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Comments on HB325
Relating to Medical Examiners
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Page 2, lines 23 - 24

I think "medical examiner" should be substituted for "physician" in this line, as the proper authority to sign all death certificates in cases requiring investigation.

Page 3, lines 15 - 18

Regarding the ordering of inquests, I prefer the wording which provides that the court may, on it's own motion, and shall, upon the application of a district attorney, medical examiner, or investigating law enforcement agency, order an inquest.

Page 4, line 1

Add District Attorney to the persons allowed to subpoena and examine witnesses.

APPENDIX A

Section 12.65.041 DUTIES OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

(a) The State Medical Examiner shall:

- (1) file and maintain appropriate reports on all deaths requiring investigation under this chapter;
- (2) approve facilities and laboratories to be used in death investigations under this chapter;
- (3) conduct death investigation training programs for assistant medical examiners and law enforcement personnel;
- (4) establish uniform forensic autopsy and medico-legal death investigation procedures; and
- (5) certify the cause and manner of all deaths requiring investigation under this chapter.

(b) The State Medical Examiner may:

- (1) perform or direct the performance of an autopsy in any death requiring investigation under this chapter;
- (2) amend a previously completed death certificate in a death requiring investigation under this chapter;
- (3) order a body exhumed in a death requiring investigation under this chapter;
- (4) request the assistance of law enforcement personnel in carrying out the provisions of this chapter;
- (5) appoint or hire such medical examination personnel, including technical, professional or clerical personnel, as are necessary for the administration of this chapter.

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JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

House

HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 1975

Members Present:

All Present

CHairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 375 Grace Wilson

Fishermen's Fund bill would provide for treatment and care for the fishermen if injured or becomes ill. 60% of license fees. Extension of benefits, present limit (\$2500) present extension has to go before the council, only meets twice a year; spring and fall.

Hackney What are the conditions of the fund?

Wilson \$577,000, has increased every year, don't anticipate change in stability of the fund by the bill.

Ose Move this bill out with a 'do pass'.

Osterback Seconded

Davis Ask for Mr. Eliason to testify.

Eliason It is the type of insurance that the fisherman pays for with the license fee.

Osterback How long in effect?

Wilson Since 1951

Bill passed the Committee.

HB 399 by Eliason

Read position paper.

Van Houte - Spoke in favor for NEA

Isaacs Read Dept. of Education position paper.

Parr Is the Dept. of Ed. in favor?

Isaac Yes.

James There are money problems here. Presently set up on the dues system, each school paying \$75-\$225.

Ose Move out with individual Recommendation

Beirns Seconded

CHairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

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HCR 48

Davis Purpose of this bill is so that the young people can get education in their home towns.

Ostrosky The Interim Committee is in favor of this resolution.

Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass'

Davis Seconded

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 343 Rep. Smith gave briefing of bill.

Smith to Eliminate the hospital emergency room as drinking ground. Propose possible amendment to allow protective custody if refused by treatment centers.

Beirne Favor of the bill but opposed to amendment.

Parr In agreement with Rep. Beirne,

Mrs. Smith Drunks very much interfere with the operation of the emergency room

James Alcoholism is- a disease. Opposed to putting them with sick people. Jail needs medical care facilities.

Barkley Chief of Police, Juneau Disagree's with the bill. Question, the word 'shall' All the discussion has been with Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. That is not where the problem lies. In the bush areas throughout Ak. there just aren't the alcoholic facilities to handle the cases. The bill says that he 'shall' pick him up, but then what is he to do with him then? You have presented us with an impossible situation here. You have not planned for the provisions of the care of the individual.

Parr Couldn't a hospital in the smaller communities handle these people?

Barkley At this time not all of them could.

Parr Would you be in favor of an amendment in Line 10, change shall to may?

Barkley That won't solve the problem. The incapacitated should go to the hospital. It isn't fair to place the responsibility of the medical attention needed on the officer.

Smith Para A, deals with lesser degree of alcoholism.

Beirne Chief Barkley has a very good point. Some cases this has been solved by taking them to the medical facilities, but that is not always possible as the lack of the facilities throughout the entire State. I think we should get the Alcoholism people in here to testify.

Chairman I agree with Rep. Beirne and we will take this bill up at a later date for more testimony from the Alcoholism people.

Meeting Adjourned.

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"An Act relating to child care centers in state office buildings; and providing for an effective date."

5/6/75

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date

5/6/75

The Committee on HESS has had SSHB 349

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
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- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Susan Sullivan _____

John P. Kelly _____

John J. Sullivan _____

Thomas J. ... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

Lawrence J. ... recommends: no Rec

John P. Kelly recommends:

John J. Sullivan recommends: DO NOT PASS

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

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SSHB 349

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 6, 1975

Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HCR 49

Parr Explained purpose of the Resolution.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous 'do pass'.

Chairman No objection, so ordered.

SSHB 349

Sullivan - Drew up sponsor substitute per the Committee's recommendation.

Beirne Move and ask unanimous consent for 'do pass' recommendation.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 465

Mr. Spazianni Vocational Rehabilitation

There is available 1/2 million dollars in Federal funds for this program.

Parr Is this to be matched by the State?

Spazianni - No.

Ostrosky What is the \$160,000 for?

Spazianni - To bring on staff and get the program off the ground.

Beirne - Move out with a 'do pass'

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 461

Swanson - I don't expect to do anything with this bill until next year.

Chairman - If there is no objection, I'll move this bill out with individual recommendations. No Objection, so ordered.

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SSHB 376

Beirne Gave briefing of the bill. The Interim Committee Bill had been cut by the administration to \$283,000, then the Governor cut it to \$57,000. This bill is asking to have more monies put back into the bill to make it workable. Back to \$571,295.00.

Chairman Asked for a motion to the bill.

Beirne Move out with a do pass recommendation.

Chairman Hearing n o objection, so ordered.

Adjourned.



