels, Roses, Hawker, Meyer, Kelly, Seaton, Johnson, Lynn, Gatto, Gardner, Neuman, Edgmon, Chenault, Dahlstrom, LeDoux, Crawford, Gruenberg, Doogan, Doll, Wilson, Olson, Nelson, Joule, Holmes, Buch, Thomas, Kohring, Coghill, Kawasaki, Foster, Gara, Kerttula, Guttenberg, Cissna, Stoltze**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing**  
2    **for an effective date."**

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

4        **\* Section 1. AS 44.66.010(a)(5) is amended to read:**

5                                (5) Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (AS 18.66.010)

6                                - June 30, 2014 [2006];

7        **\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).**

November 23, 2005

Members of the Legislative Budget  
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

November 23, 2005  
Audit Control Number  
12-20039-06

This audit was conducted as required by AS 44.66.050 and under the authority of AS 24.20.271(1). Alaska Statute 44.66.050(c) lists criteria to be used to assess the demonstrated public need for a given board, commission, agency, or program subject to the sunset review process. Currently under AS 44.66.010(a)(5), the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2006. The Council would have one year from that date to conclude operations.

In our opinion, the termination date for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault should be extended. The Council serves a public need and is operating in the public's interest. We recommend that the legislature extend the Council's termination date to June 30, 2014.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and discussion presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology.

Pat Davidson, CPA  
Legislative Auditor

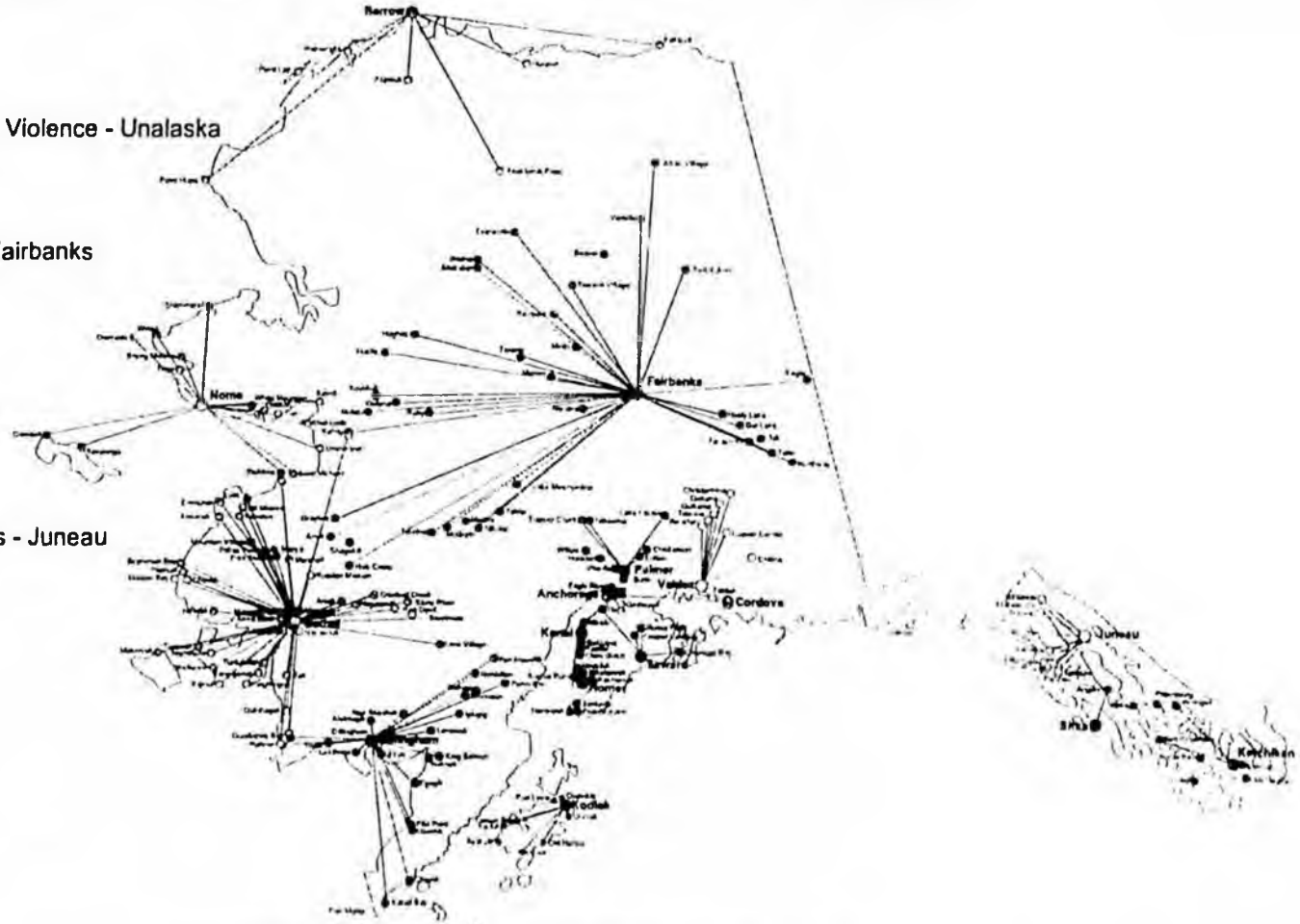
# CDVSA Funded Service Provider Catchment Areas Fiscal Year 2006

## Shelter Service Providers

- Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow
- Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
- Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
- Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
- Seaview Community Services - Seward
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
- Alaska Family Services - Palmer
- Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
- Safe and Fear-Free Environment - Dillingham
- The LeeShore Center - Kenai
- Women In Safe Homes - Ketchikan
- Abused Women's Aid In Crisis - Anchorage
- Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
- Sitkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
- South Peninsula Women's Services - Homer

## Other Victim Services Providers

- ★ Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
- Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
- Victims For Justice - Anchorage



Alaska State Troopers Fire Prevention Statewide Services Admin Services

Public Safety

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# State of Alaska

Department of Public Safety

## Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Sarah Palin, Governor  
Walt Monagan, Commissioner

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### Council on Domestic Violence and Domestic Assault (CDVSA) Fact Sheet - 2007

#### *Purpose:*

- Plan and coordinate services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and their families
- Provide crisis intervention and prevention programs
- Coordinate intervention services for perpetrators of domestic violence

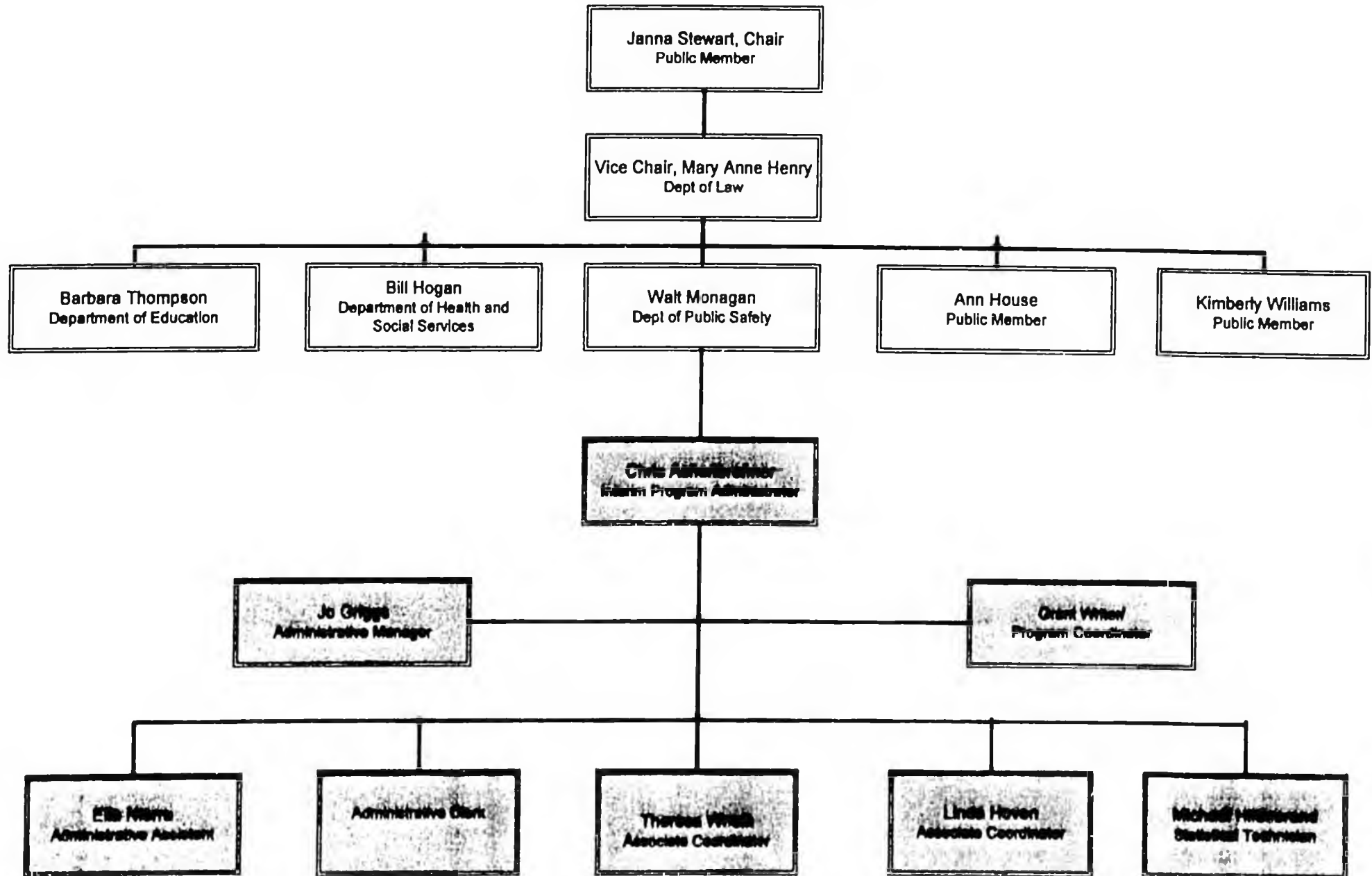
#### *Goals:*

- Provide statewide leadership and coordination in addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and meet the needs of victims of violent crimes
- Meet the needs of victims of violent crimes
- Manage the State and Federal funds to programs that provide services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes

