

ALASKA LEGISLATURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE / SUBJECT FILES 8672

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" An Act relating to the treatment of alcoholism; and alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

SECTION I PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

That all grade schools be required to have a comprehensive program on alcohol, alcohol abuse, and alcoholism for students of all grades, to be either a separate course or as part of a health curriculum.

That all teachers involved in this curriculum receive on-going training in the area of alcohol, alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

That there be on-going funding for continuing education work shops for people working in alcohol programs or preparing to work in these areas.

That all enforcement personnel be required to have training on the disease concept of alcoholism and a basic medical knowledge of alcohol and alcohol abuse.

That all persons dispensing alcohol, whether by container or by drink, be given mandatory training in the area of alcohol and the disease concept of alcoholism.

That the courts set up a comprehensive, mandatory drinking/driving education program for all OMVI offenders and any interested parties.

That advertising of beer and wine on Alaskan television and radio be banned, and perhaps replaced with alcohol abuse prevention spots.

Provide a tax deduction for contributions to alcohol programs that give the same kick back (or more) as those for political candidates from the State of Alaska.

SECTION II ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

That the State subsidize social centers in outlying areas that serve only non-alcoholic beverages. (Similar to Alano Clubs in larger cities)

To educate alcohol related workers (enforcement persons, bar personnel, employers, counselors, etc.) that treatment is usually an on-going process and not merely a 30-day entity.

SECTION III-LOCAL OPTION

That the legislature enact a law that would kick back a healthy percentage on revenues made from the sale of liquor, liquor licenses, and fines for alcohol-related offenses, into local alcohol programs. If these monies cannot be ear-marked, to place them into the general fund for disbursement to alcohol programs or into a revenue sharing plan.

That the cash welfare system be reconstructed and to replace cash with vouchers that are not negotiable for alcohol.

SECTION III- LOCAL OPTION, (cont.)

That the State utilize para-professionals in outlying areas where comprehensive alcohol programs are not yet established.

SECTION IV ENFORCEMENT

Stronger enforcement of now-standing laws and stronger enforcement of the laws against those persons and/or establishments that are guilty of alcohol related offenses, e.g., serving minors, selling liquor on credit, serving intoxicated persons.

That the legislature enact a law against selling liquor by telephone.

Advertise convictions for liquor violations, especially retail liquor stores, contributing to minors, and nightclubs.

That the legislature require a warning label to be put on all contained liquor and all printed liquor advertising.

That the legislature make fines for selling illegal alcohol high and impose a fine of both seller and buyer.

That the legislature enact a law that would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment with fee, in lieu of fine to be collected by the court, payable to the treatment program.

That the legislature enact a law for the impoundment of the car and suspension of the driver's license of an OMVI offender on the first offense.

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That the legislature enact a law for the impoundment of the car and suspension of the driver's license of an OMVI offender on the first offense.

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SECTION 1 PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

- a. That all school systems receiving state monies be required to provide curriculum designed for the prevention of alcoholism and other substance abuse, recognizing these as a public health problem, stressing alternatives to alcohol and other substances, and the responsible use of such substances.
- b. That the legislature fund an on-going training program to equip teachers in the public schools to teach a curriculum on the responsible use of alcohol and other substances and the impact of the abuse of such substances.
- c. Acknowledging that alcoholism and other substance abuse constitutes a public health hazard, therefore require that the sale of all liquor and spirits be done through state operated dispensaries as in the state of Washington, and that there be no more than one such dispensary per every 10 thousand people in either city or borough.
- d. That in addition to dispensary licenses required where liquor and spirits are sold by the drink, that every bartender or dispenser of drinks, be licensed to serve any alcoholic beverage which could be injurious to one's health.
 - 1. A condition of licensure shall be that the licensee attend training sessions designed to instruct him in evaluating the condition of his patrons, equipping him with the right to stop serving a patron when his drinking becomes irresponsible.
- e. Drivers education through the courts.
- f. That the legislature make available funds for on-going training for alcohol and/or drug abuse counselors.

* EXAMPLE

SECTION 11 ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

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- a. To meet the need for people to socialize, the state make available very low interest loans to community corporations designed to provide a facility for recreation and for adult social gatherings within the communities of Alaska.

SECTION 111 LOCAL OPTION

- a. That 3/4 of all revenue derived from alcoholic beverages by the State of Alaska, be dedicated to treatment and rehabilitation programs and that those funds be distributed regionally within the state in the same proportions they are recieved.
- b. State laws shall be subserviant to all local ordinances in matters of closing hours, when the local ordinances require longer closing hours than state law.

SECTION 1V ENFORCEMENT

- a. That all dispensers of alcoholic beverages are responsible for the health and welfare of their patrons while on their premises. That responsibility shall be extended after the patron leaves the premises for a period of time up to eight hours, and the dispenser shall be liable for any alcohol related offense or problem occuring within that time period.

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SECTION I PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

1. Focus public service advertising on the need for alternatives to drinking, i.e., teen centers, etc.
2. Ban alcohol advertising on television and radio in Alaska as was tobacco nation wide.
3. That the legislature require a warning to be placed on all liquor labels and advertising as was done in cigarette advertising and on package labels.
4. That there be alcohol abuse education and professional standards exacted for persons working in counselling, resource and referral, and treatment centers, and State funding for continuing education (work shops, etc.) for those people in the field, persons preparing to enter the field, or positions involved in the alcoholism field, i.e., office personnel.
5. That there be a fund existing that would enable professional resource and treatment people to help educate public school personnel on the physiological aspects and disease of alcoholism and alcohol abuse.
6. That there be mandatory education on alcohol abuse in all schools, starting at the primary level.

SECTION II ALTERNATIVES TO DRINKING, TREATMENT

1. That the legislature enact a law that would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment with a fee, in lieu of a fine, to be collected by the court for the treatment center.
2. That the State subsidize teen centers, social centers, athletic fields, etc., and help them be self sufficient.
3. That there be non-political subsidizing of social centers in outlying areas, serving only non-alcoholic beverages, modeled after Alano and Alateen Clubs found in larger cities.

SECTION III LOCAL OPTION

1. That there be a "phase-out" of autonomous State directives and decision making powers in the cost-accounting of local treatment programs.
2. That the legislature enact a law that would kick back a healthy percentage on revenues made from the sale of liquor and liquor licenses into local alcohol programs and alternatives to drinking. If these monies cannot be ear-marked, place them into the general fund for dispersement to local alcohol programs.

SECTION IV ENFORCEMENT

1. That first offense OMVI's have their cars impounded and the suspension of driver's licenses, along with mandatory entry and the required continuance into drinking/driving classes.
2. That there be tougher requirements for new liquor licenses and renewals and tighter enforcement.
3. Stronger enforcement of existing laws on alcohol related delinquencies contributing to youthful consumption, i.e.,
 - a. No serving of minors.
 - b. No liquor on credit.
 - c. No phone-induced deliveries.
 - d. No serving intoxicated persons.
 - e. No buying for minors.
4. That alcohol abuse and alcoholism education classes be made mandatory for enforcement personnel at all levels.

December 30, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West 6th, Suite C
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am sorry this form is late however I just received it yesterday. Since I was unaware of these hearings beforehand, I would like the opportunity to give you a few of my own reasons for wanting something done about the alcohol problem here in Alaska.

First of all, I am presently in the process of getting a divorce and the reason being my husband is an "alcoholic". For two years I have tried to get him to obtain help. I had no idea he was an alcoholic when I met him or when I married him as I had no prior knowledge of the disease. To me an alcoholic was a hopeless drunk, a social outcast, etc. Had I ever been educated into alcoholism, I might have been able to see the signs. Everywhere I went and no matter whom I spoke with, I received the same answer to any of my questions "he's a 'typical' alcoholic". Sir, I do not know what a "typical" alcoholic is and I still don't know.