Alaska State Legislature
House

HB 349

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
Davis Swanson
Hackney
Ostrosky

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

HB 443 Correspondence Study

Commissioner Lind spoke against the bill as such. (See position paper) Also spoke briefly to SB 367. The state should be responsible for the correspondence study program. We don't see any problem with the present operation. 367 speaks to the development of a division. Adult education and correspondence study should perhaps be merged.

Hackney What has been the feed-back from the school districts themselves and also from the individual from the correspondence homes?

Lind Response from parents has been negative to any change. they are happy to the present system.

Beirne Line 21 (SB367) Isn't this saying that the borough will pay back into the Dept. At the present time, how much are they giving back?

Lind Yes, 500 out of 15. a-1 this would do is raise the amount going back to the Dept. It has been completely a State program but depending on the location they may need more than \$1500. The entire amount given to them for correspondent study must be spent only for that purpose.

Beirne I read it to say that the 1/3 will be returned to the Dept.

Lind I think this is true in the unorganized boroughs. All this will be altered with the passage of HB 24.

Hackney Would you consider it necessary to have that handled on a division basis?

Lind No. building all the components together, I think you would be taking up division justification, I don't recommend the establishment of division.

Williams Dept. of Education.

Sullivan What kind of functions would be handled with the local level?

Williams Options, depending on the readiness, the total responsible would mean the delivery of study to students, this covers correspondence with the parents, training teachers, home visitations, providing own curriculum materials.

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Sullivan Why would this be helpful?

Williams Places the operation closer to the people receiving the services. More sensitive to the needs of the students in their area. The program operates with it doing home visitations and one to do the study services. There isn't enough coordination of student needs. Provides a unified service to the students. Concerned with the quality of the program to the student in the home.

Lind The School Districts only provide so much. A smaller village or town would be provided for by the State until they are ready or the closest borough is ready to help themselves. This could take quite sometime.

Hackney This is my concern, if Fairbanks would be able to handle the outlining areas.

Margaret Justice I think HB 443 is very farreaching. Preschool should be encompassed and also post-secondary until the government decides to fund such levels. Something great happens when parents teach their youngsters. The state has a choice to develop a system called home study and this is a unique and important change. We must have a choice for our children, at the present time we don not have this choice, they are required by law to go to public school whether they are learning or not. We would like to have the opportunity to prove to you that a centralized correspondence study is the right of the individual and hopefully this trend would spread to other states.

Beirne ASKed that the bill be held over until a work study could be done in this area and prepare the members to vote.

Chairman It was unanimously agreed upon, bill held over.

HB 349 Everett Simpson, Chief Architect for the Div. of Bldgs.
Almost impossible to come up with the total costs for such construction. Based on 12 child capacity, it would require 800 sq. ft. or 80\$ per sq. ft = \$64,000 for new facilities.

Sullivan Point of contention here, I am under the understanding that \$35 sq ft was the licensed rate we used in Anchorage, including restrooms corridors etc.

Simpson According to 1973 Building Code it is 50\$ per sq. ft.

It was decided that Mr. Simpson would do further study in the area and study a re estimated cost of expenditure to the state.

Meeting adjourned.



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-26-75

Members Present:

Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	
Ostrosky	

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. to take up DAY CARE bills.

Rick Davidge-Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks

The need is great for child care on the Fairbanks Campus. (Handed out material) The problem once again is due largely to pipeline impact. There are presently six facilities in the Fairbanks area, 162 children is the total capacity and there is a waiting list that is endless. We have taken a survey and come up with 300 children who are related to the University, and if they were to be taken out of the community centers and put in U of A centers, this would allow for the low income families to take advantage of the present centers. Three things we are trying for are:

1) money, 2) authorization, 3) cooperation. In the area of money, operating costs, capital improvements, and revenues, which would be put back into the program. We primarily interested in 3 year olds and up.

Ose What will this cost per child per day?

Davidge\$1 per hour per child per day. It is pretty much in line with the costs of the State Day Care Center operations now.

Ose Will this be for low income groups?

Davidge No, this will be for students, student families, and staff at the U of A.

Ose Have you looked into the possibilities for Federal support of this?

Davidge Our major problem is in the area of the facilities on or near the Campus to meet state requirements. (gave breakdown of financial aid, see attached) Childcare is not a new program to the University, We have requirements in childhood and early development and this would be extending our academic program that would also function as a campus service.

Hackney I am questioning the \$29,000 yearly salary for the coordinator?

Sullivan I agree with you Mr. Hackney, that sounds too high.

Davidge \$14,000 to \$20,000 is presently being paid in the local Fairbanks area for this service. This person would also be a registered nurse.

Sullivan Is there anyone who is going to introduce this Legislation for you?

Davidge Yes, the Fairbanks delegation of both houses will be putting together a bill after reviewing this material. Everything here has been developed by the students and this is the first time in 20 years this has happened. I think you have a very good point on the salary level for example and I'm sure changes will be made with the introduction of a bill.

Sullivan Thank you Mr. Davidge and we will continue discussion on this presentation when we have a bill to work with.

HB 161 & 162

We have had previous discussion on these bills. They should be going to CRA and I would like to get these two bills moving and on to that Committee. The basic thrust of -these bills is to make day care available on a sliding scale to people who prefer not to receive AFDC monies.

Swanson We should move these bills on to CRA, and I make a motion to that effect.

Without objection, So ordered.

HB 349 Ms. Sullivan gave Committee a few minutes to read over bill.

Hackney How big and How many? In section 'C', I wonder if we aren't setting up a priviledged class?

Sullivan I see your point, what would you suggest?

Hackney Again your giving state employeed something the general public isn't getting. It would almost have to be a condition between wage and state employees. I would like to hear from the AG on this matter. SEC. G may be a conflict with competitive day care centers.

Senator Chance Other employees could start providing these services, it could be by Federal Regulations tax deductible to the business. I have been working with the Chamber of Commerce as to this idea.

Swanson I think what we are trying to do is to add space or construct new space in new buildings for these services. Maybe we could contract its operation out o run the actual day care centers. All we are doing here is to put the facility in the buildings. If we kept it on a business basis it would be alright.