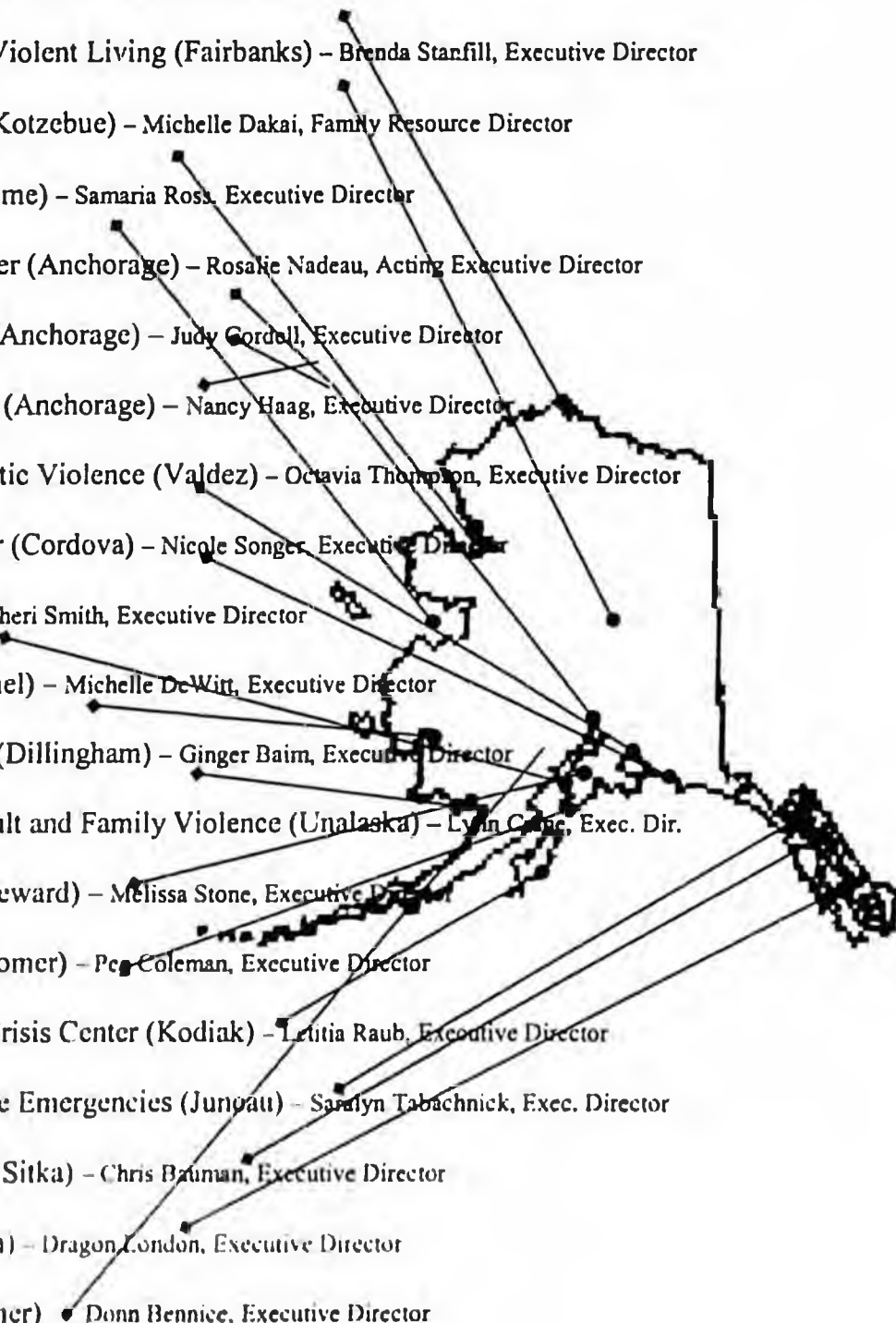
#### *Activities:*

- Coordinate services with the Departments of Law, Education, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, and other state and community groups dealing with our identified population
- Request, receive and disperse funds from the State of Alaska and the federal government for domestic violence and sexual assault programs
- Gather data on domestic violence, sexual assault and crisis intervention and prevention
- Fund and audit 20 funded victim service programs in 18 Alaska communities  
100 individuals served in 2006 (25% children - 75% adults)  
Crisis lines provided statewide - 24/7
- Administer the state certified Batterer Intervention Programs - 6 funded of the 11 certified
- Coordinate and fund training on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault to government agencies, law enforcement, community agencies and the public
- Conduct public meetings on a quarterly basis and participate in public forums on a regular basis

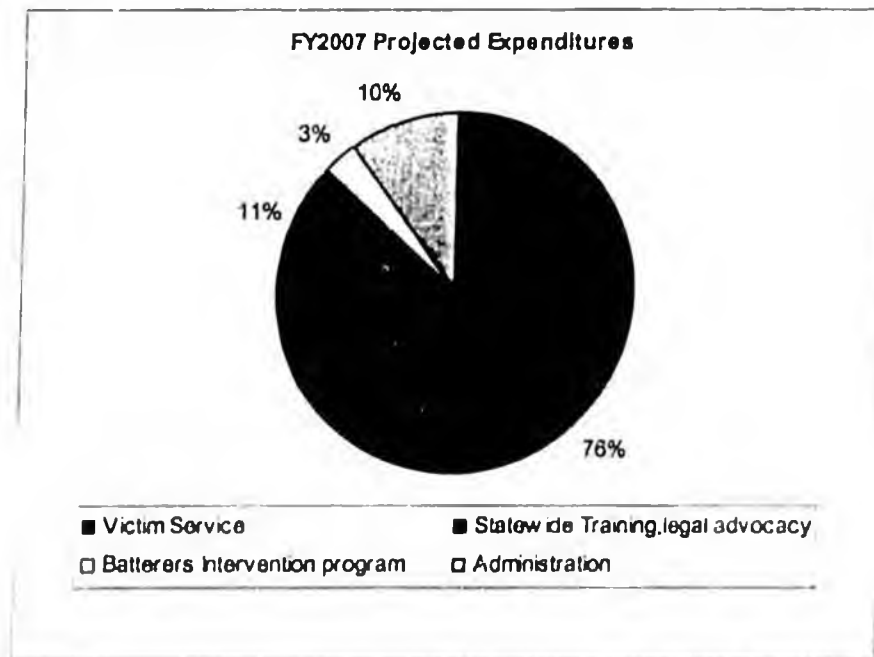
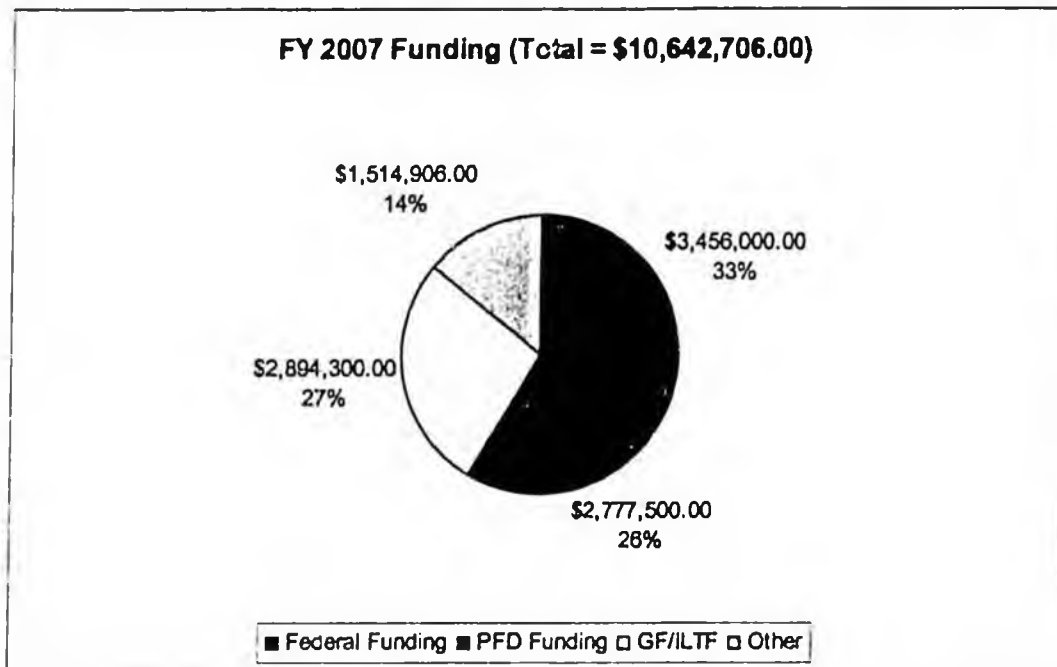
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ALASKA COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
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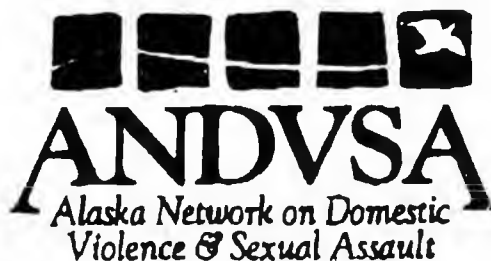
## Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim Service Programs Funded in FY2007

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**Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
FY2007 Funding & Expenditures Snapshot**



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February 7, 2007

The Honorable Senator Kim Elton  
State Capitol Bldg. Room 506  
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Senator Elton,

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) is a statewide coalition of 19 member shelter and community based programs that provide direct services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We would like to thank you for introducing Senate Bill 75, "An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)". ANDVSA strongly supports the extension of CDVSA in the Department of Public Safety. The "Council" and the "Network" have a long history of working together. Over the last twenty-seven years, we have seen tremendous change in the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of Alaskans around the issue of domestic and sexual violence. We have worked together to coordinate services to victims of domestic and sexual violence; to provide trainings, conference workshops and tribal forums to law enforcement, judicial and medical professionals, tribal organizations, public health professionals and community members. We've collaborated on grants, projects, policies, legislation and systems change. We have a tremendous amount of work ahead of us, and CDVSA is an invaluable partner.