After he went through the short-term program at the Salvation Army, I attended the couples classes with him and once again the same answer to any question I might have had "typical". I still say that my husband's problem is a mental one, he has emotional problems stemming from his childhood and that he needs help in this area. But I cannot "force" him against his will as "I am living his life for him," and unless he wants help, I should not interfere. Yet, I am his wife, I lived with him, I saw what started him off drinking most of the time and gave this information to his counselor who informed me "I will speak to him and if I feel he needs psychiatric help, I will offer it to him. Then I was told he would have to stay sober before he could receive this help. So everyone has a different opinion in how to treat an alcoholic. In the meantime, I have to divorce him in order to obtain peace of mind and retain my sanity while people sent me on a guilt trip and I am only a social drinker. I am leading up to a point: establish a rehabilitation center for these people. Have trained physicians and psychiatrists on the staff in addition to counselors. I do not have much faith in psychologists but guess they are great for testing purposes. If we were to have such a facility, many vacancies would be created in our prisons. I cannot see nor do I think it fair for a person with the disease of alcoholism to have to spend his time in prison for it. I understand alcoholic blackouts are for real, they cannot remember, so therefore if they are this sick, they should not be punished, but helped. I have argued against this "voluntary" theory that some people have. My husband is incoherent when he is drinking, he is not rational, he has almost set himself on fire with cigarettes and this would go on for weeks at a time. How could a person in this condition ever volunteer for anything? I am all for donating extra money and would never complain at having part of my tax money paid for what I consider a very worthwhile cause.

I feel there should be a stronger hold put on the bars. One time I went looking for my husband and found him passed out on the bar. He had \$10.00 in front of him and the bartender would put a drink up in front of him, take the money (double the amount) and then give the drink to another customer. Within 20 minutes all his money was gone. I said nothing, but went over to the bartender, identified myself and told him I did not want my husband served anymore. He became very indignant, ordered me out of the establishment and told me that my husband's money might as well be spent there as some other bar. Since my husband becomes very violent when he is drinking, I left him there. This is just one incident as I would not involve myself again.

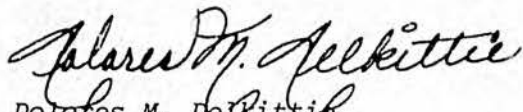
The State of Pennsylvania has some very good laws regarding alcohol. In fact having state-controlled package stores is a very good one. I'm sure your committee is looking into how other states are treating this problem.

I do not mean to bore you with my problems, however, alcohol is the only problem we've had in our marriage. He comes from a bush community where there is bootlegging and everyone lives in fear and are also afraid to tell. I've spoken to my mother-in-law about their village problem and asked her why she did not tell the Fish & Game Warden about this and she said if she did, she feared for her life.

It is heartbreaking to stand by and see someone you care for; someone who is a kind, compassionate, wonderful person be destroyed by alcohol. My example is only one of how many - my divorce is one of how many - my unhappiness is only one of how many? Myself and the many wives I feel I can speak for feel our only hope is that something can be accomplished in this area and just maybe someday, we could control what now seems a hopeless situation.

Thank you for the opportunity of being able to tell a part of my story and participate in your program.

Sincerely,



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"The Friendly City"

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Senator Mike Colletta
Special Committee on Alcoholism
Alcohol Related Legislation
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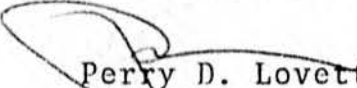
Dear Mike,

Enclosed is a draft of bill relating to alcoholic beverages which has been prepared by our Police Chief for your consideration.

We appreciate your providing us an opportunity to supply input to a very costly problem to Alaska and our community in terms of human beings, high maintenance costs and suffering of many innocent people.

Thanks again Mike, for your personal effort in trying to solve some of these problems.

Very Truly yours,



Perry D. Lovett
City Manager

Attachment (1)
cc: Chief Bagron

Anchorage Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center Inc.

Studio Club

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December 31, 1977

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Chairman Special Senate
Committee on Alcoholism
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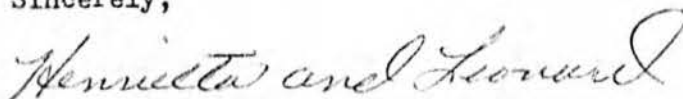
Dear Senator Colletta:

Thank you for the work draft for a legislative bill. We have not completed any portion or submitted any portions because we are at this time working on a plan which we will be presenting to this coming years legislature. Our plan deals with alcoholism and other social problems.

We thank you for the opportunity to speak at your public hearings and for meeting with Leonard.

If we can be of any assistance to you we will be happy to oblige..

Sincerely,



Henrietta and Leonard Nugen
Directors



CHUGACH COUNCIL
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CAMP FIRE

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TO: Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
1016 West Sixth Avenue, Suite C
Anchorage, AK 99501

FROM: Camp Fire, Chugach Council

RE: Proposed Bill on Alcoholism

DATE: December 29, 1977

Based on having operated programs for youth in villages and cities for a number of years, the Chugach Council of Camp Fire recommends the following be considered in writing the proposed bill on Alcoholism:

A. ADMINISTRATION

To facilitate program development and implementation, villages be allowed and encouraged to sign-off to Regional Corporations, School Districts, and/or non-governmental agencies. This would also facilitate payment schedules and help cut down on the layers needed to go through to implement programs.

B. EDUCATION

That education be expanded beyond formal education to include informal learning situations such as groups, special programs, etc.

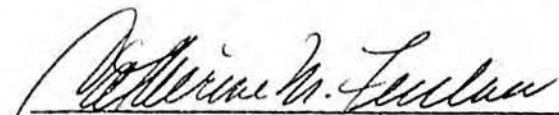
That education include areas such as value clarification, decision making, development of responsibility, along with the reasons why alcoholism can be harmful.

That provision be made for development of local leadership in these areas.

C. ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

That alternatives to drinking include recreational/educational programs such as: special interest activities, team/individual sports, clubs, organized/supervised teen centers, social interaction activities, etc.

That there be included provision for adult and youth training in leadership skills, program development, and program direction.


Catherine Feulner, President



RICHARD D. JUELSON
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Jan. 1, 1978

S. Mike Colletto, Chairman
1016 W. 6th ave. Suite C
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mike

I'm not trying to be facetious about such a serious problem, but I feel the best way to explain my personal feelings about the subject is to give my views briefly on each of points of concern expressed by the people of the state in your pamphlet. So here it is.

One idea that seems evident from re-reading the pamphlet is that the state and the University of Alaska should reprogram the course, alcoholism & addictive studies that was offered in May of 1973. It was a one week course offered for 3 weeks in a row. all expenses paid. Conducted by Dr Hal Post.

There were around 600 of us who took part in the course. It is my belief that those who took part have formed the nucleus of of alcoholism programming since that time in the state of Alaska.

Due to the advances & interest in the subject I believe a recurrence of these studies is long overdue.

RICHARD D. JUELSON
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I know that my participation was
the spark that changed me from an observer
into an active participant in the effort to
alleviate the problem in the state of Alaska.

Speaking as an Alaskan of over 30 years,
and as a sober alcoholic myself I can
tell you how much I appreciate the efforts
of you & your committee in helping to combat
the problem of alcoholism & alcohol abuse.
If nothing else comes of it, I know that
just the legislative attention to the subject
will have some beneficial effect. Thank you.

Respectfully
Dick Juelson, Pres.
Kodiak Council on Alcohol
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Kodiak, Alaska
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General Delivery
Reginald Cleveland
Sitka Alaska 99773
December 14, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Special Senate Committee on Alcoholism
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Honorable Colletta;

Thank you for the work draft copy,
I am very interested on special hearings
on Alcoholism.

Is there any funds available to
attend these meetings near my community?
Cause I can't travel on my own expense
and our local city budget does not cover
such an expense.

Thank You
Reginald Cleveland

Senator Colletta -

I was on jury duty recently and was appalled at the number of drunk driving cases. Our particular case took 2 1/2 days. All members of the jury were upset that it took so much taxpayer money* to make a decision to penalize a man who was driving with a BAC of .11. IF BAC is a legitimate indicator, ~~which~~ it should be used as such.

If more people were aware of how little alcohol it takes to impair driving ability, perhaps fewer cases would be brought to trial.

Peggy Wilson

*State prosecutor prep. time, State trooper witness, public defender prep time, judge and clerk time, 6 jury members' time, etc., etc.

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December 13, 1977

Senator Mike Colleta,
Chairman,
Senate Committee on Alcoholism

Dear Senator Mike:

As one who has spent his entire professional career in public relations and who has spent a good deal of that time on the subject of Alcoholism, please convey to your committee and staff that the mailing I received was by far the most persuasive, simple and effective that I have ever seen.