Senator Chance Back in WWII this was common practice as men went to war, to attract women to come to work, facilities were placed in many businesses. When the war was over, day care was dropped in these businesses to get women back into homes and let the men have the jobs.

Sullivan I think this bill has significant payback possibilities.

Hackney I would like to get the AG's opinion.

Ann from LAA I don't think you are going to have any Constitutional problems here.

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Day Care

Susan Clark The Federal people are providing day care, I can get the backup material on that for you.

Ose Who will make the Study?

Sullivan That's a good question and I wanted to bring this up for suggestions.

Hackney I al so think it would be important to define 'renovation' also a survey as to how many children will be involved per building.

Susan Clark I have just completed a survey in the Federal Building. Sent questionnaires out and will make a report available to the Committee on my findings.

Sullivan This will also take the pressure off of local day care centers to let low income families have these services available.

Meeting was adjourned and work session was continued on the bill.

STATE OF ALASKA

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

January 7, 1976

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Thank him
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sorry about
slow answer*

Dear Representative Sullivan:

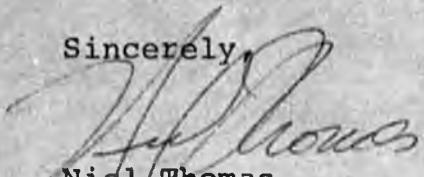
Your substitute for House Bill 349 creates a welcome opportunity for all State employees who have difficulty in obtaining child care services. Since women in our society generally accept most of the burden for caring for children, the failure of the State to provide day care services almost rises to the level of sex discrimination.

It also strikes us as good public policy to provide such services, because our employees will likely be more efficient and productive if their children are easily accessible to them. We now have situations in which employees constantly must be leaving work to attend to various types of emergencies all over our cities, when such things could usually be attended to in the same building.

Your approach of contracting such services to local organizations and putting the entire cost on State employees is probably the most wise start. Perhaps subsidy in the form of fringe benefits for such care is a step farther in the future. But for the moment, it should be relatively easy to convince legislators to take the first step contemplated by your bill, since nothing more than the type of arrangement which we have for food service presently is proposed.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything you wish us to do to express further support for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Niel Thomas
Executive Director

NT:mdd
cc: Commissioners

Enclosure: HB 349

file
HB34?

May 6, 1975

Re: Legislative Correspondence
131-08

The Honorable Susan Sullivan, Chairman
Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Sullivan:

Pursuant to Everett Simpson, Chief Architect, Division of Buildings, appearing before your committee on May 1, 1975 regarding House Bill 349, Day Care Centers, the following cost estimates are submitted.

These estimates are all based on 40 children at 50 square feet per child or a total of 2,000 square feet.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost Breakdown</u>	
Anchorage	Construction $80/\#$	\$160,000
	Design	12,000
	Division of Buildings' Administration	3,000
	Division of Buildings' Inspection	3,200
	Contingency	9,600
	Total	\$187,800
	Fairbanks	Construction
Design		15,000
Division of Buildings' Administration		3,750
Division of Buildings' Inspection		4,000
Contingency		12,000
Total		\$234,750

HB

367

"An Act relating to the licensing of social workers; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/1/75

HOUSE

JUDICIARY
FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date March 25, 1976

The Committee on HLSS has had CS HB 367

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

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() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>Helen B...</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____
<u>...</u>	<u>Do Pass</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____	recommends:	_____
<u>Kathryn Oster...</u>	recommends:	_____
_____	recommends:	_____
_____	recommends:	_____
<u>...</u>	recommends:	<u>NOREC</u>

Chairman



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

COMMITTEE MEETING HOUSE HESS

MARCH 26, 1976

Present: Sullivan Ostrosky
Parr Beirne Osterback

Testifying:

Elizabeth Shaw, NASW
Janis Price, NASW
Sister Andrea

HCR 111 - Boundary Change in Health Service Area - Rules

Sister Andrea - opposed to the bill- wants three HSA

Renninger, Dept. H&SS, also supports three HSA conceptually and fiscally

Bill not moved on,

HB 367 -Social Workers Licensing - Beirne

Beirne spoke on revised version of the bill, revised with assistance of Sharon Andrews, director of licensing. Went over provisions of the bill with committee. Some changes made on the draft

Mr. Price, Dept. H&SS, discussed minor points of bill. Stated that the bill requires all new employees to have MSW or change their title or requirements of certain jobs to hire people. Dept. does not have to fire any S.W. who are employed now or don't have MSW

Discussion around fiscal implications of all these new licensing bills. Probably will add one more full time person to the licensing division.

Motion passed for individual recommendations on the work draft copy to be a Committee Substitute.

HB 744 - Freedom of choice, medical procedures - Beirne

Mr. Heidersdorf, representing Alaskans for Life, not for the entire concept of the bill, feels there are some problems with it.

Committee discussion regarding suicide, also liability regarding disconnecting life sustaining measures, example Quinlan case.

Heidersdorf feels that people have the right to make this decision, but not 20 or 30 years before, people might change their ideas and minds. Also definition of extraordinary means, might change



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature

House

HOUSE BILLS COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 27, 1976

Present: All members present

Testifying: Bill Mollerstrom, National Assoc. of S.W.
Gene Reynolds, National Ass. of S.W.
Pam McMillan, Psychiatric Social Worker
Connie Harsh, Dept. H&SS
Mike Morgan,
Albert Patterson, Ak. Rehabilitation Assoc.

H.B. 367 (SB 645) Social Workers licensure Beirne

Connie Harsh, The Dept. opposes this bill because it would mandate hiring practices for the dept.

Committee expressed concern that the bill would limit individuals from practicing, even though some of these individuals would be providing a useful service.

The suggested intent of the bill was to limit the use of titles, not limit services.

Bill left in committee

H. B. 392 Rehabilitation Counselors Beirne

Mike Morgan would like revisions, to protect the career ladder reduce from three to two years experience

no more notes available on hearing

bill left in committee

LICENSING OF SOCIAL WORKERS

My name is Dove M. Kull. I hold a Master's Degree in Social Work and a membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers. Since 1940, I have practiced in the field of social work and held executive positions in Federal, State and private - Agency programs. For seven years, I was State Child Welfare Supervisor of Alaska.