Sincerely,

Peggy Brown  
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Ashenbrenner  
Executive Director, CDVSA  
Janna Stewart  
Chair, CDVSA

**Member Programs**

Anchorage AWAIC, AWRC, STAR Barrow AWIC Bethel TWC Cordova CFRC Dillingham SAFE  
Fairbanks IAC Homer SPHH Juneau AWARE Kenai LeeShore Center Ketchikan WISH Kodiak KWRCC  
Kotzebue MFCC Nome BSWG Seward SCS Sitka SAFV Unalaska USAFV Valdez AVV

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GREG BROWNING  
CHIEF OF POLICE*Alaska's Capital City*BUSINESS (907) 586-0600  
FAX (907) 463-4808**Senator Kim Elton  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182**

Dear Senator Elton,

I am sure that you know that Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault continue to be two of the most difficult and prevalent problems Alaska's law enforcement officers deal with on a daily basis.


In Juneau, and towns across Alaska, we unfortunately have a much higher rate of reported sexual assault than do most communities in the rest of the United States. Meanwhile, domestic violence continues to take a tremendous toll on Alaska's families.

The Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual assault was created to combat these sometimes interrelated issues. It was a good idea. Here in Juneau, the AWARE shelter, partially funded by the council, has performed a critical service for our community's victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The need for such programs and the council has not diminished. I urge you to support legislation to extend the existence of the CDVSA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Browning  
Chief of Police



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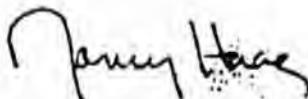
Dear Senator Elton,

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) is a community based agency which has provided sexual assault advocacy services to victims of sexual assault and their families in the greater Anchorage area for thirty years (30). STAR also provides individual legal advocacy services as well as community education and rural outreach programming. STAR is a member of the statewide coalition, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA). STAR relies on the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to maintain necessary funding levels to meet the growing needs in our community.

The CDVSA is an important and vital link to the voices of Alaskans regarding the impact that sexual assault and domestic violence has in our communities. Through our relationship with CDVSA, STAR has been able to strengthen services to victims of sexual assault, increase community awareness, and build stronger relationships with area providers.

On behalf of STAR and the community of Anchorage we thank you for introducing Senate Bill 75, an Act that would extend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, thus allowing the good work of the Council to continue to serve communities in Alaska.

Respectfully,



Nancy Haag  
Executive Director

# SITKANS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

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February 7, 2007

Senator Elton  
Alaska Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Elton:

Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) has been working with the Council for more than 20 years. The Council not only provides over half of our funding, they are also at the forefront of State issues around domestic violence and sexual assault. We have teamed up with them on training, federal grant applications, and strategic planning. SAFV also utilizes Council staff for technical assistance. I urge you to support their extension. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Bauman  
Executive Director





To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for Senate Bill No. 75.

AWAIC has provided domestic violence services in Anchorage for the past thirty years and 65% of operations are currently financed via federal, state and local grants. AWAIC's main grant is awarded by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA). We are therefore in full support of Senate Bill No. 75 as written.

If I can be of further assistance regarding consideration of this bill please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Cordell".

Judy Cordell, M.S., L.P.A.  
Executive Director, AWAIC, Inc.

Cc: Senator Elton  
ANDVSA





## *The LeeShore Center*

*Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Support for the Central Peninsula's Families*

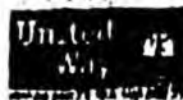
Senator Kim Elton  
State Capitol, Room 506  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Elton,

Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The LeeShore Center has been providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for over 20 years. The Council is our agency's main funding source; it's vital they continue to exist.

Sincerely,

Cheri Smith  
Executive Director  
The LeeShore Center



# TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Michelle DeWitt  
Executive Director  
Tundra Women's Coalition  
February 7, 2007

Senator Elton  
State Capitol, Rm. 506  
Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Elton:

Tundra Women's Coalition supports the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. TWC has received funding from the CDVSA for more than 20 years. Council funds are critical in providing victim safety for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. TWC has also coordinated with CDVSA staff and contractors on a number of educational projects; most recently, a tribal-state forum to discuss violence held last year in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle DeWitt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle DeWitt

**FAX**

**TO:** Senator Kim Elton, State Capital, Juneau, Alaska  
907-465-2108.

**FROM:** Rosie Glorso, Board Member, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault  
and Family Violence  
907-581-4181

**RE:** **Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the CDVSA**

Dear Senator:

Please support the bill extending the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I am a board member for USAFV, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. CDVSA has made a huge and positive difference here in Unalaska. CDVSA is very much needed throughout all of Alaska, and I ask that you please support its continued existence.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Rosie Glorso  
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## ALASKA'S WOMEN'S LOBBY

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Children and Families in Alaska

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### Support for SB 75, CDVSA Extension February 2007

The Alaska Women's Lobby is a statewide citizens group dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights of women and families. **We support extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.** Unfortunately, Alaska continues to nationally rank in the top five for both of these crimes and we need a Council to coordinate the state's response to them.

Providing formal time and space to allow the Departments of Public Safety, Law, Health and Social Services and Education to work together with the public to develop resources, protocols and procedures to be implemented in reducing domestic violence and sexual assault is essential in a state with our geographic and communications challenges.

The Council also serves as the primary state funding mechanism for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and for rehabilitative services to batterers. Coordinating training, providing monitoring to ensure consistency in offered services and working together with the public to develop and implement strategies to increase victim safety are critical components of the Council's work.

Thank you for your prompt action in hearing HB 120. Please support the passage of this bill from committee and vote yes when it reaches the Floor.



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February 8, 2007

Senator Kim Elton  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We cannot begin to state the positive effects of the CDVSA in assisting us in working toward a healthy community.

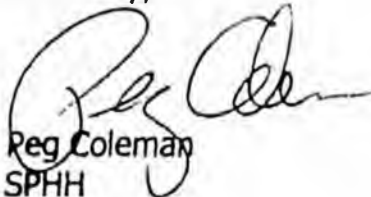
We believe providing a healthy home for children is a great benefit not only for each individual child but also for the community as a whole.

Because of the assistance of the CDVSA, we have been able to focus on reducing the incidence of domestic violence, thereby providing a safe and healthy environment for our children in the community.

The importance of the continued support of the CDVSA council cannot be overstated in order to continue our assistance for healthy and happy families.

Thank you for your efforts and we extend our sincere appreciation in all you are doing for us.

Sincerely,



Reg Coleman  
SPHH

# STATE OF ALASKA

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February 12, 2007

The Honorable Senator Kim Elton  
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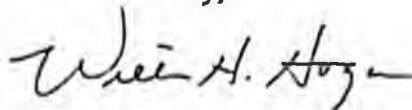
Dear Senator Elton:

As the member of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault representing Alaska's Department of Health & Social Services, I wholeheartedly endorse your introduction of extension legislation which continues the work of the Council and its community-based crisis intervention and prevention programs.

One of the most important aspects of our department's mission is to work collaboratively with our many partners to ameliorate the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on Alaskan families. Our behavioral health, public health, juvenile justice and children's services programs all seek to reduce the causes of this significant social problem.

Thank you for this important piece of legislation. The department is supportive of your efforts. Please inform me of any assistance we might be able to provide. I can be contacted at 465-1610.

Sincerely,



William H. Hogan  
Deputy Commissioner



The Honorable Senator Kim Elton  
State Capitol Bldg., Room 506  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Elton,

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) is a community based agency which has provided sexual assault advocacy services to victims of sexual assault and their families in the greater Anchorage area for thirty years (30). STAR also provides individual legal advocacy services as well as community education and rural outreach programming. STAR is a member of the statewide coalition, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA). STAR relies on the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to maintain necessary funding levels to meet the growing needs in our community.

The CDVSA is an important and vital link to the voices of Alaskans regarding the impact that sexual assault and domestic violence has in our communities. Through our relationship with CDVSA, STAR has been able to strengthen services to victims of sexual assault, increase community awareness, and build stronger relationships with area providers.

On behalf of STAR and the community of Anchorage we thank you for introducing Senate Bill 75, an Act that would extend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, thus allowing the good work of the Council to continue to serve communities in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Nancy Haag  
Executive Director

**SB**

**76**

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSSB 76(HES)  
(S) Publish Date: 3/14/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska  
Title Tuition for Certain Children RDU \_\_\_\_\_  
Component \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester Senator Ellis Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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

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

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0  
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the University.

Prepared by: Michelle Rizk  
Division: University of Alaska  
Approved by: Pat Pitney  
Agency: University of Alaska

Phone: 450-8187  
Date/Time: 3/2/07 5:00 PM  
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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
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Fiscal Note Number. 2  
 Bill Version: CSSB 76(HES)  
 (S) Publish Date: 4/18/07  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Departmental Support Services  
 Component Off Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title TUITION FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN

Sponsor ELLIS  
 Requester SENATE (HES)

Component No. 2849

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.4
Travel						
Contractual	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.4</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost:

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

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

SB 76 creates a higher education savings program for eligible children who have been placed in out-of-home care by the Department of Health and Social Services.