Now, with that, allow me a comment which I failed to make earlier. Two points, really and I think they are what make everything so tough for you in your work. One is to me insoluble, but the other I believe with some innovative and tough headed leadership, could be solved or assuaged.

One: I have been unable to find in any of the literature, or in a close analysis of three states, plus Washington, D.C., that there is any successful treatment program for the alcoholic who does not wish to cease being an alcoholic. If this presumption is true, then it is understandable why there is so much despair from the many who listen to the therapist announce that he has the answer, only to fall on his face after he has taken all the money he can.

Two: Alaska has an inordinate amount of money drained off at the administrative level and I am satisfied that this money is hard to find in the budgetary process. In short, the feds send it to the state, which takes some; the state sends it to the municipality, which takes some; the municipality sends it to the Salvation Army, which takes some; and eventually there are a few dollars left for the workers. The state has criteria and evaluation techniques which serve no purpose, except to employ people and consultants.

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By way of summary, little can be done by point one except not to expect too much or to tell the folks back home that things are going to get better than they are.

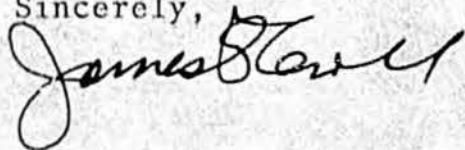
In point two, try to take the politics out of the awarding of contracts and try to minimize duplication in administration. Options here would be to bully up the state office and award all money directly to the working unit who implements whatever phase is involved. This would put an end to the mad hatters tea party going on around Anchorage. It might possibly flush out the sorry goings on over at NCA-Alaska where success is measured more on how much money they can raise than on what attitudes might possibly be changed in the publics' hearts and heads.

I would hope you could find a way to limit state standards in the bush, however, and be supportive to what the village wanted whether it be in wet-dry laws, enforcement or the courts.

I suggest stronger state involvement in the urban centers and more money with less strings to the bush.

Whatever you come up with, I somehow feel it will be better than what we have and far superior than what the Governor originally proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

Anchorage

Lynn Chase
P. O. Box 42
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Senator Colletta -

I would like to commend your attempt to get input this way.

I only had one criticism of the presentation. Prevention is not just education - reducing accessibility (controlling consumption) can prevent & help rehabilitate by changing the social environment ~~in~~ which provides incentives for the potential problem drinker. The excise tax option is too obvious an omission from this document!

Lynn Chase

Sorry, I can't condense my feelings
to a documented form - without
showing "Intent."

Lizel Karahelmoff

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Sec 1 Prevention and Education

All schools are well coached on Mental and Physical effects of Alcohol & Narcotics - why not included State & Federal Laws for offenders of these crimes and put some bite in it.

Sec 2 Alternatives to Drinking Treatment

1. Raise the tax on liquor to carry the load of rehabilitation Centers.
2. Change hours of Bars & Liquor stores 12:30 AM - 1 P.M.
(When you see lunches being devoured with 4 + 5 Martinis - one wonders the efficiency of that worker.)
3. Make drunk driving a stiffer sentence.
 - A. 1st offense warning
 - B. 2nd offense Rehab Center
 - C. 3rd offense Jail

(These people are potential Killers & should be dealt with as such)
4. The dollars spent are not helping the ones who really need it. 75% of the chronic Alcoholics are "repeats" at a center. Their life is spent "drying out" a way of life with them. It's no secret where their welfare - Bonus and pension moneys go. These are the ones who should have a choice - Rehab - or Jail.
5. The ones who need help - before it's too late are people in business and or Government

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(5) positions who need help without exposure of Local Rehab Center. There is no place for these people to go but 'outside' Perhaps - with state help - Hospitals could provide such care away from the general Hospital patients.

Sec 3 Local option

Alcohol is not a sickness it is a self inflicted wound. Put these Rehab and failed ones to work. The money to go for his keep and or to pay for his crime committed - or the family care, as so stipulated by a Court of Law or authority in charge. Each area will require different handling.

Sec 4 Enforcement -

1. Give Police Authority. If it means hiring more Law persons - it would be cheaper than the cost of Rehab Centers - where only a few are lodged 2 to 3 wks a month.
2. Shake up the Courts - In many cases a Policeman or Taxpayer has it a chance. Policeman risks his life & Taxpayer risks his financial standing - to enter into court.

) South Central Health Planning and Development, Inc.

1135 West Eighth Avenue Suite 1 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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December 16, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta
Box 3188
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Colletta:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your "Bill writing"

In summary:

- A. I favor decreasing access to alcohol over increasing cost as a deterrent to alcohol abuse.
- B. I favor tight conviction laws relative to abuse but with treatment the major goal of sentencing rather than incarceration.
- C. Treatment should be practical; work and skill training, recreational activities, etc.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Hammett".

Ron Hammett
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Enclosure

Nome

"GOAL MOTIVATION AND THE ESKIMO ALCOHOLIC"

A "pilot project" to demonstrate the potential of goal motivation in the rehabilitation of ten alcoholics of Eskimo extraction in the town of Nome, Alaska. (Definition: To set up material and obtainable goals and assist persons in attainment through their own efforts.)

Since the arrival of the white man in Eskimo country, alcohol in one form or another, has been abundantly present. Caught in between two cultures and not sure which one he should hold onto, the Eskimo has really held to neither. This crisis in identity, changes of life style, language difficulty, prejudice, low tolerance to alcohol etc., all have contributed to what has ended up as the Eskimos largest headache--one of the highest alcoholism problems in the world. 97.6% of all crime and violence in the City of Nome is alcohol related. Alaska has the highest suicide rate in the U.S., and over 88% is alcohol related. Although millions of dollars are being poured into numerous programs, the results are discouragingly meager.

One factor of the Eskimo culture is often forgotten. Competition or "ambition" in the "American business ethic" sense is most often not present. But it is in this world that Eskimos must walk and compete. So far the "scene" spells only failure. Problems grow and multiply in every community.

The object of this pilot program would be to demonstrate the "value" of "goal motivation" in the rehabilitation process of the Eskimo alcoholics. If successfully demonstrated it could be implemented in other programs across the state.

In collaboration with the psychiatrist of Norton Sound Health Corporation, one person would act as "goal guidance director", and the 2nd counselor would be Mr. Lincoln Milligrock.* Alternate counselors each day. Using daily, supervised oral distribution of antabuse for the first 6 weeks (or longer) of the 6 months program, there would be daily, 2 hour counseling sessions 5 days a week for 6 months stressing the chosen and attainable goals of the counselees and helping them attain them through ivory carving. (In this process it has been demonstrated that the self identity of the person comes out and he or she realizes his or her own potential, i.e., Lincoln and Emily Milligrock.)

This study and pilot project would be evaluated monthly by the chief physician of Norton Sound Regional Hospital and reports made monthly during project and up to six months after project is complete.

BUDGET:

Two hour daily counseling for two counselors @ \$25. an hour \$6,000 at Norton Sound Health Center. Materials for ivory carving \$5,000. Not an ongoing project.

* Example of "Goal Motivation," as related by Father James Poole.

Lincoln and Emily Milligrock had been two of Nome's most notorious alcoholics for over 15 years. They had lost their children to foster homes. They were regular visitors of the local jail with a rap sheet a yard long. At a real low, they both decided to go on "antabuse" and the second day came to visit me. I asked what he really wanted in life. He smiled and said, "A new shotgun." I said, "Fine, come tomorrow and see it." He did and wanted to take it home. "No, carve bracelets and

come and get it." He did 3 days later. "What else do you want?" It was a sewing machine for his wife, then a set of power tools, a washing machine, etc., and he finally grasped the idea of what real potential he had when sober. He later went on to buy a car, 32 foot oomiak boat, a house. Both he and his wife have been sober for 5 years.

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December 13, 1977

Senate Committee on Alcoholism
Senator Mike Colletta, Chairman
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Dear Sirs:

I am not quite sure why I am on the mailing list for input for the bill being drafted as I did not attend any of the hearings when notified nor do I feel I have any special expertise regarding this matter. However, I do recognize that alcoholism is tremendous problem in this state and because of my nature I feel now compelled to take the time to write some of my thoughts regarding bill being drafted.