At present, I am State Director of Alaska Homemaker-Home Health Aide Service, Inc., a private, non-profit Agency. I am speaking for recognition and licensing of social workers.

A social worker practices in the field of human relations, respect for the individual, concern for his/her right for self determination, and confidentiality are basic concepts of a trained social worker.

A "so-called" social worker, despite good intentions, can damage the lives of human beings who are dependent or in need of consultation in a crisis situation. An "aide" should be an aide to a social worker, but not be accepted under the terminology of social worker. A social worker needs values, skills, and knowledge in dealing with social problems and individuals. The law requires a dental surgeon, physician and/or nurse to have skills and competence in their fields.

A social worker provides a specialized service to a client who needs help in solving a problem which is beyond self handling. A drug addict may recognize that he is in a life-threatening situation and call for help. Parents without a child may call on a social worker to help them to become parents - to improve the quality of their lives. Adoption to these parents may be a sacred trust of another human life, a child to become a son or daughter, to guide, to educate, to add meaning to life. As a former supervisor of adoptions, I have been consulted by friends and acquaintances who plan to adopt.

CASE INSTANCE

Mr and Mrs. S. are stunned to read a letter which states: "If you are interested, call me to make an appointment to pick up a baby, a boy, born February 10, 1974. His father age 21, has served time in prison for _____; his mother, age 16, has been in trouble since she was 14, and is now in a correctional facility. The doctor says the baby is healthy."

There is no interpretation; no positive statements about environment or heredity. Mr. and Mrs. S. are appalled at the suggestion to "pick up" a new family member - a son. They need help from a social worker who is skilled in family relationships and attitudes, who has "listened" to the adoptive parents. There is no suggestion in the letter that the parents might consult with the pediatrician and/or psychologist of their choice and arrange for him/her to confer with the baby's pediatrician. Was the letter itself or its contents suitable?

Human beings are hurt. Potential life-time relationships are damaged.

POLICY STATEMENT ON THE LEGAL REGULATION OF SOCIAL WORK IN ALASKA

ALASKA CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The profession of social work has come to recognize the validity and the necessity of securing legal regulation of the practice of social work so that both quality delivery of social services can be assured to the public and a clearer public understanding of the profession can be attained. The provision of social work services to people, whether as individuals, in groups, or communities, should require that the practitioners providing such services are qualified through specialized knowledge and professional skill to truly understand and aid their clients. People receiving help from social service programs, or seeking help individually from a social worker, are dependent upon the competence and concern possessed by the social worker. It is therefore in the deepest public interest that people engaged in providing social work and social work-related service to the public be properly prepared for their work and held to publicly defined criteria of qualifications and of performance.

More specifically, the profession of social work has determined that there are four major purposes which are effectively met by obtaining licensure of social work practice:

- 1) Establishing a public, legal definition of the profession which recognizes the different levels of social work practice, namely, certified social worker, social worker, and social work associate.
- 2) Protecting consumer and clientele rights and raising standards of service competence of practitioners in both agency and independent practice.
- 3) Establishing a public accountability in the delivery of social services based on professional standards rather than inconsistent, private standards of performance.
- 4) Providing a basis for the development of the social work profession within the State of Alaska.



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Madam Chairman and Members of the Health, Education
and Social Services Committee:

During the 1970's the National Association of Social Workers through its local and state chapters has vigorously pursued the legal regulation of social work in each of the United States. In accord with this pursuit the Alaska Chapter of NASW has submitted a licensing bill to this Ninth Legislature.

Why did the Association feel the necessity for regulating social work in Alaska? Social services touches the lives of virtually every member of the public at one time or another. The rapid growth of Alaska has enormously increased the demands of its citizens for social services. Alaskans receiving service from such programs have a right to be served by competent individuals. This right of the consumer can only be protected if the individuals engaged in providing social services are adequately prepared through education and training and are required to meet certain publicly defined criteria of qualifications and of performance.

Legal regulation can protect the consumer of service and readily enable him to identify a practitioner with acceptable credentials, thus safeguarding the public interest and preventing exploitation of people in need of help. Furthermore, regulation can help to improve the standards for the delivery of social services throughout the state. Also legal regulation can become a vehicle for making the profession of social work accountable for its performance. Finally, regulation can help to clearly define the various levels of social work practice within the social service system.

Quality social services delivered by competent individuals is the aim of the Association's licensing bill. To social workers, these principles are not new. As a matter of fact, the National Association of Social Worker's Code of Ethics



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holds the individual responsible "for the quality and extend of service" performed, and responsible to "practice social work within the recognized knowledge and competence of the profession." The Alaska Chapter of NASW feels it is time that all individuals providing social services to the people of this state be required by law to meet certain public defined qualifications. With this in mind we urge the passage of a licensing bill for social workers during this Ninth Legislature.

John R. Pugh, President
 Alaska Chapter of NASW

JRP:dh

Susan -

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 22, 1975

Bill W. Mollerstrom, Chairman
Professional Standards and Ethics
C Committee
Alaska Chapter, NASW
Langdon Psychiatric Clinic, Inc.
3401 East 42nd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Dear Mr. Mollerstrom:

Thank you for your letter on House Bill 367, licensing of social workers. Unfortunately, we have not been able to act on this bill this year, but it will be a high priority of the House HESS Committee next year, and it continues to enjoy my enthusiasm.

I would also like to thank you for your offer of assistance. I am sure that I will find opportunities to take advantage of it.

Yours truly,

Susan Sullivan

Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

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TROY SULLIVAN, ED.D.