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is responsible for administration of the ASPIRE (Alaska Youth Succeed When People Invest Resources in Education) program to encourage investment in the higher education of eligible children in the state.

(cont. on page 2)

Prepared by: Stephanie Wheeler, Executive Director  
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 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Phone 269-8016  
 Date/Time 03/22/2007  
 Date 03/01/2007

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION  
(cont. from page 1)

The office estimates that it will take 25% of the time of an existing program coordinator (Range 18) located in Juneau or Anchorage to administer the program. The position will be responsible for management of the broader Alaska Partnership for Healthy Communities (APHC) initiative designed to improve collaboration among government agencies and communities through projects that promote integrated services for Alaskans. The ASPIRE program fits well with the position's broader responsibilities.

Contractual funds in the amount of \$20.0 per year are requested to create and print brochures and to support a very modest television and radio promotional effort to publicize ASPIRE.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS

## SPONSOR STATEMENT SB 76

For children in long-term foster care, one of life's most significant hurdles occurs when the child "ages out" of the state's care. Often times, foster children are ill prepared for life as an adult, whether they choose to pursue education beyond high school or seek the necessary training to join the work force.

SB 76 establishes the **ASPIRE** program, an acronym for Alaska's youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. This program will give children in the custody of the State of Alaska an opportunity to pursue education and training after high school that they may not normally have.

The purpose of the bill is to allow churches, community organizations, non-profits, businesses and individuals to establish education savings accounts in the name of foster children. This bill would create a program in which these organizations or individuals could contact the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and make a donation that would establish a savings plan for a child who has been in out of home care for more than two years.

SB 76 would, upon request, allow the Office of Children's Services to release required information for the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to open a 529 savings plan in the name of a foster child. The bill would provide a confidentiality clause that would prohibit the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from using the personal information of foster children for any purpose other than the establishment and maintenance of an education savings plan.

Under the provisions of this bill, the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives would be responsible for the promotion of the program throughout the state.

In accordance with the rules of the UA college savings program, the money in these accounts could be used not only for college and university tuition, but also for vocational training and other education related expenses. Under the terms of the UA college savings program, foster children could use this money at the eligible institution or training program of their choice.

Many of Alaska's foster children have faced extremely tough challenges, and deserve a program that encourages Alaskans to invest in their potential. This is important legislation for the children who represent the future of Alaska. I urge you to support the passage of SB 76.

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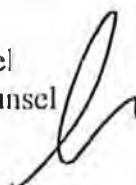
## MEMORANDUM

February 13, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary (CSSB 76( )  
(Work Order No. 25-LS0443(E))

**TO:** Senator Johnny Ellis  
Attn: Gabe Aceves

**FROM:** Jean M. Mischel  
Legislative Counsel



You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

**Section 1.** Establishes a program within the Department of Health and Social Services to encourage investment in savings for the higher education of eligible foster children.

**Section 2.** Provides for the disclosure of appropriate confidential information pertaining to a case involving a child in need of aid, including a foster child, to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to the extent necessary to support the program established under section one.

**Section 3.** Provides for the disclosure of appropriate confidential information pertaining to a case involving a child who is adjudicated as delinquent, to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to the extent necessary to support the program established under section one.

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## **CS For SB 76 HESS**

The CS was suggested by the department of Health and Social Services and made 1 small change to the bill.

- On page 3, line 1 the CS changes the definition of “out of home care” for the purposes of this bill to include children in group homes and state facilities.
- The change was made to include children in all types of state care, as was the sponsor’s intent.

# ASPIRE

ALASKA'S YOUTH SUCCEED WHEN PEOPLE INVEST RESOURCES IN EDUCATION

## *SB 76 FAQ*

### *1. What does the bill do?*

SB 76 establishes the ASPIRE program, an acronym for Alaska's youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. The ASPIRE program is designed to connect churches, community groups, non-profits, businesses and individuals with foster children to provide them with educational opportunities beyond high school. This program will give children in custody of the state an opportunity to pursue education and training after high school.

### *2. Why is this bill necessary?*

The bill is necessary to address confidentiality issues regarding the release of private information of foster children. It is also necessary to set guidelines for DHSS to establish a process to identify foster kids with the highest priority need.

### *3. How does it work?*

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is responsible for the promotion of the program through its various contacts in the faith based and non-profit community across the state. Once a donor is identified they can contact OFBCI to contribute money, which OFBCI can only use for establishing a UA Savings Account. DHSS (OCS) involvement is necessary for OFBCI to have the required information about each foster child.

### *4. Who can contribute?*

Individuals, non-profit organizations, churches, businesses, etc can all contribute to a UA College Savings Plan. The UA Savings program is extremely flexible.

### *5. Who is an eligible beneficiary?*

Children who have been placed in "out of home" care for a minimum of two years are eligible. DHSS is assigned the task of identifying the children with the highest priority and potential for success.

### *6. Don't some foster children already receive free tuition?*

Some do, but eligibility is often too strict for many foster children to take advantage of the program. Through state tuition waivers, children must be in custody

on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and must attend an AK state university (UAA, UAF, UAS). With a UA savings account, any eligible child would be able to attend community college, university, and vocational education anywhere in the country.

***7. Once a donor is identified, how does DHSS decide who gets to be a beneficiary?***

DHSS is assigned the task of establishing a process to identify children with the highest priority. The two most important factors, according to DHSS, are age and the consideration of "aging out" of the system, and length of time in state care.

***8. What happens if a foster child is not able to use the money?***

If a beneficiary is unable to use the money for any reason, another beneficiary can be named. In other words, if a business or church opens an account for a child, and that child becomes ineligible, a 2<sup>nd</sup> child would be named as the beneficiary and be able to take advantage of the account.

***9. Is there an age limit for the beneficiaries?***

In section 1, paragraph C of SB 76, a provision is included to name a new beneficiary if the current beneficiary does not enroll in an eligible program before the age of 30.

***10. What is envisioned by the "central office" on line 10, page 1?***

This is a reference to the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, who will be tasked with promoting the program through its extensive network of contacts throughout the state. They will also be tasked with doing a minimal amount of paperwork to keep track of the children and their accounts.

***11. What metrics does the sponsor anticipate could be used to determine the program's success?***

The easiest ways to track it will be the number of accounts opened, the amount of money donated, the growth of the accounts, etc.

***12. What was the thinking behind using the 30 yr age cut-off?***

Working with OCS and legal services, it was determined that age 30 would give foster children sufficient time to get their lives settled after they leave state care, but not allow them to keep the money forever without using it.

***13. Can I donate to a child that I know?***

Absolutely. Nothing in the bill or in the existing UA College Savings Plan precludes someone from donating to a child that he/she knows. The regulations of the program will provide options for someone who knows a specific foster child they would like to establish an account for.

# Alaska State Legislature



## Senator Johnny Ellis

State Capitol, Rm. 9  
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Thanks  
for your  
support of  
foster kids!  
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for your  
information...

**COMPASS:** *Points of view from the community*

# Bills could help foster children succeed

By **AMANDA METIVIER**

Two bills moving through the Legislature will provide opportunities for Alaska's youths when they age out of the foster care system. According to the Department of Health and Social Services, there are nearly 2,000 children in "out-of-home care" in Alaska and many will be aging out soon.

Many of these children have been removed from their primary homes because of abuse or neglect. For many, the adversity they face will continue throughout childhood and into adulthood because the state is overwhelmed by its case loads and access to transition services is lacking.

As a former foster child, I know too well about the limited options surrounding education as a child becomes an adult and ages out of the system. The state provides only five tuition waivers per year, and the rules for eligibility are strict; so for many of Alaska's foster children, education or vocational school beyond high school is not really an option.

This is where Senate Bill 76 and House Bill 135 can truly make a difference. The sponsors, Rep. Bill Stoltze and Sen. Johnny Ellis, are calling the program ASPIRE, an acronym for Alaska's Youth Succeed when People Invest Resources in Education. These bills allow churches, community organizations, nonprofits, businesses and individuals to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child. They will create education opportunities for foster children without an expensive state program.

The pair of bills is already making its way through the Legislature, and that is good news for the nearly 500 children in state custody who are high school age or



*As a former foster child, I know too well about the limited options surrounding education as a child becomes an adult and ages out of the system. ... For many of Alaska's foster children, education or vocational school beyond high school is not really an option.*

older. The ASPIRE program can help them by encouraging generous donors to provide the means for them to succeed.

ASPIRE connects donors to foster youths by establishing University of Alaska College Savings Plan accounts. The beauty of the UA savings accounts is that they can be used for nearly all education-related expenses at any educational institution or program. The money in these accounts can be used for college, university, technical and vocational education and all related expenses. The flexibility of these accounts gives children in foster care options when they leave the state's custody.

Unlike the state tuition waiver system, which limits students to UA enrollment, the ASPIRE program will have accounts that can be used across the U.S. If exceptional foster children have access to these accounts, there is no longer a limit to what they can achieve. Some may be able to pursue an Ivy League education; others may be able to attend technical or vocational school in the Lower 48.

It is an impossible task for the state to provide education and job training for every child in the state's care. It is unrealis-

tic to expect them to foot the bill for university and technical schools that have become difficult even for children with typical families to afford. Government can't do everything, but creating a program that relies on the generosity of Alaskans is a common-sense start. It won't cost the state much to administer the program, and it could provide great opportunities for young adults in need.

There are too many stories of children in state care who have the potential to pursue education and job training but simply do not have the means. It is long overdue that Alaskans address some of the problems facing children as they become adults and age out of state care. This is one exciting step in that process.

HB 135 and SB 76 allow these children, with the help of local community organizations and businesses, to explore opportunities in education and vocational training that have never been possible before.

I urge you to contact your legislators and support these important bills.

■ Amanda Metvier is a UAA student and the president of Facing Foster Care in Alaska.