The statement that 15% of the people buy 62% of all alcohol sold interests me. Out of personal preference my husband and I seldom drink alcoholic beverages, although we do not totally abstain, but I have never personally had to deal with an alcohol abuser. I feel therefore that I may belong to a large segment of the population that may generally tend to ignore the problem; in other words, I speak for the 85% who drink in moderation, but even more for that large percentage of the population that money spent on alcohol related problems are tax dollars that we are absolutely throwing away.

Let me first address Section 1: Prevention and Education. I strongly protest placing the burden for education in the schools; not only is it inappropriate, it is dangerous! Alcohol education is the responsibility of the parents; it is time we stop taking responsibilities away from the home and letting strangers whose values are unknown and in this case whose drinking attitudes may differ significantly (teachers have been known to have drinking problems!) try to "teach" facts that are emotionally charged.

What causes some people to abuse alcohol while others don't? I think in trying to deal with alcohol we are wasting our money to try and find a cure if we don't know the causes. It seems to me that people turn to alcohol when they cannot face the problems they must deal with, they lack the self-confidence and self-esteem to cope with day-to-day living, they are bored. Alcohol fills a void. It seems to me therefore far more constructive to spend state money to fill that void BEFORE alcohol becomes a habit. A solid education in the basics so that all Alaskans can enjoy reading and mental stimulation from the world of ideas; adult and continuing education programs to enrich our lives with art, music, mechanical know-how, dramatics, swimming and other athletic activities, crafts and hobbies; community centers with activities to fill the social needs of Alaskans -- these would be far better investments of our tax dollars than films and materials about alcoholism (that's like spending campaign money only talking about your opponent!) and training teachers to do a job they were neither meant to do nor do they have the time if they are really trying to give their students an education to arm them for life.

What about Section 2: Alternatives to Drinking and Treatment for the person who has already turned to alcohol to fill the void in his life?

It seems to me that the costs for most detoxification and alcoholism treatment programs are such that all too often they are a waste of my money and everyone else's not to mention the time and work that is thrown in. As I understand it there is no cure for alcoholism until the alcoholic accepts that he has a problem -- or illness or whatever you want to call it -- and he assumes the responsibility for asking for help. This has been a key factor to Alcoholics Anonymous, the only effective help that I have known of over the years other than the alcoholic turning to religion for spiritual help, and again this means the alcohol abuser must recognize his problem and his inability to deal with it alone. The most effective counselors are often concerned volunteers, people who care about the alcoholic as a person rather than doing his job for the paycheck. I am not saying that professionally counselors are not needed but simply that without a core of caring people to help the alcoholic through the hours when he feels weak and vulnerable, no program is worth one cent of public money!

I think we do need treatment programs, detox centers and local halfway house programs to provide the kind of professional help that people closer to the problem better understand than I. But if we're going to start them, invest in making them effective, then I feel we also need to make a commitment to continue them and not leave the professionals hanging on the cliff of budget concerns every year. Treatment should not be forced, however, or offered as an alternative to a jail sentence; it should be the "privilege" of those who ask.

I'm not sure what is supposed to be written into Section 3 regarding local option; is this where money is written into the bill for state funding, but each community decides how it would be most effectively used? It seems that each community can best determine what community resources could be developed to fill the void that alcoholism does, be it more community centers, continuing education programs or the school system itself. The type of treatment program to be invested in FOR ALCOHOLICS SEEKING HELP might well be locally developed to meet community needs. But definite limits MUST be placed by the bill limiting the local options to CONSTRUCTIVE use of state funding. I agree that Juneau experts may be the least effective, but Juneau coordination is necessary.

Now the question arises, just where WILL the money come from? I suggest stiff taxes on all alcoholic beverages; I would go so far as to recommend taxes of 50% on the cost of the product or more to discourage the consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol while defraying a large part if not all of the costs of the treatment programs. It is fair, it seems to me, that the occasional user should pay through alcohol taxes for the problems of the few (percentage-wise). It is often the non-problem drinker that contributes to the availability and encouragement of alcohol use by the alcoholic. It is fair that the frequent abuser be faced with the costs of alcohol problems. I would go so far as to say that the TOTAL costs of rehabilitation programs, detox centers, halfway houses, etc. should be met by an alcohol tax, and I see no need to scimp on the costs for treatment to keep this tax down!

As I read through the pages dealing with Enforcement, the following

thoughts emerged regarding Section 4 of this bill. I feel that the bill must clearly separate between treatment and punishment; offering treatment as an alternative to a fine or jail sentence weakens the effectiveness of the entire treatment program by overloading the cases the professionals are expected to deal with with people who are in effect wasting the professionals' time because they aren't ready to make a sincere effort to be rehabilitated and by skyrocketing the costs for any treatment programs for those who really want to be helped.

Drunk driving fines should be as painful as possible. People may argue as to whether alcoholism is a disease or not, but there is absolutely NO excuse for the drunk to even consider getting into his vehicle. Even the slightest trace of alcohol should warrant a traffic fine, with legally drunk levels \$500 or more ON THE FIRST OFFENSE. (What is the value of damages done by drunk drivers in this state? What is the value of the lives of those injured, maimed or killed because of mixing alcohol and gasoline?) Second offense should be automatic revoking of the driver's license with enormous penalties if caught driving during the period of revocation -- \$1000 doesn't seem out of line. The period of revocation should be the same for ALL and be no less than 60 days. Further drunk driving at any time should be automatic revocation of the license to drive for no less than 2 years with similar fines (\$1000 or more) if violated. These penalties should be automatic and not subject to any consideration of personage, treatment, etc.

Other alcohol laws, such as drunk in public need to be considered in the public interests. If alcoholism is a disease, then dry-out cells do not seem inhumane to me; when we are sick, even if the individual chooses not to seek medical help society frowns on him socializing and passing on the disease or even sharing the manifestations of the disease publicly.

As for the sellers of alcohol, legal or otherwise, I agree that there must be some teeth in the laws dealing with their illegal actions, and NO classes but JAIL sentences or better yet fines that will be felt, revocation of dispensing licenses, etc. For heaven's sake, no telephone ordering of any alcoholic beverages, even beer! Limit airlines' serving of and transporting of alcohol. Limit the number of alcohol dispensing establishments and their hours. It may be true that SOME will get alcohol for personal use regardless of the ease of availability, but SOME will also be deterred in their use if availability is restricted. Alcoholic beverages should be sold ONLY at licensed liquor stores* instead of at any grocery store and supermarket; this includes beer and wine.

* and licensed dispensing establishments

Taxes on alcoholic beverages should cover a good share of the law enforcement costs as well as treatment. Served drinks should be taxed even more than packaged alcohol because it seems that dispensing drinks must be an awfully profitable business judged by the numbers involved in serving drinks; make it less profitable. This kind of jobs we can take a decrease in!

Such are my thoughts, comments and ideas. I am not a lawmaker, I have written them as best I could; I leave the writing of the bill to those who know how. I recognize that alcoholism is a problem that must be dealt with and respect the efforts of this committee to deal with it as effectively as possible. Thanks for this opportunity to express myself.

Sincerely, Leslye A. Korvola

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RALPH C. MOORE, Secretary
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Palmer, Alaska 99645

Palmer, Alaska

*Our Comments are the same as most others.
Anything we can do to help cut down the Alcohol
Problem Please Contact us.*

J.M. McELHANEY
DENALI CAB CO.
P. O. Box 637
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12 Dec, 1977

Senator Mike Colletta:

You will no doubt notice that I have taken excerpts from one of your reports to give you the help that I could on the Work Draft Copy. Hopefully, I can get together with you on any or all of your future open meetings.

Please keep me informed of any action taken or anything that I can do to help you & your people.

If you will delete one of the enclosed labels you can save duplication.

Sincerely,

J. M. McElhanev

Jim McElhanev
PO Box 637
Palmer, AK 99645

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Dear Mike Colletta and Staff,

I enclose my ideas of alcohol abuse legislation. I don't have time to put them in legislative language. Your staff can do that.

But I really appreciate the effort you have gone with your committee to look for new ideas & broad public input. You may come up with a lot of good ideas.