February 18, 1975

Representative Susan Sullivan, Chairman
Health, Education & Social Services Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska:

Dear Representative Sullivan:

As Chairman of the Professional Standards & Ethics Committee, Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, I wish to thank you very much for your concern and interest in having a licensing act for social workers in the State of Alaska. Representative Helen Beirne has shared with me your desire to become involved in this effort, and your willingness is extremely appreciated. As you know, Helen has been working with my Committee in trying to develop a licensure act which will not only enhance the practice of social work by establishing criteria, assessing qualifications, competence and so on, but also will assist the consumer, enabling him to identify a practitioner with acceptable credentials and safeguard the public interest. Our primary focus is on consumer protection, and our proposed act addresses itself to the public for action against possible malpractice and professional dishonesty.

Thank you very much for your support in this effort - your assistance is indeed crucial for eventual passage. If there is anything that my Committee, the Social Action Committee under Cecelia Kleinkauf, or the Alaska Chapter of NASW might be able to do to help you or your Committee, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Bill W. Mollerstrom

Bill W. Mollerstrom, Chairman
Professional Standards & Ethics Committee
Alaska Chapter, NASW

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST *(CS #B367)*
 Bill No. SB 645 & HB 392
 Title: Acts relating to the licensing of Social Workers & Rehabilitation
 Requested by: House HESS Date: 3/1/76 Counselor
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Commerce Program: Licensing Professions

II. FISCAL DETAIL
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Regulating and Licensing of Professions
 A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		16.0	17.6	19.4	21.3	23.4
200 TRAVEL		7.0	7.7	8.5	9.3	10.2
300 CONTRACTUAL		3.0	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.4
400 COMMODITIES		.5	.6	.6	.7	.7
500 EQUIPMENT		1.0				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		27.5	29.2	32.1	35.3	38.7

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		27.5	29.2	32.1	35.3	38.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	1 /	1 /	1 /	1 /	1 /
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	12 /	12 /	12 /	12 /	12 /

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

personal services - one license examiner for two boards, R-10
 travel - 3 meetings per year per board including examiner
 contractual - primary communications & printing & typewriter

Assumes 10% inflation per year. Testimony indicates there are approximately 80 social workers to be effected. Assume same number of rehabilitation counselors, cost of regulation is \$172.00 per licensee per year.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: March 1, 1976 PREPARED BY: Sharon Andrew, Director

Sharon Andrew

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH 5 — JUNEAU 99801

April 11, 1975

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

Copy to Committee

The Honorable Susan Sullivan
Chairman
House Health, Education & Social
Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Sullivan:

re House Bill No. 386

House Bill No. 386, an Act relating to forgiveness of the remaining outstanding school construction debt of the City of Hydaburg was introduced in the House on April 7, 1975 and was referred to the House Health, Education & Social Services and Finance Committees.

For the information of the House Health, Education & Social Services Committee, I am advised by Richard Alexander, State Investment Officer, Treasury Division of the Department of Revenue that the outstanding school construction debt of the City of Hydaburg as of December 31, 1974 was in amount of \$207,335.00.

If you or any members of your Committee have any questions on the proposed legislation, please telephone the writer at 465-2397 and I will contact Mr. Alexander for testimony.

Very truly yours,



R. D. Stevenson
Special Assistant

cc: The Honorable Hugh Malone
Chairman
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Richard Alexander
State Investment Officer
Department of Revenue

HB

393

"An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/8/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date

5/5/75

The Committee on HESS has had HB 393

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR HB 393 AND THAT
CS FOR HB 393 DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>Susan Sullivan</u>	_____	_____
<u>John Sackney</u>	_____	_____
<u>Ruthven Gotsky</u>	_____	_____
<u>Charles Han</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman

POSITION PAPER
ON
HOUSE BILL 393

file

An Act relating to assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled; and providing for an effective date.

This bill would build an automatic cost of living increase into the Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled programs. Using the current legal maximum payment amount of \$250 per month as a base, this bill would "pass along" to Aged, Blind or Disabled recipients any increase in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security (SSA) benefits and in addition increase current state payments by the same percentage as the SSI or SSA percentage increase. For example, if a current recipient receives \$250 per month in assistance (\$146 SSI & \$104 State) and SSI benefits are increased by ten percent, this recipient's total income will be increased by \$25 per month, which is distributed by source as follows:

<u>SSI</u>	<u>State</u>
\$146 Current SSI Payment	\$104 Current State Payment
<u>10% Increase</u>	<u>10% Increase</u>
14.60 Amount of Increase	10.40 Amount of Increase
\$160.60 New SSI Payment	\$114.40 New State Payment
<u>Total Assistance = \$275.00 per Month</u>	

To figure State costs under this bill will be difficult because, the state is never sure of the exact amount of expected SSI and SSA increases. However, once the SSI and SSA percentage increases are known, computing State costs will not be difficult.

The following formula may be used:

Estimated Regular Expenditures X SSI and SSA percentage increases =
Increased costs for Fiscal year.

Increased costs for FY76 for each assistance category are as follows using a range between 5 and 10%.

Expected Increased Cost of FY76
If State Payment Were Increased
By Percentages As Indicated

Program	PERCENTAGE INCREASES					
	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Aged	\$ 59.1	70.9	82.8	94.6	106.4	118.4
Blind	3.2	3.9	4.5	5.2	5.2	6.5
Disabled	<u>60.1</u>	<u>72.1</u>	<u>84.1</u>	<u>96.1</u>	<u>108.1</u>	<u>120.1</u>
Total	122.4	146.9	171.4	195.9	202.3	245.0

Two points should be noted concerning this bill.

- 1) Few new recipients would be added to the assistance rolls as a result of this bill. Very few potentially new welfare recipients have income other than SSA. Therefore, those who are currently ineligible because of SSA income will continue to be ineligible as SSA payments increase.
- 2) The above information assumes that the Federal waiver for disregarding the Alaska Longevity Bonus as income will continue through FY76.

Department Recommendations

This Department supported Senate Bill 219 which increases the legal maximum payments in Old Age Assistance from \$250 to \$350. The Blind and Disabled recipients may be included in this bill and the costs for this group were included in the Department's position paper on Senate Bill 219.

While House Bill 393 builds an automatic cost of living increase into the Aged, Blind, and Disabled programs, this department believes that increasing the basic floor amount to \$350 (which SB 219 does) would be more appropriate at this time. Possibly, then, a cost of living increase could be built on the \$350 floor in a year or two. Therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services does not support House Bill 393 at this time.