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May 4, 2006

Dear Senator Ellis,


Thank you for your leadership in helping foster youth in Alaska make a successful transition to adulthood. The Child Welfare League of America commends your vision and commitment to these youth. Your legislation, Senate Bill 287, addresses critical issues for these young people and we applaud your efforts.

CWLA supports all attempts to assist youth in their transition to adulthood. The data show the difficult challenges they face in a number of areas, particularly in pursuing higher education. We'd like to suggest, however, additional ways to support these youth in this important time of transition.

We know that in addition to education youth face other serious challenges when they leave foster care. Housing and transportation are enormous hurdles. Other challenges include access to health care services and securing and maintaining employment. While a 529 savings account provides critical support for vocational training or education expenses it wouldn't be available for these other necessities. A more flexible account is needed to help address this wider array of issues. Individual Development Accounts provide more flexibility, which is necessary to address these multiple issues. These accounts or some other similar approach could be used for a wide variety of uses depending on the individual needs.

We would be happy to discuss these approaches further if you like. We applaud your leadership and know that with efforts such as yours there will be progress in Alaska for youth transitioning out of foster care to a productive and fulfilling adulthood.

Sincerely,



Shay Bilchik  
President/CEO



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Senator Johnny Ellis  
State Capitol Room 9  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

April 19, 2006

Dear Senator Ellis,

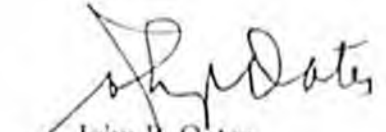
On behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs Board of Directors and professional staff, we are writing to extend Boys & Girls Clubs' support for Senate Bill 287, legislation designed to help provide higher education opportunities for foster children. As you are well aware, our organization has been operating youth development programs for 40 years. In 1998, we eagerly undertook a Statewide Expansion Initiative that has developed Clubhouses in 29 rural Alaskan communities. This initiative, combined with our steady expansion in urban communities, has broadened our total impact to 30,000 youth in 38 Alaskan communities.

Our members' challenges range from peer pressure to poor grades, hunger, abusive homes, or multiple foster home placements. For every child that walks through a Clubhouse door, we listen, we comfort, we challenge and cheer. Many of our staff, volunteers and program partners establish personal connections and mentor relationships with our members in foster care. SB 287 will provide them with an avenue to have a lasting impact on these children well into adulthood.

Again, thank you for sponsoring this legislation. Boys & Girls Club appreciates your support of our programs and your commitment to Alaska's youth.

Sincerely,

  
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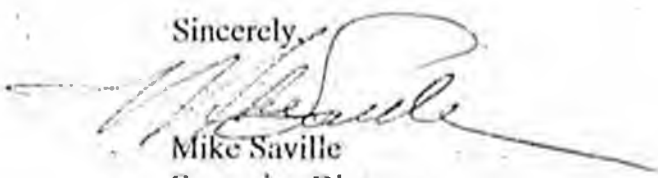
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Thank you for your letter concerning Senate Bill 287. I am very pleased that you are proposing legislation that offers increased opportunities for Foster Children in the state of Alaska. I too believe that these children deserve and should be able to take every advantage of programs that enhance their ability to succeed in life and become responsible, productive adults.

Alaska Community Services volunteers provide services to these and many other children across the state through our Foster Grandparent Program. I am certain that they are also concerned with the future of these children, and will lend their support to this legislation. I will request the support of my legislators for SB 287 and also ask that my colleagues do so as well.

During this time when most of our focus seems to be primarily on pipelines and taxes, I thank you for your ongoing support of and commitment to programs that address the needs of disadvantaged or devalued Alaskans.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Saville  
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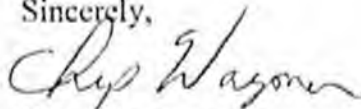
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Dear Senator Ellis:

On behalf of the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops, I would like to thank-you for sponsoring Senate Bill 287, an act establishing a higher education savings program for children in state foster care. The Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops is the official public policy voice of the Roman Catholic Church in Alaska.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in proposing an innovative way to assist eligible children in foster care to pursue educational opportunities beyond grade 12. Foster care children, like many other vulnerable persons, are often out of sight and out of mind of those of us who have the financial resources for a dignified life. We also commend you for proposing a mechanism by which Alaskans who have the financial ability can help to contribute to the higher education costs of those who do not have the financial ability. Turning from self-love toward love of neighbor is a central teaching of the Gospel message. S B 287 provides another way for Alaskans to put this teaching into practice and we support it.


Sincerely,



Chip Wagoner

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# Anchorage Daily News

COMPASS: *Points of view from the community*

## Bill offers hope to kids in foster care

By SEN. JOHNNY ELLIS and CHIP WAGONER

With so much focus this year dedicated to the state's oil and gas resources, it is important that other issues concerning Alaska's future not be overlooked. According to the Department of Health and Social Services, there are nearly 2,000 children in Alaska's foster care system. Most of these children were placed in foster care because they were neglected or abused in their homes and it is unsafe for them to return.

Unfortunately, the reality of the situation for most foster children is that they will be in the custody of the state for a significant period of time, an average of 23 months, according to DHSS. Some of these children will be placed back in their primary homes and some will be adopted, but many remain in foster care until they turn 18, when they are released from the state's custody.

Foster parents around the state should be applauded for the job they do, providing positive role models for children in need. They take up the challenge of caring for children daily when no one else will. Acting as the primary caregivers for these children, foster parents sacrifice their time and efforts for children in need and expect little in return.

These foster parents, however, are usually not prepared or expected to shoulder the burden of caring for the children after they exit the foster care system. In many cases, foster children are ill prepared for life as adults, whether they choose to pursue education beyond high school or seek the necessary training to join the workforce. These children face significant barriers during the transition to adulthood and find a lack of support services available to them during their time of need.

It is troubling that Alaska has nearly 500 children in state custody that are high



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school age or older. Without a plan for their future, our fear is that many of these children will not be ready to lead responsible lives and be proud, productive members of our society and citizens of our state. It would be wise for Alaskans to help these foster kids make the most of their futures.

We believe the key to helping these young Alaskans realize their full potential lies in preparing them for life as adults through education and job training. Senate Bill 287 would establish a plan to assist foster children when they are released from state custody.

SB 287 allows churches, community organizations, nonprofits and businesses to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child. Our vision is to create a system in Alaska in which any individual or entity can make a tax-deductible donation that will directly impact the life of a foster child and provide that child with opportunities they would not otherwise have. Imagine a system in which a church or nonprofit organization could sponsor a foster child in Alaska who has faced difficult personal challenges.

As Alaskans, we are fortunate to have what many experts believe is the best education savings plan in the nation. Man-

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aged by T. Rowe Price, the UA College Savings Program allows individuals and organizations to open 529 savings accounts for a beneficiary of their choice.

The beauty of the UA savings accounts is that they can be used for nearly all education-related expenses at any educational institution or program. If the key to successful youth is opportunity, this program is an excellent option. The money in these accounts can be used for college, university, technical and vocational education and all related expenses. The flexibility of these accounts gives children in foster care options when they leave the state's custody.

In many instances, foster children who have aged out of the state's foster care system have essentially been left by the wayside. SB 287 allows these children, with the help of local community organizations and businesses, to explore opportunities in education and vocational training that they normally would not have.

Our goal, as Alaskans, is to pass this important legislation for the children who represent the future of our state.

■ Sen. Johnny Ellis is the minority leader of the Alaska Senate. Chip Wagoner is the executive director of the Alaska Conference of Catholic Bishops.

# Voice of the Times

A CONSERVATIVE VOICE FOR ALASKANS

Foster children need extra help at age 18

## Senate Bill 287 could help them succeed

By ELISE PATKOTAK

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. This year, it's also the month in which Christians celebrate Easter, a time that honors the death and resurrection of a man who famously said in Mark 10:14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

As a child growing up Catholic, I never doubted that those words were literally as well as figuratively true. Pictures hung all over our grade school of Christ sitting on a rock with little chubby boys and girls running towards his open arms with joy on their faces.

That picture brought great comfort to my childhood because it was accompanied in reality by a loving father and uncles whose arms were always open and welcoming to any child needing a hug or reassurance or just a moment feeling the warmth of their shirts, the roughness of their hands and the strength of their grip.

Not that any of my uncles would have ever admitted to this.

They would grumble and gripe and say we were making too much noise or getting in the way of their bocce ball game or running too close to the grill. But we knew that they were all welcome havens so long as we didn't

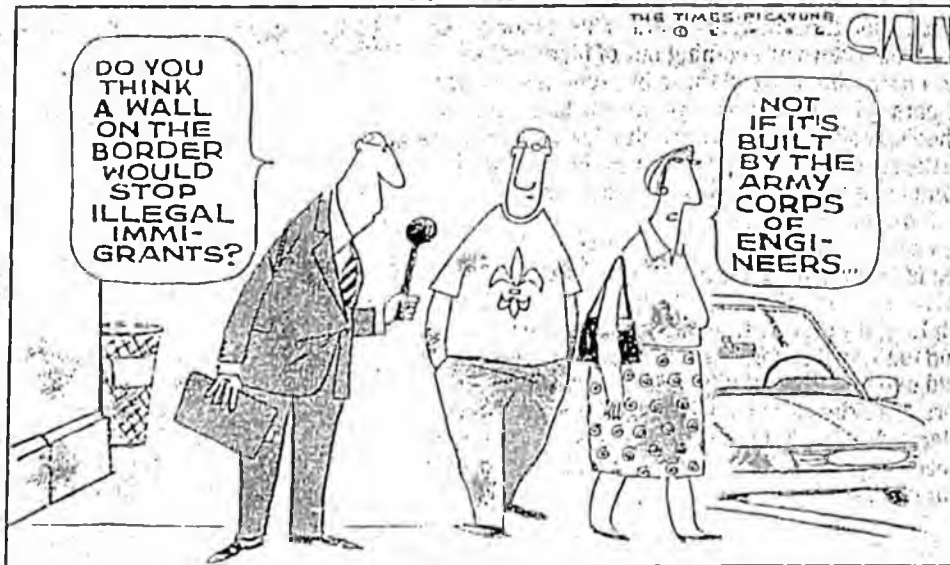


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abuse the privilege and bother them while they were eating or the Phillies were on TV. And woe betides the child who did not remember to offer a kiss to them at the start and end of a visit.