Most of the people in rural Alaska are not classic alcoholics. They cannot be dealt with the same way. They abuse alcohol for reasons complex but obviously tied in with cultural destruction, loss of traditional mores & life patterns, in addition to other factors which seem to affect all Northern countries. Therefore there are no traditional solutions or quick ones, but we can start.

If I had to prioritize it would be hard but definitely we need to strengthen the shame sanctions by ^{illegalizing,} publicizing & prosecuting "drunk in public" & make treatment compulsory for 2nd offenders.

We should start education very early because alcohol abuse is an expression of self-destructive attitudes & these start very young. Education should not be just preaching about alcohol, but the whole gamut of learning how to like ourselves & others & live constructively.

But perhaps most important, people can't have the necessary self-respect & be neither in the old culture or integrated to the new one. Rural people must get training & jobs that will enable them to live where they want to live & build enterprises in their traditional homeland, not shipped out to the hostile urban centers. Today's Native folks need to have a chance to build a modern Native culture, saving the best of the old to pass on proudly to their kids. Every Eskimo I know, in his heart has real inadequacy feelings.

There's no lack of these problems among White folks too, but it is more individual problems & less a broad cultural one. The steps mentioned above, if carried out, would also cover the problems of the White folks with the emotional problems that result in alcohol abuse. I know urban people have these problems but I have chosen to address rural problems today. Thanks for the opportunity to address you on this.

Sincerely,

Wenay M. Thendall
Nome, Alaska 99762

Section 4 Enforcement:

We need a "get tough" policy with the alcoholic.

There is a difference between punishment and treatment, so pass a law which would make it possible for a judge to order a person into treatment rather than punish him with a fine. There needs to be a law against public drunkenness that in any way endangers others. Just having a law for driving while intoxicated is not enough to protect society and the alcoholic. We need a law to protect the drunk and society. Being drunk in public is wrong and should not socially be acceptable. Change the law to show disapproval of this behavior. Then drunks could be picked up and helped.

We would also suggest closing bars earlier, approximately 2:00 a.m. This would help keep some of the drunks off the highway. Also, bartenders and bar owners should be held responsible for serving a man alcoholic beverages when he is already visibly drunk.

Greater enforcement of existing laws that deal with public drunkenness should also be encouraged.

*Jane Fowler
MPT-50 Council
on Alcoholism*

Petersburg, Alaska
January 4, 1978

Dear Mr. Colletta:

Booze is with us and will be for some time to come. It is a well known fact that many adults cannot cope with exposure to this substance, and that minors, in their emotional immaturity, cope even less well. We have a law to protect the minors, which states that liquor will not be sold to anyone under 19. The law is useless unless it is enforced.

Penalties resulting from enforcement of this law must, of necessity involve the seller, who is the adult in the transaction. As it is now, this penalty is regulated by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. I believe this is totally wrong. Penalties should be the same and equal for all liquor store owners and should therefore be regulated by law. My recommendation follows, and I believe it is both fair and adequate:

1. One months closure at first offence
2. Two months closure at second offence
3. Three months closure at third offence
4. Six months closure at fourth offence
5. Removal of license at fifth offence.

The penalty should by law, be invoked at 12:01 A.M. the day following completion of the trial - in all cases. Enforcement should be relegated to the police of the city or state, depending on the location of the establishment.

Whether or not this is done, or when it is done should not be left up to any board. It particularly should not be left up to a board that could be composed, in part, of people who are involved in selling liquor. This would be a flagrant conflict of interests.

However, until such time as this law can be written and go into effect, I believe it is necessary for the legislature to see that Alaska has an Alcohol Beverage Control Board that will penalize on an immediate and an adequate basis.

Very sincerely,

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education on alcoholism should be started in the elementary schools & continued through to Adult Education - through retail liquor outlets & Adult Night School.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking could be made available to the public through additional efforts of the Borough Recreation Dept.

Treatment should include counseling, steering the alternatives & the imposing of a protective custody law to allow efficient treatment.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable & totally ineffective. In my mind all it does is encourage Bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Legislation should be up-dated to reflect the life style of those citizens who desire to drink & well as that of those who wish to abstain.

"RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO"
SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM
1016 West 6th Ave., Suite C
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Respectfully,
J. B. Clark
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* Section 1 Prevention and Education *Education in grades 6 and up should be required in Alcohol Abuse and what it does to your body and brain Audio Visual aids would be needed and well trained instructors in the course. Maybe even a few people who travel to the different schools and give presentations. This might make the kids realize how important not drinking is. Advertisements in magazines should not show drinks in hands of "cool" people.*
* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Recreation seems to be the best alternative to drinking. Places where no drinking is allowed pool, Ping Pong, movies etc. PHS hospitals in rural areas should have de tox centers in them, with trained people for counselling.

* Section 3 Local Option
No booze sold in town, or else it should be rationed. No "booze runs" should be allowed so as to keep the amount of liquor available down. Some kind of law that is applicable to store keepers. There are too many times when there is no food and too much liquor.

* Section 4 Enforcement
Any person who has been convicted of any crime, or has been brought to trial with an alcohol related crime should be required to go through a treatment course. Everybody who does break the law when they're drinking are not necessarily alcoholics, but maybe this would serve as a reminder as to what happens when you drink.

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*Schools, homes &
special groups: bartenders, liquor store clerks - workshops
subsidized treatment in conjunction w/ employers -
employer training in how to make referrals*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

*statewide detox, treatment facilities & plans
local counselors and half-way houses
incentives for employers to send problem employees
to treatment
group insurance coverage should be required
to cover treatment*

* Section 3 Local Option

*Allow as much as possible in addition to state
laws, but never less.*

* Section 4 Enforcement

*proof of age for telephone or mail orders - but how?
licensing for bar owners, bartenders, cocktail
waitresses, liquor store clerks - should know
how to identify alcoholics, alcoholic blackout, *over
know local referral sources & procedures.
courts: required treatment for alc.-related crimes
D.W.I. should result in a mandatory 1-year
license suspension.
require warning labels!!
no service of additional drinks (more than two) to
a customer sounds like a good idea.*

* I was amazed to receive an argument once from a bartender about whether or not alcohol was a "drug". Of course it is! The idea of a person legally selling alcohol without understanding this is insane!

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Alaska Skill Center
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I have based my opinions on ten years of work as a school counselor, seven-and-one-half years with adults at the Skill Center. This amounts to 2 or 3 thousand individuals, probably 60% Native.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

*Grade school education for little people.
Com. College education and liquor store leaflets
for adults.*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, ?
Treatment

*Protective custody and counseling at
half-way houses.*

* Section 3 Local Option

*Local option should not be allowed. Private
liquor outlets for all towns, to stop bootlegging.*

* Section 4 Enforcement

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EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS
SUPPORT TO THE ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

SEVERAL FUNCTIONS ON A COMMUNITY LEVEL

* Section 3 Local Option

NO VALUE, THE HARD CORE DRINKER
WILL GET HIS LIQ ANYWAY, POSSIBLE
COMMITMENT NOT A SOLUTION, COMPOUND THE PROBLEM.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM AT THE JUDICIAL
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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

THE STATE OF ALASKA, IT'S CLERK SHALL PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, FILMS & LITERATURE TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN REGARDING THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOLISM. REFUSE ADDITIONAL LICENSES ISSUED IN ALL COMMUNITIES WITH OVER TWO ACTIVE LICENSES.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

STATE OF ALASKA SHALL ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO BUILD & OPERATE HOME TREATMENT COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALCOHOL. ENCOURAGE MORE ADVANCED COUNSELING ACTIVITIES, & ASSIST IN THEIR SPONSORING & OPERATION. BE MORE ACTIVE & PROVIDE FUNDS TO OPERATE DRUNK DRIVERS EDUCATIONAL COURSES AFTER A COURT CONVICTION IN SMALL COMMUNITIES.

* Section 3 Local Option

ENACT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW LOCAL PROFESSIONALS TO GRANT ALCOHOLICS TO ABSTAIN FOR 90 DAY STAYS OF TREATMENT (MANDATORY) QUICKLY WITHOUT DELAY OR SEVERAL COURT APPEARANCES.