Recommended by: *Francis J. Williamson* *4-17-75*
 (Acting Director) (Date)

Approved by: *Francis J. Williamson* *4-17-75*
 (Commissioner) (Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

 (By) (Date)

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The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. House Bill 393

Title: An act relating to Assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled

Requested by: House HESS

Date: April 17, 1975

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: Health and Social Services

Program: Social Services -
Assistance Payments

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

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TOTAL		*	**	**	**	**

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

* For potential costs see attached chart

** Future costs estimated at 10% per year, see attached chart

All costs would be 100% SGF

Formula for costs is: Current FY '76 Request X SSI and SSI percentages increase =
Increased costs

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 4/17/75

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

HOUSE JOURNAL

TO: Mike Bradner, Speaker
House of Representatives

DATE: May 6, 1975

FROM: House HESS Committee

It is the intent of the Committee, after careful consideration of HB
HB 393, that the Committee Substitute be offered in place of the original
bill, and that the intent of this legislation authorize that in the
June 1975 recipient checks they be given the cost of living increase
over the last 12 months.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: MEMBERS OF HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE

FROM: MARSHA HUBBARD, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
SENATOR GENIE CHANCE

SUBJECT: CSHB 393, Assistance to the blind, aged, and disabled

The Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 393 provides for a pass-through of federal cost-of-living increases in the Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI) to Alaskan SSI recipients.

Title XVI of the Social Security Laws provides for a cost-of-living increase in the SSI Program. This increase, however, has not been passed along to Alaskan SSI recipients because the present statutes provide for a maximum benefit level of \$250.00 per month.

Because our statutes presently prohibit the pass-through of this cost-of-living increases, our elderly, blind, and disabled SSI recipients have had \$6.00 missing from their monthly checks that was rightfully theirs since July 1, 1974. This Committee Substitute will not reimburse this amount, but does provide for the pass-through of any new cost-of-living increases in the SSI Program. The feds have announced that there will be a cost-of-living increase on July 1, 1975. This increase will be approximately 8.5% of the federal SSI Payment, approximately \$12.00.

Passage of this Committee Substitute will have a minimal cost. There will be no additional cost for the pass-through of this cost-of-living increase to those Alaskan recipients who are on the Federal SSI Program. There are 945 Alaskan recipients who are on the State SSI Program. These people are deserving of a cost-of-living increase which is the same as the federal government. The cost of this increase will be \$140,729.40.

In addition to passing along the federal cost-of-living increase, Committee Substitute to House Bill No. 393 provides for a similar cost-of-living increase in the state contribution. Presently the breakdown of costs in our adult programs is as follows: For a single individual living alone with no outside sources of income, the federal government provides \$146 and the state provides \$104 bringing the total payment of \$250. When the cost-of-living increase of 8.5% increase takes effect in July, the federal payment will increase by \$12.41, this bill would require that the state also increase their payment by 8.5% or approximately \$8.50. The approximate cost of providing this state cost-of-living increase is \$198,000.

The total effect of these provisions would be to increase the payment to recipients from \$250 to \$271.50 per month. The total cost of the bill would be approximately \$354,366.

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Administrative Services
Financial Management Office

Pouch H-02E

ok [signature]

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May 7, 1975

Representative Susan Sullivan
Pouch V
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

The Department's testimony concerning retroactive benefits to Adult Public Assistance recipients at the recent HESS Committee meeting on CSHB 393 indicated that it would cost roughly \$500.0 to continue FY 75 retroactive benefit increases into FY 76. The Department's statement was based on the assumption that the Committee and Department's intent was to pass on \$6.00 per month per eligible recipient for all of FY 75. The \$6.00 represents the July 1975 Title XVI benefit increase that was not passed along to recipients. However, in changing the effective date of the bill to July 1, 1974, the nature of the assumed intent changed considerably. With the earlier effective date, the Department must now add on 4.3% of FY 75 state payments to meet the state percentage increase provision of this bill. A 4.3% increase equals about \$3.00 per recipient per month. This will add about \$113.4 to the FY 76 continuation costs.

The Department now estimates that it will cost about \$718.4 in FY 76 to continue the FY 75 increases and meet the expected Title XVI increases for FY 76 if both the \$6.00 and \$3.00 amounts are passed along to recipients.

If the \$718.4 figure is deemed too costly, the Department makes the following recommendation to the committee: recorrect the technical flaw in CSHB 393 and make the new effective date July 1, 1975. Then with a Concurrent Resolution instruct the Department of Health and Social Services to make a retroactive payment of \$ 6.00 per month per eligible recipient back to July 1, 1974 that is not based on any stated formula. This would cost about \$ 226.8 in State General Funds for FY 75. The cost of living increase formula in CSHB 393 would then be implemented on July 1, 1975 on the basis of 8.5% of FY 75 state expenditures including the retroactive payment amount. In this way the funds for the additional \$3.00 per month per recipient for FY 75 are not spent nor are such costs carried over to FY 76.

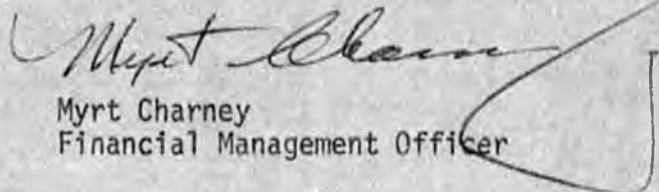
Using the new formula, total costs for FY 76 related to CSHB 393 would be \$594.9 which is broken down as follows: \$226.8 to continue \$6 per

month per recipient FY 75 increase; \$227.4 to fund states cost of living increase based on 8.5% Title XVI increase; and \$140.7 to increase benefits for state recipients not eligible for SSI. (\$226.8 + \$227.4 + \$140.7 = \$594.9).

Under this formula new maximum need standard and maximum monthly recipient income effective July 1, 1975 would be \$274 or \$275 as opposed to \$ 278 in proposed letter to Speaker Bradner or \$250 under current program operations.