The kids I work with in state custody through either social services or juvenile probation usually don't have such positive frames of reference when it comes to family. If they came from a home in which drinking, drug abuse and domestic violence were part of the problem, there is every chance a "hug" from an uncle, older brother, father or cousin holds a much more sinister meaning.

And the mothers, aunts, sister and other female relatives who choose to drink to the point of incapacitation so that little children are left on their own



to fend off sexual predators and physical abusers are equally at fault. While I am very aware that many of these women are also victims, the bottom line in these situations is that children have no escape. If the adults do not protect them, they have no protection.

The unfortunate result of the epidemic of violence and abuse in our families in Alaska is that children by the thousands are being raised in state custody. Many of these kids will never be able to go home because their parents will not take the steps needed to provide for their safety.

The state ultimately makes a lousy parent. Not only does it rarely take its turn in hosting the family holiday dinner, but it also tends to cut the apron strings rather abruptly when the child turns 18. One day you are considered dependent and in need of protection; the next day the door is opened and the state basically says, "It's been nice knowing you. Stay in touch."

More often than not, social workers, guardians and foster parents find themselves scrambling to help these kids make the transition to independence with little in the way of services available. Which is why I think the Legislature should drop everything else it is doing right now and pass SB 287 introduced by Sen. Johnny Ellis to allow churches, community organizations, non-profits, and businesses to establish education savings accounts in the name of a foster child.

This bill requires no money from state coffers. It demands no additional revenues be raised. It just gives people with big hearts and generous souls a way to help a kid. It might be a kid they know because the foster parents belong to that church or community organization. It might be a kid that shows some special talent and just needs some help getting the education needed to foster that talent.

Whatever it is, it makes sense that we do everything we can to help these kids make it as adults after we poured so much time and energy into them as children. The state can't do what a parent does when a kid turns 18. It can't provide a home for them to fall back on if things get rough. It can't provide a safe haven if the road to adulthood gets rockier than first imagined. If they blow it as adults, the only home the state provides for them is usually jail.

But the state can allow caring and concerned people to take on that role in some little way to let these kids know that they are not forgotten. And passing this bill would certainly live up to the spirit of the man whose death and resurrection is so widely observed this season.

Elise Patkotak, an Anchorage freelance writer and author of *Parallel Logic*, a humorous look back at her 28 years in Barrow, lives in Anchorage and owns Precious Cargo Ltd, a writing/graphics company. Her Web site is [www.elisepatkotak.com](http://www.elisepatkotak.com).

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Sounds like a good bill.  
Thanks, Johnny!

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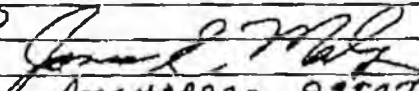
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**MISSOURI'S BELIEVE PROGRAM**



## Frequently Asked Questions about BELIEVE

### 1. What does BELIEVE stand for?

BELIEVE stands for Bringing Educational Leadership by Investing and Expecting Victory in Every Child. We believe that every child in Missouri can succeed if given the right support. Missouri has over 11,000 foster children under its care. BELIEVE is a program to identify corporations or non-profit organizations interested in sponsoring a child who is in the custody of the State of Missouri for a MOST (Missouri Savings Tuition Program) scholarship. MOST is the State of Missouri's 529 plan which allows the sponsor to set up an account to save for college tuition tax free. The sponsor also receives a tax deduction for their annual investment in the MOST plan of up to \$8,000 per person.

### 2. Who can agree to sponsor a foster child?

Any corporation, non-profit organization, person, or other entity can agree to sponsor a child and set up an account naming the child of their choice as beneficiary.

### 3. What is the benefit of a MOST account?

The investment in a 529 MOST account allows the investment to grow tax-free and the beneficiary can use it for their college tuition and other college costs tax-free. In other words, at no time is tax due on the principal or the earnings as long as it is used for eligible college expenses. The organization or entity contributing to the account can receive a tax deduction each year of up to \$8,000 per taxpayer.

### 4. How much is required to open an account?

To open an account you only need \$25.00. We are asking that for the BELIEVE program the initial contribution be based on the investment plan that is most suitable for the age of the child selected to help kick start

a college savings plan for a foster child. But the bottom line is that any amount is better than none at all.

5. What happens if the child does not go to college after making annual contributions?

A new beneficiary can be named at that time or when the account is initially set up a contingent beneficiary can be named. If neither of these options is suitable to the account owner, then the money can be used by the account owner but taxes would be owed if the proceeds are not used for college expenses.

6. Why should any corporation or entity be interested in sponsoring a child for the BELIEVE program?

Many foster kids never have a chance to reach their full potential because of circumstances that are out of their control. The state takes responsibility for these kids, but what happens to them after they turn 18? Many times we don't know and what is worse, many times no one cares. This program singles out a child that a group of people, organization, church, or corporation can encourage by providing the money to ensure that they have a chance to go to college. If the child knows this – knows that suddenly somebody BELIEVES in him or her to actually succeed and reach their goals then great things begin to happen. This is an opportunity to help a child reach their dream by investing and believing in their future by setting up a 529 MOST account to pay for their college expenses.

7. How do I sign up to sponsor a child in the BELIEVE program?

Organizations wishing to participate in the BELIEVE program should contact Jane Dudeck, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office at (573) 751-4943 or [Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov).

8. How much would an organization need to contribute if it wanted to cover 100% of the costs of tuition for a child?

The answer to this depends on a number of variables, including the number of years that the organization contributes before the child goes to college, the actual college that the child goes to, the future rate of inflation for tuition costs and the return on the investments selected. Here are several examples of how much an organization would need to contribute to fund 100% of projected costs based on a tuition inflation rate of 5%, a

return on investment of 10% and four years' attendance at the University of Missouri-Columbia (where costs are currently estimated at \$8,700 per year):

- For a 13-year old child, assuming an initial \$5,000 contribution, a sponsor would need to contribute \$500 per month to cover 100% of projected costs.
- For a 5-year old child, assuming an initial \$5,000 contribution, a sponsor would need to contribute \$160 per month, or just under \$2,000 per year, to cover 100% of projected costs.

9. Can an organization "share" the sponsorship of a child or partner with another organization to sponsor a foster child?

Yes, any amount that an organization contributes to the BELIEVE program will greatly help a foster child defray the costs of higher education and is greatly appreciated. The amount of tax deduction that a sponsor can take is not affected if more than one organization helps sponsor a child. In other words, two organizations donating \$8,000 a year for the same child can each deduct up to \$8,000.

10. Who invests the money that we contribute to BELIEVE, and how do I know that our money is safe?

The MOST program offers several different investment options for sponsors, which they select. These investment options—which include a 100% Equity Option, a Guaranteed Option and a Managed Allocation Option which rebalances assets based on the age of the child—are professionally managed by TIAA-CREF, one of the largest asset managers in the nation. Like all investments that are invested primarily in the stock market, there is no guarantee for either the 100% Equity Option or Managed Allocation Option that these investments will maintain 100% of principal or provide a guaranteed return. However, over the long term, investments in these options should perform in line with broad equity returns.

For assistance regarding these options, please contact Jane Dudeck, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office at (573) 751-4943 or [Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov](mailto:Jane.Dudeck@treasurer.mo.gov).



## PRESS RELEASE

Office of Missouri State Treasurer  
Sarah Steelman

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- December 22, 2005

### Steelman Launches "BELIEVE" Program to Help Get Foster Kids to College: Bass Pro is First Sponsor

SPRINGFIELD Mo. -- Christmas came a few days early for some special Missourians. State Treasurer Sarah Steelman today kicked off a statewide initiative to give crucial help to Missouri's foster children. The project, called BELIEVE, is a partnership between the Treasurer's office and the citizens and organizations of the state to provide college savings accounts for these children – all at no cost to taxpayers.

Steelman, who oversees the state's tax-preferred 529 college savings plan, called MOST, said the program was a gift for all Missourians.

"There are thousands of precious children in foster care in Missouri today," Steelman said. "They are all special, they all were wondrously created and were given to us for a unique and important purposes. Today we have a new way to help them, to give them a way to fulfill their destinies, and a reason to hope."

Bass Pro Shops appeared with Steelman at the launch, and were announced as BELIEVE's first partners, having selected two foster children to sponsor, and will now work with the Treasurer's office to set up MOST accounts for them.

"We believe in this program, and in the potential it holds for these foster children," Bass Pro spokesman and Outdoor Educator Lari Whiteley said. "That's why Bass Pro Shops is proud to be the first to join this program to help these at-risk foster children."

BELIEVE is an acronym for Bringing Educational Leadership By Investing and Expecting Victory in Every Child, and Steelman says that is just what her program does.

"There is magic inside each of these kids. As a mother, I know that the key to a child's success is belief in themselves.

"For most kids, it's their parent who instills this confidence, but many foster children don't have anyone who believes in them. When they turn 18, most of them have nowhere to go. This is a wonderful way for Missourians to truly make a difference in these children's lives," said Steelman.

Steelman said the response from Missouri businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, and individuals has already been overwhelming and that additional sponsors would be announced soon. She said the initiative really is as simple as a Missouri organization or individual working with her office to select one or more of Missouri's foster children to sponsor, and then opening a MOST account for them.

Several foster children were expected to appear at the press conference as well as representatives from Boys and Girls Town of Missouri and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home who are helping spread the word about the BELIEVE program. The Missouri Department of Social Services is working with the State Treasurer's office to coordinate the selection of the children.