* Section 4 Enforcement

ENACT LEGISLATION MAKING THE ABC DIRECTOR POSITION A NONPOLITICAL APPOINTMENT. INCREASE ABC FUNDING, & ALLOW THAT AGENCY TO ENFORCE 30 DAY CLOSURES OF BARS WITHOUT COURT APPEARANCES FOR ABC VIOLATIONS. ENACT "AL" 1/2% FREE LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS. BAR CLOSURE TIME SHORTENED TO 25% STATEWIDE.

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*Education, Most people already know
the effects of alcohol. The printing of all this
information will cost much, & be read by very few.
Prevention, ? Never. If they teach kids to drink or not to
they learn that all to soon.*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

*go to church, coffee shop, nearest drug
store*

* Section 3 Local Option

*Let those who want it, Have it
as long as there of people age - (19)*

* Section 4 Enforcement

Present laws seem adequate

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- 1) Education should be incorporated into the school-system grade 1 thru, 12. Adult-Education should be accomplished by dispensing of information thru retail liquor outlets and advanced educational facilities.
- 2) Alternatives to drinking should be made available if they do not already exist. This could be accomplished by community efforts. Treatment should include counseling, stressing of alternatives and the imposing of a protective custody by law to allow efficient treatment.
- 3) Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable and will be ineffective in the treatment of alcohol abuse because it fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy. Alcoholic beverage outlets under private ownership should be established in all communities for the convenience of all citizens who wish to use them. The right of the individual who chooses to drink should receive the same respect as the right of a person who chooses not to drink.
THIS WILL KILL BOOTLEGGING!
- 4) The recommendation of the latest study available were to up-date both State and Federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of life that include both the use and the non-use of alcohol; and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others, or to make it harder to obtain.
This will also help to curtail bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Submitted by:

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12 * Section 1 Prevention and Education

13 Education programs in alcoholism, i.e. alcohol curriculum, K-12 should be
 14 implemented throughout the state school system. (One such curriculum is
 15 "Here's Looking At You"). Continuing assistance should be provided to programs
 16 dealing with prevention. Youth board or youth representatives should be included
 17 in statewide boards dealing with alcohol and drug abuse. Financial support to
 18 educational and training programs that are cognizant of rural Alaskan training
 19 needs should be financially supported.

18 * Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
19 Treatment

20 Alcohol treatment centers i.e., b provided for each region, in addition to limited
 21 hospitals in rural Alaska. (Half / houses, sleep-off centers). Development of
 22 recreational interests and facilities that are regionally and culturally oriented.

27 * Section 3 Local Option

28 Revenue sharing is inadequate in terms of actual dollars for small communities.
 29 Local options need to be determined in a community/regional effort.

32 * Section 4 Enforcement

33 The existing laws should be enforced.
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Problem of alcoholism is not a new found phenomenon in the state of Alaska. We have been dealing with it thru-out centurys with apparent little success. Preventive education is our only hope civilization has to free it self of this oblivious affliction. Hopefully it could disassociate alchol with pleasure as being experienced by our generation.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Alternatives to drinking are available, always has been nothing can be acomplished except by personal discretion. Government does not have any business of dictating alternatives to free society.

* Section 3 Local Option

Whole heartly agree with local alternatives we have available.

* Section 4 Enforcement

No alternative action needed.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

* Section 3 Local Option

GIVE PROGRAMS OVER TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND PREVENT
TIME CONSUMING BUREAUCRACY FROM EMPLOYING 'INCOMPENTENTS'
THAT GIVE THEM THE IMAGE OF BEING EXPERTS.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Schools in Alaska shall provide counseling services to students at all levels, with appropriate programs to train young persons to take responsibility for their own behavior and to learn to handle stress without blaming others.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

There shall be established a detoxification center in every community in Alaska to take drunk persons off the streets. Centers shall be staffed by trained personnel. Sustained support for persons conquering alcoholism shall be provided through well-staffed halfway houses throughout the State.

* Section 3 Local Option

Matching funds available to local communities beyond the mandatory minimum programs provided for each community shall provide an incentive to local communities to develop unique additional programs to serve unique local needs.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Persons convicted of an alcohol-related crime shall spend sentence time in a treatment program which utilizes the best techniques proven and working in other places.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Part of Education should include total abstinence from alcohol- Not
just limiting intake- The "in thing" should be -"Who needs alcohol
anyway" .

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

Everyone arrested for drunken driving or any offense connected with drinking
should be required to submit to treatment.

An Appeal should be made to the major business's and to our legislature
as well to disband the cocktail parties - It encourages alcoholism.

* Section 3 Local Option

Number of bars should be limited
Bars should close by midnight.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Police should be posted near bars to arrest drinking drivers - (Innocent
People on highways need to be protected).

First offenders should be imprisoned and all driving privileges lost
for good. (Not ever be allowed to drive again.)

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Section 1 Prevention and Education

Prevention and Education should be paid for by the alcohol industry:
Taxes should be raised on the persons using the drug ; Education should be
included in teacher training workshops. Teachers should be required to study
the abuse of alcohol and train the youth so they will have a choice.

Section 2; Alternatives to drinking, Treatment

The centers that already are working should have programs going to entertain
the alcoholic. After detox the center should have continued follow up of the
client.

Section 3 Local Option

Requirments for the Boards on the alcoholism programs. Guidelines and by-laws.
mandatory for any funded program. All employed in alcoholism work be a recovering
person, since all the sucess has been when recovering persons helped each other.

Section 4 Enforcement

A law where minor's envolved a Mandatory sentence instead slapping the hands.
Drinking age should be 21. All D.W. I.'s should attend alcohol education plus fine
with monies being used to support local programs.
Drinking in public a crime.

Standards should be set up for people working in the programs. Including
an education program for any member that is on the local as well as State
Boards.

I support the program inatited in the field."Here's Looking At You"

Thank You, God Bless and continued Good Luck in your work to help us all.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Include Alcoholism as a part of the health and hygiene classes in the schools. No one is too young to learn about the hazards of alcohol.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

Establish an alcoholic rehabilitation center and make it mandatory that if he is constantly in trouble due to alcoholism he must be committed there for a period of no less than 6 months. After he is released, if he once again becomes a problem drinker, he will be committed for a longer period of time.

* Section 3 Local Option

Make the bars close earlier and open later. No bar needs to be open for 21 hours/day.

It will be illegal to sell alcohol to an already visible drunken individual. If a bartender does this, then he should be arrested and fined. No more double or triple portions of alcohol to be served in one drink.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Return the drinking age to 21 and make the sale of marijuana once again illegal. Stricter fines and prison sentences for drunk driving.

Establish a law where if a person is an alcohol, you can prevent him from being served or sold alcohol.

Abolish the "voluntary" commitment by an alcoholic to a treatment center. Make it mandatory to receive treatment or spend time in prison.

Make fines for selling illegal alcohol exorbitant and establish state controlled stores in the bush communities.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

**EDUCATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
THRU BOTH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM & THE MEDIA.
A JOINT EFFORT BY STATE & LOCAL GOV'T &
THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY WOULD BE THE BEST
WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.**

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

**ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & ADVERTIZED
AS SUCH. TREATMENT FACILITIES SHOULD
BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. IT IS THE
INDIVIDUALS RIGHT TO CHOOSE.**

* Section 3 Local Option

**LOCAL OPTION TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF
ALCOHOL SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED, AS IT TENDS
TO INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL
& PROVIDE A SOURCE FOR BOOT LEGGING.**

* Section 4 Enforcement

**ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO
A TREATMENT & EDUCATIONAL MEANS. AGAIN
TO PROHIBIT SALE OF ALCOHOL DENIES THE
INDIVIDUAL HIS RIGHT OF CHOSE, ALCOHOLISM
IS, IN FACT, A DISEASE, NOT A CRIME**

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

- (a) *Use short TV commercials & special programs geared to regional concerns & facilities*
- (b) *Expand assistance to schools incl. supplemental grants to districts which participate*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

- (a) *Develop standards & objectives for measuring performance of treatment programs & apply these uniformly*
- (b) *Enlist beverage industry in campaign for 'responsible behavior'*

* Section 3 Local Option

- (a) *Work through local health planning & regional health planning agencies*
- (b) *Increase revenue sharing funds to cover alcoholism needs*