I should inform the Committee that the above figures are based on the assumption that the Alaska Longevity Bonus will continue to be disregarded by the Supplemental Security Income Program after December 31, 1975. If this assumption proves incorrect, additional costs for Old Age Assistance grants for the last one half of FY 76 will be \$454.3.

Sincerely yours,


Myrt Charney
Financial Management Officer

MC/DK/v1h

May 6, 1975

HB 393
CS

TO: Honorable Mike Bradner
Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM: Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HES&S Com

~~Juneau, Alaska 99801~~

SUBJECT: CS HB 393

~~Dear Mr. Speaker:~~

The House Committee on Health, Education, and Social Services has passed out with a unanimous do pass recommendation, Committee Substitute for House Bill 393 which will increase monthly benefits for recipients of Adult Public Assistance.

Committee Substitute for HB 393 provides for a retroactive benefit increase back to July 1, 1974 based on the same formula as is specified in the original and substitute bills for future benefit increases.

Yesterday the Committee was informed by representatives from the Depart-

ment of Health and Social Services that the Department would be lapsing an unspecified amount of money in the grants component for Adult Public Assistance recipients. The major reason the funds will be lapsed is the past policy of the State to reduce welfare payments when other benefits, such as Social Security, were increased. The committee was further informed that there would be enough funds in the FY 75 appropriation to cover a \$9.00 per month per recipient retroactive benefit increase back to July 1, 1974. Six dollars per month of the retroactive increase would make up for the July 1, 1974 \$ 6.00 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) increase which was not passed along to recipients. The remaining \$ 3.00 of the increase represents 4.3% of average monthly state payments to recipients for FY 75. 4.3% is the percentage amount of the Title XVI July 1974 increase. Committee Substitute for House Bill 393 calls for the state percentage increase to be equivalent to the Title XVI increase.

The total cost to the state to make retroactive payments of \$9.00 per recipient per month will be \$ 340.2, or $3150 \text{ recipients} \times \$ 9.00 \times 12 = \$ 340.2$. This amount is available in the current FY 75 appropriation for the Adult Public Assistance Programs. The maximum total retroactive payment per recipient will be \$ 108.

For FY 76 maximum total additional expenditures under CS for HB 393 will be \$ 718.4 over the current Governor's budget: or \$ 340.2 to carry over into FY 76 the retroactive FY 75 benefit increases; plus \$ 237.5 the

amount needed to pass along the expected 3.5% July 1, 1975 Title XVI increase; plus \$ 140.7 to increase benefits to non-eligible Title XVI recipients who are eligible for state only payments. ($\$340.2 + \$237.5 + \$140.7 = \718.4)

By the beginning of FY 76, the maximum total income available to an Adult Assistance recipient will be \$ 278 per month as opposed to \$ 250 per month under the current system.

It is the judgement of this committee that a maximum of \$ 28 additional per month is a way this legislature can demonstrate to Alaska's needy Aged, Blind, and Disabled population that it recognizes higher living costs while at the same time facing the realities of current state finances.

It is the request of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee to seek your concurrence in establishing this letter as a statement of legislative intent to instruct the Department of Health and Social Services to make retroactive payments in accordance with the provisions of CS for HB 393 back to July 1, 1974.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Sullivan
Chairperson



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne Sullivan
 Swanson
Hackney
Ostrosky
Parr

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

HB 281 & HB 393

Don Clocksin HB 281 ties the Public Assistance Grants to OEO guidelines. HB 393 as we see the bill has the problem of not enough money being provided for needy persons to live on. One purpose of these bills is to increase the funding. There is also a problem here as to the people who are on both Federal and State programs. The way it is set up a Federal increase ends in a State decrease, adding no extra increases for cost of living at all. Alternatives, cheapest first:

- 1) Provide that the State shall pass along the Federal cost of living increase.
 - a. \$140,000 top cost of this change
 - b. \$117,000 - expanded eligibility and recipients of the State share only.
- 2) Federal cost of living plus the required State grant increase by the same Federal percentage.
 - a. Effective next fiscal year \$348,000 State funds = \$250-271 increase per person.
- 3) Same as #2, making it retroactive to July 1, 1974 (changing effective date)
 - a. \$348,000 plus additional cost of \$212,000.
- 4) Fed. Cost of living plus a State supplement increase
 - a. Slightly more than #2 (uncalculated at this time)
- 5) Increases in dollar amounts that the recipient will receive.
 - a. \$250-350 - (SB 219) would affect elderly only
 - b. 4.1 million for Old Age Assistance only
- 6) Same increase as #5 for everyone. (Includes cost of #5).
 - a. 7.1 million

Would recommend the the State cost of living be increased (#4). This can be done at relatively resonable cost. #2 above is the present HB 393.

Marcia Hubbard AA to Genie Chance.

Explained intent of these bills and each alternative listed above.

Page Two
HESS Committee
May 5, 1975

Parr Any possibility of giving supplemental assistance out of Title 20?

Hubbard No, we could not use Title 20 monies to supplement a Title 19 program.

Mr. Kemp Div. of FCS

There's going to be additional costs on any of these options, the Federal regulations will be reducing their checks as of next January and the State will have to pick up the extra costs. Trying to get the Federal law changed to make the Longevity waiver permanent.

Mr. Charney Dept. of H&SS

Explained that there are funds left over from last year's grant money and the funds from this year are in the general fund that will lapse if not used. This could allow the use of alternative #3, making it retroactive without any extra funding or appropriation by using this money.

Marcia This would take a letter of intent to authorize that in the June check of this year that they (the recipients) be given the cost of living increase over the last 12 months, by changing the effective date in this bill back to 1974.

Beirne Move CS for HB 393 be passed with a 'do pass' recommendation.

Ostrosky Seconded.

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.



JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
House

HB 393

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Davis
Hackney	Parr
Osterback	Sullivan
Ostrosky	Swanson

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

HB 394 Rep. Gardiner gave a briefing of the bill. \$71.00 per sq. ft. to build. This is a low figure because they have done alot of the work themselves. They own the land and have done everything possible to complete as much as they could before asking for funds.