Since 1999, Missouri has sponsored MOST, a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan. Under this program, individuals and organizations can contribute up to \$8,000 per year into an account for a designated child. The amount contributed up to \$8,000 is not subject to state income tax. Federal law allows earnings on these accounts to be tax exempt as well, enhancing the program's ability to help students and families for college.

Contact: Mark Hughes, Director of Policy and Communications, (573) 751-7595  
An electronic version of this release is available at <http://168.166.15.215/pressroom/press.asp>

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## Effort's aim: college for foster children

*State initiative will encourage contributions from businesses, churches and other groups.*

James Goodwin  
News-Leader

A state initiative unveiled Thursday encourages people to create college tuition accounts for foster children — a gift that also grants donors a state tax break and allows the money to grow tax-free.

State Treasurer Sarah Steelman highlighted the plan at Bass Pro Shops, the first business to pledge money through the program.

It's based on Missouri's existing 529 college savings program — more commonly known as Missouri Saving for Tuition, or MOST.

MOST allows people to open and contribute to a college savings account for their child or any other.

Steelman, whose office oversees MOST, is encouraging businesses, churches and other groups to invest in such plans for the nearly 1,500 children in state care whose parents have lost custodial rights.

The program's acronym is BELIEVE, for Bringing Educational Leadership By Investing and Expecting Victory in Every child.

"To understand the program, that word — BELIEVE — is all you need to know," said Steelman, a former state senator from Rolla.

Only 2 percent of foster children nationwide go on to earn at least a bachelor's degree, according to statistics provided by Anne Tucker, the area resident director for Boys & Girls Town of Missouri.

That limits their ability to earn more money and might also account for a higher homeless rate among former foster children who "aged-out" when they turned 18.

"The reality is ... their opportunities are so limited to further their education," Tucker said after Thursday's news conference.

Bass Pro Shops has pledged \$10,000 each to two foster children yet to be chosen.

"We believe in this program and in the potential it holds for these children," company spokesman Larry Whiteley said, flanked by four foster children on hand for the announcement.

One of them, identified only as Joseph P. to protect his identity, said he worries as other teens do about making it to college.

He's considering a degree in computer programming, library science or photography.

"It's just getting there that's going to be hard," the 16-year-old said.

Contributions to individual college savings plans may be deducted from state adjusted gross income, up to \$8,000 for each taxpayer a year, though there is no annual cap on giving. The minimum donation is \$25, and

all earnings on the account grow on a federal and state tax-exempt basis.

"If you know that there's somebody out there who believes in you ... you're going to stick with it, you're going to stay in school," Steelman said.

Contributors may choose any foster child to sponsor, she said. Brief biographies will be available from the Missouri Family Support Division to those who want to learn more about potential beneficiaries.

Money in the individual accounts may pay for tuition at qualifying colleges and universities — nearly all accredited two- and four-year institutions, public and private, and many vocational schools. The money also may cover books, equipment and certain room and board costs.

If the beneficiary doesn't pursue college or drops out, the contributor may withdraw the funds, subject to state income tax. Earnings would be subject to federal taxes and possibly a 10 percent penalty.

Money also may be left in the account in case the beneficiary returns to school.

For more information about college savings plans, visit [www.missourimost.org](http://www.missourimost.org).

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# Open a UA College Savings Plan

Account Agreement for Individual, Custodial, or Trust Accounts



Mail this form to:

UA College Savings Plan  
P.O. Box 17300  
Baltimore, MD 21298-8670

For assistance, call toll-free: (800) 478-0003

To open an Account online, visit:  
[www.uacollegesavings.com](http://www.uacollegesavings.com)

TIP ►

**You'll need the following to complete this form:**

- Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number of the Account Holder\*
- Residential address for the Account Holder and Custodian (if necessary)\*
- Date of birth (or effective date of Trust) for the Account Holder\*
- A check or money order for your initial investment (if applicable)
- Name and Social Security Number of the Successor Account Holder (if applicable)
- A voided check or deposit slip for the electronic funds transfer service (if applicable)
- Social Security Number and date of birth of the Beneficiary (student)
- Copy of Trust or corporate documents (if applicable)

\* We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

Please print in CAPITAL LETTERS and use BLACK INK.

## STEP 1

### Choose Your Account Type

Select one option only. Only one person, the Account Holder, can open and control an Account. If the Account Holder is a minor, please check the box marked "Custodial Account." If the Account Holder is a trust, please check the box marked "Trust Account (or Other Entity)."

- Individual Account**  
Account Holder is age 18 or older. Go to Step 2A.
- Custodial Account**  
If the Account Holder is a minor, the Account must have an adult Custodian to act on the Account Holder's behalf. Go to Step 2A.
- UGMA/UTMA Funded Account**  
Select this option if you are funding this Account from an UGMA/UTMA account. Go to Step 2A.
- Trust Account (or Other Entity)**  
Check here if the Account Holder is a trust, corporation, or other entity. Go to Step 2C.

## STEP 2 Tell Us About Yourself

Please fill in this section completely. If the Account Holder is a trust, please go to Section 2C.

### A Account Holder

- Adult Account Holder (Age 18 or Older)  
 Minor Account Holder (Custodial or UGMA/UTMA Funded Account)

If the Account is being funded from an UGMA/UTMA, include the minor's name here, include Custodian's information in Step 2B, and name the minor as the Beneficiary in Step 4.

#### Account Holder's Name

First  Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

U.S. Citizen

U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses (below).

#### Residential Street Address of Account Holder

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

Daytime Phone

Ext.

Evening Phone

Indicate the mailing address if it is different from the residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

#### Account Mailing Address

Same as Residential Street Address

Address - Line 1

Address - Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Pursuant to federal law, all financial institutions must obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an Account. What this means for you: On this form, we ask for the name, residential street address, date of birth, and Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number for each Account Holder and any person(s) opening an Account on behalf of an Account Holder, such as Custodians, Agents, or Trustees, etc. This will allow us to verify the identity of the person(s) opening the Account. We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

**STEP 2****Tell Us About Yourself (Continued)**

Please fill in this section **ONLY** if the Account Holder in Section 2A is a minor or a Power of Attorney is being used to open the Account.

**B Custodian (or Agent or Attorney-in-Fact)** Custodian Agent or Attorney-in-Fact

Complete this part of Step 2 if the Account Holder is a minor. The adult will act as Custodian on the Account Holder's behalf. If this individual is serving as Agent or Attorney-in-Fact, please provide a certified copy of the Power of Attorney agreement.

▶ **Custodian's Name**

First

Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

 U.S. Citizen U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

▶ **Residential Street Address of Custodian** Same as Account Holder (2A)

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

Complete phone information if different from Step 2A.

▶ **Daytime Phone****Ext.****Evening Phone**

Continued on next page. ▶

**STEP 2****Tell Us About Yourself (Continued)**Please fill out this section **ONLY** if the Account Holder is a trust, corporation or other entity.**C Trust, Corporation or Other Entity**

If the Account Holder is a trust, corporation, or other entity, please provide documentation to show who is authorized to act on its behalf.

Name of Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity


Tax Identification Number

Date of Trust (MM-DD-YYYY)

Street Address of Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity

Street Number

Street Name

Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

Daytime Phone

Ext.

Evening Phone

**NOTE**

For additional authorized persons, check here and include the information on a separate sheet.

Name of Person Authorized to Act for Trust, Corporation, or Other Entity

First

Middle Initial

Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)

 U.S. Citizen U.S. Resident Alien

You must indicate a residential street address. P.O. boxes are allowed only for Account mailing addresses.

Residential Street Address of Authorized Person:

Street Number

Street Name

Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

**STEP 3****Tell Us About the Successor Account Holder** *(Optional)*

You may name a Successor Account Holder to take over control of the Account if the Account Holder dies or becomes legally incapacitated. A residential street address need not be provided at this time.

**Successor Account Holder's Name**

First

Middle Initial



Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)


 U.S. Citizen

 U.S. Resident Alien
**STEP 4****Tell Us About the Beneficiary** *(Student)*

Each Account is for the benefit of only one Beneficiary (student). You may open as many Accounts for as many different Beneficiaries as you want, but you must complete a separate account-opening form for each Beneficiary. Any U.S. citizen or resident alien, including the Account Holder, can be the Beneficiary.

**Beneficiary's Name**

First

Middle Initial



Last

Social Security Number

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)


 U.S. Citizen

 U.S. Resident Alien
**Address of Beneficiary**

Street Number

Street Name



Apartment, Suite, Floor

City

State

ZIP Code

**STEP 5****Choose Your Initial Contribution Method****NOTE**

For Account Holder and Beneficiary changes, please complete this form and include a Change of Account Holder or Change of Beneficiary form.

Use Step 5 to select the funding type(s) for your initial investment. You may select more than one option. For rollovers, complete this step and the Rollovers Only form.

**Investment Options**

- Invest via Check or Money Order  
Make payable to UA College Savings Plan.  
Go to Step 6.
- Invest via Automatic Asset Builder/Payroll Deduction  
Go to Step 6, 7 and 8.
- Invest via Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend  
Check the UA College Savings Plan box on the PFD application to contribute one-half of your PFD to your new Account.  
Go to Step 6.
- Invest via Electronic Transfer  
Transfer assets from your financial institution to your Plan Account. Transfers occur on a scheduled basis for Automatic Asset Builder or only when you initiate them and are made through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network.  
Go to Steps 6, 7 and 8.

**Rollovers**

- Invest via Direct Rollover from Another College Savings Plan (529 Plan)
- Invest via Indirect Rollover from a Coverdell Education Savings Account, Qualified U.S. Savings Bonds, or from Another 529 Plan within the Last 60 Days  
You must provide an account statement from your current plan or IRS Form 1099-INT. You must also provide the earnings applicable to the rollover. Otherwise, the entire contribution will be treated as earnings for tax purposes.