* Section 4 Enforcement

- (a) *Increase fees paid to A.B.C. & institute fees for services given by Environmental Health Div. to bars, such as presently being done by Municipality of Anchorage.*
- (b) *Utilize the same controls & cost reduction of enforcement services asked of Alaska for pipeline development for alcoholic beverage "development" within State.*

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To: Senate Committee on Alcoholism

From: Sandy Stark, member League of Women Voters, Comprehensive Health Planning Commission, inspector with Health & Environ. Protection, Municipality of Anchorage

Re: Alcoholism programs

1. Congratulations on getting Helen Beirne's leadership as Commissioner. Not only is she knowledgeable & caring re. program matters but she is one of the few high placed administrative types who will seek out legislative cooperation.
2. Establish a consistent yardstick of criteria for measuring goals & objectives of alcoholism programs. Even in this field of intangibles, a consistently applied standard is needed rather than abstaining from any type of project review once a grant has been given. A innovative team arrangement w/ the HSP's could be helpful in this regard.
3. Be aware of the extensive "aid/subsidies" extended to the alcohol industry. This needs to be balanced not only against the negative cost of alcoholism drunk driving etc., but against the positive value from food & beverage service industries being one of the highest private employers in the state.
 - a. Examples of subsidies & assistance:
 1. tax break for Prinz Brau
 2. Municipal & State inspections of bars
 3. Municipal & State assistance through pre-permit inspections of bars which often are opened to meet ABC requirements to hang onto a lucrative liquor license. One instance in Anchorage involved a bar in a new shopping center that was completely installed in a sectioned off area (at the end of '76) of an unfinished building & in the opposite location from its final location at the other end of the structure.
 - b. Questionable occupancy levels of various 'private' programs operating w/ govt. funds.
4. Expand speakers program in secondary schools. The speaker sponsored by the Anch. Council on Alcoholism @ Clark St in 1975-76 when I taught health there, was excellent.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education Each bottle of alcoholic beverage shall have attached to its label the total sum of state and federal taxes. The state tax will also show in dollars and cents what part of the total state tax is used in the separate parts of the liquor program on alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking.
Treatment Coffee and Tea Houses could be subsidized with a tax-free program based on need and locality.

* Section 3 Local Option

All costs of rehabilitation, prevention and education, under the Alcoholism Program to be paid from the state tax refund on total alcohol beverage sales. Refunds will be based on beverage sales supplying the particular area involved. It's unfeasible that bar hours in Ketchikan are allowed until 5:00 A. M. to remain open. We would suggest closure at 1:00 A.M. or 2:00 A. M.

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All costs of liquor violations resulting from local police action shall be paid for from the state liquor tax refund.

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
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*If people want to drink, let them.
They only hurt themselves.*

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*yes, I agree that it should be taught
grades 1 thru 12 -*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
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*I feel that adults, if they want to drink
are gonna drink regardless - of whether
a bar is open - or closed, they will
find it somewhere -*

* Section 3 Local Option

*yes, I feel that this is a free democracy
if a person wants a drink, he should
have one, if not - don't have one -*

* Section 4 Enforcement

*I feel that if a person wants Boo's
and the bars are closed, they
will find it somewhere -
that's my opinion -*

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Education for Alcohol, should be in the schools or more on TV + Radio to let the public be more aware of what can happen to a person who drinks to much.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

should be made thru more sports & community activities. The Governor should spend some of the oil money to sponsor sports of all kinds for the young & old.

* Section 3 Local Option

It is stupid to think the state can stop booze from being sold. There would be more illegal booze than ever. The Governor should spend more time on Drugs in Alaska and not his tillage with these booze problems.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Make stricter laws for drinkers that drive while drunk, spend more time on Drugs & Drugs enforcement.

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Education should be given through the 1 thru 12 grades
of school. Adult-education should be incorporated into
advanced-educational facilities and thru retail liquor
outlets.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

Alternatives to drinking should be made available through
community efforts - such as counseling, and protective custody
by law for treatment purposes.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages would
only tend to encourage "Bottlelegging" and would not recognize the
right of free choice of the individual, which is the basis of a
democratic society. Alcoholic beverage outlets, privately owned, should be
allowed in all communities for the convenience of citizens because it is the
right of every individual to drink or not drink as he chooses.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Update both State and Federal laws to reflect a life pattern
that will include both the use and non-use of alcohol and
oppose legislation to take alcohol away from others or that
makes it harder to obtain. This is the only way to curtail
"Bottlelegging."

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be incorporated into the school-system, at an early age.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Churches should be responsible for paying their share of the treatment of the problem drinker.

* Section 3 Local Option

Fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy.

* Section 4 Enforcement

State & Federal should be able to over ride the enforcement

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12 * Section 1 Prevention and Education

- 13 1. ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE IN-DEPTH ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.
14 2. IN-SERVICE IN SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS FOR PERSONNEL (IN ALCOHOL EDUCATION).
15 3. REGULARLY OFFER ALCOHOL COUNSELOR TRAINING THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA CAMPUSES.

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18 * Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
19 Treatment

- 20 - STATE FUNDED COMMUNITY CENTERS (SIMILAR TO YMCA) WITH GYM, AUDITORIUM, SNACK
21 BAR, POOL, ^{SMOKING} GAME ROOM, ETC.
22 - ALCOHOL COUNCIL WITH SEVERAL COUNSELORS TO DEAL WITH ALCOHOLICS BEFORE
23 AND AFTER TREATMENT AT A TREATMENT CENTER.

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*Education should be started as early
as possible in the schools and thru
advanced education facilities for adults*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
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*The law must be changed to require
police officers to impose protective custody
and a facility for treatment.*

* Section 3 Local Option

*Local Option is worthless and only leads
to "Boatlegging". Prohibition has never
worked*

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Early schooling

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

There will allways be drinking one way or the other.

* Section 3 Local Option

Not to sell alcohol would only bring back bootleggers.

* Section 4 Enforcement

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Additional emphasis should be placed on education at all school levels. Real life type situations on T.V. for adult coverage. Teach those who use it how not to abuse it.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Societies should be able to provide nonalcoholic drinks. We need additional sports facilities as alternatives. For those with problems we need centers for treatment not just lock ups.

* Section 3 Local Option

People are going to drink, local laws will provide facilities with out illegal bootlegging.

* Section 4 Enforcement

Laws need to serve all people. to say a person can not use alcohol ~~is not~~ will just encourage him to get it through illegal methods. Laws concerning alcohol need to be for both the user and non user.

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Start the Education in the school systems. Under 12.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

If education is started in grade one & advances thru grade 12 there will be alternatives to drinking & new habits will be formed.

* Section 3 Local Option

Andrew Polsted proved that prohibition on any level is not the answer. Bootlegging would return and be worse than what we have now.

* Section 4 Enforcement

*any law that denies the use of sale of alcohol is doomed to failure - at least in the sense that it will not curb the abuse of alcohol - alcohol like drugs will be made available by the underworld
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An education program should be set up in the school system, whereby the children could be taught what happens when a person drinks too much -

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Since excessive drinking is being done by 5% of the public and most of them are the same people, a farm system should be established so that these people can utilize their time, instead of having nothing to do but drink. Also, the law should read that these repeat offenders will be put on a farm -

* Section 3 Local Option

Under a democratic system, a person should have the right to drink - To prohibit the sale of alcohol would only cause bootlegging - Big people will drink and they will get it one way or another -

* Section 4 Enforcement

If the repeat offenders were picked up and put on a farm, we wouldn't have the scenes we have today - But, they have to be picked up and put to work -

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*taught as a subject in
schools*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

*Individual people should be
responsible for their own conduct*

* Section 3 Local Option

*tougher on individuals -
not owners or bartenders*

* Section 4 Enforcement

*Individuals should be responsible
for their actions - no bartender is capable
or should be forced to be responsible for
patrons actions - no more than the
service station is held for selling gas
which kills - lower speed of all cars
mechanically*

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be introduced in to the
Elementary School System & continued
through adult education classes*

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*Alternatives to drinking should be
made available by the Community
Counseling in the best form of
Treatment*

* Section 3 Local Option

*Local option is truly undesirable
as it does encourage bootlegging
which is not good for the Community*

* Section 4 Enforcement

*Legislation should be enacted that would
be fair to both those that wish to
drink socially & those that don't*

*Ruth E. Sutton
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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

PUBLIC ADVERTISING -

* Section 3 Local Option

*NO BOOTLEGGING WILL TAKE OVER -
NO MONEY FOR FOOD FOR CHILDREN*

* Section 4 Enforcement

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SIRS:

My name is Susy Humnicutt. I would like to not have liquor available anymore. I am 74 years old. I have five sons. Four drink and have alcohol problems. I always have to support them. When they come home drunk and I call the police. They doht do any thing. My sons need help, but we dont have a treatment center here. I need rest. But their drinking keeps me up - worrying - unhappy. We dont need liquor. So why can't we just close the liquor place.

Susie Humnicutt
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Start teaching alcohol abuse - drug
abuse in the schools

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

give people other things to do.

* Section 3 Local Option

No

* Section 4 Enforcement

Don't tie the hands of police - it seems
the laws are way too lenient.

*Leo Blinde
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*Provide a tax deduction for contributions to
alcoholism programs.
Mark booze over 2% with skull & X bones
Education in schools.*

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

*In smaller communities - state
financially assist them in building community
centers w/ recreation facilities*

* Section 3 Local Option

*The state can not solve the problem in Juneau
funds should be provided for local areas
to administrate.*

* Section 4 Enforcement

*When caught driving drunk - jesh. driver's
license 30 days to 6 months*

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

It is important that education be incorporated into the school system, especially grades six thru twelve when it may appear "smart" or "mature" to start drinking alcoholic beverages. Continuing education for adults may be accomplished by dispensing information in liquor stores and colleges and institutions within the state system.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,

^{Treatment}
Alternatives to drinking should include community sponsored programs and low key counseling through advertisement. As always, the church should be encouraged to play a leading role. Treatment should consist of intensive counseling, including medical inputs, and the stressing of alternative lifestyles.

* Section 3 Local Option

The desirability of local prohibition of alcoholic beverages is questionable at best. If we have learned anything from the history of this country it is that prohibition encourages criminal behavior - the old law of supply and demand. Bootlegging will be the inevitable result. Besides, adults in this free society have the right to choose their own modes of behavior as long as they don't encroach on the rights of others. This is a democracy, so beware Big Brother.

Section 4 Enforcement

We must have laws to curtail the abuse of alcohol, strict penalties for repeat OMVI offenders, and positive legislation to seek social solutions to this problem. However, negative legislation to restrict usage through taxation, or prohibit use entirely, must be fought. Taxation will only levy hardship on the poor and middle class while the more fortunate stratas of society continue their present patterns of consumption as before. Again, laws to prohibit consumption, even by community mandate, will only spawn a black market and bootlegging. Do we really want the courts full of "homebrewers"? Alcoholism is a problem we cannot simply legislate away. What we need to do is create a social atmosphere where drunkenness is disparaged, and alternatives provided.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

Education should be incorporated into the school-system grade 1 thru 12. Adult-Ed should be accomplished by dispensing of information thru retail liquor outlets and advanced educational facilities.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

Local communities should set up programs and alternatives to drinking. Most offer no alternative to the alcoholic. Treatment should include counseling, stressing of alternatives and the imposing of a protective custody by law to allow efficient treatment and medical therapy.

* Section 3 Local Option

Local option to totally prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages is undesirable and will be ineffective in the treatment of alcohol abuse, because it fails to recognize the right of free choice of the individual, which is the basic right in a democracy. Alcoholic beverage outlets under private ownership should be established in all

~~* Section 4 Enforcement~~ Communities for the convenience of all citizens who wish to use them. The right of the individual who chooses to drink should receive the same respect as the right of a person who chooses not to drink. THIS WILL KILL BOOTLEGGING!

*Section 4 Enforcement.

The recommendation of the latest study available were to update both State and Federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of life that include both the use and non-use of alcohol; and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others, or to make it harder to obtain. This will also help to curtail bootlegging.

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* Section 1 Prevention and Education

1. Legislation to enable the State Office of Education, coordinating with State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, to implement the K-12 "Here's Looking At You" curriculum in the public schools.
2. Legislation to provide funds for training of professionals and paraprofessionals and for community education and training of volunteers.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking, Treatment

1. Legislation to provide for building and/or maintenance of village recreational facilities and funding of counselors to operate village-based programs.
2. Legislation to provide for regional comprehensive treatment and sub-regional detox facilities, with adequate training and staffing.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Legislation to prohibit mail order sales to dry villages, shipments of alcohol to dry villages, with right of search and seizure by village police.
2. Legislation to provide loss of license by carriers guilty of the above.
3. Legislation to give dry villages a share of excise tax.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Enforce existing laws strictly.
2. Make Hospitalization/counseling mandatory for alcohol related offenses.
3. Charge Workmen's Compensation laws to provide benefits for people voluntarily entering treatment programs.

We strongly recommend passage of Governor Hammond's tax package in toto, with the additional provision for non-medical detoxification.

Peg Benepe, Human Services Planner
for Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

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* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

Alternatives to drinking should be made available if they do not already exist. This can be accomplished thru community efforts. Treatment should include counseling, stressing of alternatives, and the imposing of a protective custody law so that sufficient time would be available for adequate treatment.

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The recommendation of the latest study available, was to update both state and federal laws that do not reflect a pattern of life that include both the use and the non-use of alcohol, and to oppose legislation which is designed to take alcohol away from others, or to make it harder to obtain. This attitude will also prevent the problem of bootlegging.

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1. Enforce or put some 'teeth' into the statute which requires that alcohol education be provided in the schools. The "Here's Looking at You" curriculum would be good on a statewide basis. The education program should be uniform in both its information/approach and application.
2. Priority should also be given to community education in an effort to change attitudes (making alcohol abuse unacceptable socially) and helping people understand and identify alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

* Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
Treatment

1. The funding of treatment programs should not be linked to the passage of additional liquor taxes. If the governor and others are sincere about wanting to do something about the epidemic of alcoholism in our state, there are ample funds available from other sources—such as the general fund.
2. People in most small communities of Alaska most often give "nothing else to do" as their primary reason for drinking. Bars provide the only social center in many areas. Encourage communities (with generous matching funds) to develop social alternative facilities such as teenage and adult leisure centers, coffee houses, recreational centers, etc.

* Section 3 Local Option

1. Require that all local municipalities and boroughs vote to determine if liquor sales will be allowed (rather than vote to stop them).
2. Create a statewide law requiring bars and liquor stores to be closed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
3. Create a law which limits the number of bars/liquor stores according to population.

* Section 4 Enforcement

1. Create a statewide law that provides for automatic conviction of a driver arrested with a BAC of .08% or higher. (OMVI's are taking too much court time)
2. Provide for ^{mandatory} referral of all persons convicted of any crime in which alcohol is involved to screening and appropriate education or treatment—in addition to whatever punishment is normally associated with the crime; and provide the necessary funds to enable programs to handle the increased load. (This might better fit under 'prevention,' as it would allow much earlier interventions than are now possible.

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12 * Section 1 Prevention and Education

- 13 1. To create a State interdepartmental Prevention of Alcoholism and
14 Drug Abuse Committee.
15 2. To give fiscal credit and public recognition to State Departments
16 who combine, refer and coordinate alcoholism and drug abuse services.
17 3. To develop a State Employee Assistance Program.
18 4. To provide technical assistance to rural and urban school systems
19 and service providers for planning and development of a Primary,
20 Secondary and Tertiary Prevention strategy.

21 * Section 2 Alternatives to Drinking,
22 Treatment

- 23 1. To insure that all State funded Alternative to Drinking Programs
24 publicize their Goals and Objectives and maintain an active
25 community public education component.
26 2. To insure the Right to Treatment for all Alaska citizens regardless
27 of race.

28 * Section 3 Local Option

- 29 1. To completely restrict the transportation, possession and sale
30 of beverage alcohol in a community with a 35% voter petition.

31 * Section 4 Enforcement

- 32 1. To insure dry communities the benefit of more effective alcohol
33 law enforcement.
34 2. To allow courts to committ directly to licensed facilities.
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