Earnings

\$ 

Basis (Principal)

\$ 

Amount of Rollover Distribution

\$  0.00

500000  
100000

**STEP 6****Choose Your Portfolio(s)****NOTE**

The minimum initial contribution is \$250, unless you invest at least \$50 through regular monthly payments (Automatic Asset Builder), the Alaska PFD program or Direct Rollover.

The Plan offers three different investment approaches. Select from Portfolio options A, B, or C, or select a combination. If you do not select a Portfolio, an Enrollment-Based Portfolio will be chosen for you, based on the Beneficiary's age and expected college entry date.

- If you are making an initial contribution and investing via regular monthly payments (Automatic Asset Builder), check box, complete Steps 6, 7 and 8.
- If you are making an initial contribution and investing via a direct rollover, check box, complete Step 6 and fill out the Rollovers Only form.

Assets are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds and money market funds allocated according to when the Beneficiary is expected to enter college. As the Beneficiary approaches college enrollment, the investment will move to an increasingly conservative allocation.

**A Enrollment-Based Portfolios**

- Portfolio for College \$
- Portfolio 2006 \$
- Portfolio 2009 \$
- Portfolio 2012 \$
- Portfolio 2015 \$
- Portfolio 2018 \$
- Portfolio 2021 \$
- Portfolio 2024 \$



The allocations of these Portfolios remain fixed within a specified range.

**B Static Portfolios**

- Equity  
Primarily stock funds \$
- Fixed Income  
Primarily bond funds \$
- Balanced  
Approximately 60% stock funds and 40% fixed-income funds \$
- Money Market \$



The return on a contribution to the ACT Portfolio is guaranteed to keep pace with tuition increases at the University of Alaska under certain conditions.

**C ACT Portfolio**

- ACT Portfolio  
Approximately 30% stock funds and 70% fixed-income funds \$

**NOTE**

Be sure to total the amounts in A, B, and C on this line.

**TOTAL INVESTMENT**  
Add up amounts in A, B, and C

\$  **TOTAL INVESTMENT**

**STEP 7****Invest Systematically through Automatic Asset Builder (optional)****NOTE**

- To invest monthly through payroll deductions, check here. The UA College Savings Plan will mail you instructions.

The Automatic Asset Builder service makes contributing to your Plan even more convenient. With Automatic Asset Builder, you can invest in your Account systematically via monthly or semi-monthly payments from your bank account. Complete Step 7 as well as the electronic funds transfer information in Step 8 to activate Automatic Asset Builder.

Refer to this list of available portfolios to complete the information in this step.

Enrollment-Based Portfolios	Static Portfolios	ACT Portfolio
Portfolio for College	Equity	ACT Portfolio
Portfolio 2006	Fixed Income	
Portfolio 2009	Balanced	
Portfolio 2012	Money Market	
Portfolio 2015		
Portfolio 2018		
Portfolio 2021		
Portfolio 2024		

**A Portfolio 1 – Monthly Investment**

Print the name of any Portfolios you selected from Step 6.

Portfolio Name (e.g., Portfolio for College)

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

This service allows you to automatically invest in your Plan Account (minimum \$50). You must also complete the electronic funds transfer information in Step 8.

**B Portfolio 2 – Monthly Investment**

Portfolio Name

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

**C Portfolio 3 – Monthly Investment**

Portfolio Name

Amount of Regular Investment (\$50 minimum)

\$

Day(s) of Month You Would Like to Invest

and  of every month

**STEP 8** Electronic Funds Transfer (Optional Service)

Check this box to transfer assets from your bank to your Plan Account.

Complete Step 8 to allow for the transfer of funds from an account at your financial institution to your Plan Account. Transfers may occur on a scheduled basis as selected in Step 7 or only when indicated by you.

The check or deposit slip must be preprinted with your name and address. We cannot accept starter checks.

J.A. Customer  
123 Main Street  
Any where, USA 12345

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1563

PAY TO THE ORDER OF \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

VOID

**Tape Your Preprinted  
Voided Check or Deposit  
Slip Here.**

We cannot establish these options without it.  
(Please do not use staples.)

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Indicate the account type.

in  Checking  Savings

If the Account Holder or Custodian is not listed on the attached check, the bank account owner must sign below.

By selecting the electronic transfer service, I, the contributor, hereby authorize T. Rowe Price to initiate debit entries to the account at the financial institution indicated (on the attached voided check) and for the financial institution to debit such account through the ACH network, subject to the rules of the financial institution, ACH, and T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price may correct any transaction errors with a debit or credit to my financial institution account and/or Plan Account. This authorization, including any credit or debit entries initiated thereunder, is in full force and effect until I notify T. Rowe Price of its revocation by telephone or in writing and T. Rowe Price has had sufficient time to act on it.

Sign here ONLY if the Account Holder's name is not on this check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
X

Bank Account Owner's Signature

Today's Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Please read this information and sign this form on page 11 to activate your Account.

**ACCOUNT AGREEMENT**

- By signing this Agreement, I understand and I hereby certify that:
- I am applying for an Account under the Plan and consent and agree to all the terms and conditions of the Plan Disclosure Document, the Education Trust of Alaska ("Trust"), Declaration of Trust ("Declaration"), and the UA College Savings Plan, which are all expressly incorporated by reference herein. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings specified in the Declaration. I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement will govern all aspects of my participation in the Plan. I understand that I may obtain a copy of the Declaration or the Plan Disclosure Document by calling a Customer Service Representative. I further acknowledge that this Agreement shall be construed, governed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Alaska.
  - The information in this Agreement is accurate, and I agree to hold harmless the Trust, T. Rowe Price, the Trustee, and the University for any losses arising out of any misrepresentations made by me or breach of acknowledgements contained in this Agreement as described in Section 6.15 of the Declaration.
  - The Alaska College Savings Act requires that the name, address, and other information identifying a person as an Account Holder or Beneficiary in the Trust be confidential. The Declaration provides that this information must not be disclosed by the Trust or T. Rowe Price to other persons except as specified in the Declaration, such as in connection with servicing or maintaining your Account, as may be permitted or required by law or in accordance with your written consent. I hereby authorize the Trust and T. Rowe Price to disclose such information in accordance with the Privacy Policy of the Trust, as may be amended from time to time, including disclosure to regulatory agencies and authorized auditors and compliance personnel for regulatory, audit, or compliance purposes and to third parties for performance of administrative and marketing services relating to the Plan. The Trust and T. Rowe Price and its affiliates may in the future alert me to other savings or investment programs. I understand that I may contact a T. Rowe Price Customer Service Representative if I do not wish to receive such information.
  - If I am executing this Agreement on behalf of a minor Account Holder, I certify that I am of legal age in my state of residence and am legally authorized to act on behalf of such minor.
  - If I am funding this Account with proceeds from the sale of assets held in a custodial account established under an UGMA/UTMA, the Beneficiary and Account Holder identified in this Agreement is the same as the minor on the prior UGMA/UTMA account. I certify that if I am funding this Account from a prior 529 distribution for the same Beneficiary, that there have been no other rollovers for the same Beneficiary in the previous 12 months. I certify that any contributions that are rollovers from a Coverdell Education Savings Account, qualified U.S. Savings Bonds, or a prior 529 plan distribution will be disclosed as such and the applicable earnings and basis information provided.
  - By completing this Account Agreement I waive any present or future right to request a 90-day refund of any contribution made through the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. (The Account Holder may request distributions of PFD contributions in accordance with the Plan distribution procedures.)
  - I authorize T. Rowe Price, its agents and their affiliates, and the Trust to act on instructions believed to be genuine and from me for any service authorized in this Agreement, including telephone/computer services. T. Rowe Price and the Trust use procedures designed to verify the authenticity of the Account Holder or Custodian. If these procedures are followed, T. Rowe Price and the Trust will not be liable for any loss that may result from acting on unauthorized instructions. I understand that anyone who can properly identify my Account(s) can make telephone/computer transactions on my behalf.
  - By selecting the electronic transfer service in Step 8, I hereby authorize T. Rowe Price to initiate debit entries to the account at the financial institution indicated (on the attached voided check) and for the financial institution to debit such account through the ACH network, subject to the rules of the financial institution, ACH, and T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price may correct any transaction errors with a debit or credit to my financial institution account and/or Plan Account. This authorization, including any credit or debit entries initiated thereunder, is in full force and effect until I notify T. Rowe Price of its revocation by telephone or in writing and T. Rowe Price has had sufficient time to act on it.

**STEP 9** Activate Your Account *(Continued)*

By having the Plan accept delivery of this Account Agreement, executed by me and in good order, the Trust acknowledges acceptance of this Agreement, binding the Trust and me, in accordance with its terms.

If you have additional questions, please call us at (800) 478-0003.

PLEASE SIGN HERE

**YOU MUST SIGN HERE** ►  
to activate your Account.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Account Holder, Custodian (if Account Holder is a minor) or Trustee (if applicable)

Today's Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Printed Name of Signer

**TIP** ► **Did you remember to include:**

Mail this form to:

UA College Savings Plan  
P.O. Box 17300  
Baltimore, MD 21298-8670

- Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number of the Account Holder\*
- Residential address for the Account Holder and Custodian (if necessary)\*
- Date of birth (or effective date of Trust) for the Account Holder\*
- A check or money order for your initial investment (if applicable)
- Name and Social Security Number of the Successor Account Holder (if applicable)
- A voided check or deposit slip for the electronic funds transfer service (if applicable)
- Social Security Number and date of birth of the Beneficiary (student)
- Copy of Trust or corporate documents (if applicable)

\* We will not be able to open your Account until we receive all of this required information.

Registered, certified, and express mail items only:

UA College Savings Plan  
Attn: T. Rowe Price Account Services  
Mail Code: 17300  
4515 Painters Mill Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

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