Hackney Is that an SOS School?

Gardiner Some of the areas in the State that have already gone to independent school districts, this is one of them.

Mr. Thompson 1962 the Hydaburg School was condemed. It is a first class city. The Legislature made them a loan of \$350,000 and as repayment they pay a tobacco tax and have reduced it to \$207,000. In 1972 there was a \$420,000 bond issue under the Dept. and Federal matching funds.

Parr The fiscal amount is the same of the amount specified in the bill.

Swanson What about the Galena School, could this be added to this bill?

Thompson The Galena School will go to bid next week. Galena can obtain the facility for the funds available. This is a priority in my opinion.

Ostrosky Motion and ask unanimous 'do pass'

Parr Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HCR 26 by Guy - gave briefi ; of the bill.

There are no proper places for disposal, leads to many problems. If this Resolution should pass, I am hoping that a better means will be found. There is no fiscal note because we are uncertain as to how this will be carried out.

Swanson I have introduced a bill thatwill possibly be able to help with all villages and their disposal problems.

Mr. Mueller Dept. Environmental Conservation

This is a real problem throughout the state. The present statutory responsibility limits itself. We do have a program which does this by water supply and sewage disposal. These could possibly be adjusted to include a wider ranged project. The Dept. is highly in favor of this project. We do have a draft solid waste management plan for Alaska, Perhaps this will help the problem. Probably uneconomical to send recycling materials to Anchorage.

Hackney Move and ask for unanimous do pass.

Swanson Second

Chairman Hearing no objection, so ordered.

HB 281, HB 393

Don Clocksin - HB 281 grants our flexibility so that they can take the cost of living allowance into account. This covers all welfare programs, all cash grant programs. HB 393 relates only to Adult programs. This would require that the State pass along the Federal cost of living increase and also requires this in the State portion of the grant. Just adult programs only.

SB 309 applies just to aid to families, children, AFDC programs, not adult programs. It eliminates distinction between young kids and old kids, fiscal note explains the cost. The two House Bills, important principals are that we must tie the grants to the cost of living allowance.

Hackney Was that included in the Governor's Budget?

Clocksin None of the three bills were included in his budget.

Don Kemp Dept. of H&SS

Stated that he could not recommend these bills. HB 281's major problem is interpreted in Sec. 8 (see attached material). For the general relief program, this would increase the Dept. expenditures considerably. At the present time, the Dept. is only able to serve 1/4 of the eligibles. (see position paper attached). OEO poverty guidelines are based on gross income. AFDC is based on Net income.

Clocksin I don't understand why the fiscal is based on \$3200, it should be based on the present case load. I don't agree with Mr. Kemp here.

Kemp As i read it, i felt that the intent of the bill was to take care of all the eligible people.

Beirne Right now we only have 800 recipients but there are 2400 that could apply and be eligible.

Kemp Our best estimates are that only 1/4 of those that apply are actually given assistance.

Parr Why is the proposed change going to raise the average amount to such a person?

Kemp There will be a minimum amount of assistance, Art. 8 of the bill - pg. 1
Lines 18-20, proposed amendment showing this.

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Parr Wonder if Line 18 is necessary for some kind of relief, don't no how you would define subsistence.

Sullivan I am distressed to know that we can only help 1/4 of the people that apply.

Hackney I read this bill that there should be no fiscal impact. we are saying you are going to help even fewer than the 1/4 because if they're going to be mandated to make to much money they won't be eligible.

Kemp Without an appropriation that may be true, but it depends on whether or not they; are applying to the present maximum.

Beirne What's happening to that other 2400 eligible people?

Kemp Sometimes churches, salvation army etc. are able to help some of them. So what we are doing is operating purely on emergency.

Clocks Back to the position paper of 281. Para. #3 is no longer applicable because (pg 2 grants) one person would require \$250 per month, statutory amount, OEO guidelines offer \$244 per month, problem illiminated by providing greater of the two. Para #4 I disagree with. OEO amounts are larger than the present grants that the State has. Suggest changes here, possible on Pg. 2 Line 26-27- to change 'general relief', no floor (minimum grant) in the present Statute.

proposed
amendment

Hackney Where does it get the money to fund them.

Beirne HB 281 would actually take the cieling off?

Kemp Yes, that is correct.

The bills were held over for vote at a later date.

Adjourned @ 5:30pm.

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File
HB 393

MEMORANDUM

To: Sen. Hohman and Rep. Sullivan

From: Don Clocksin

Subject: Welfare grants - cost of living increases

Date; Feb. 16, 1975

As we discussed, there are several alternative ways of assuring that the poor people of Alaska are protected from large increases in the cost of living.

1. The first is to tie AFDC and Adult Public Assistance (APA, for the aged, blind and disabled) grants to an objective standard that guarantees automatic cost of living increases. House Bill 554 (Eighth Legislature) would have tied grants to OEO poverty guidelines for Alaska (copy of bill attached). These guidelines are updated periodically for increases in the consumer price index and are adjusted for Alaska. The amounts established in these guidelines are what the Dept. of Health and Social Services considers the level of need in Alaska.

If you pass a bill similar to HB 554, the grants would be adjusted as follows. The federal share of each of these totals is substantial.

AFDC- PRESENT GRANTS:

Two people (1 child under 13)	= \$250/month
(1 child 13-18)	= 300 "
Three people	= 300-350 "
Four people	= 350-400 "

ADULT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - PRESENT GRANTS:

One person (shelter costs under \$35/m.)	= \$185/month
(shelter costs over \$35/m.)	= 250 "
Two people (recipient and ineligible spouse)	= 250 "
Two people (recipient and eligible spouse)	
(shelter costs under \$35/m.)	= 285 "
(shelter costs over \$35/m.)	= 350 "

UNDER OEO GUIDELINES (eff. June 21, 1974):

One person	= \$242.25/month ***
Two people	= 310 " ***
Three people	= 388.33 "
Four people	= 474.15 "

*** Since amount for one person is less than some current grants, we should be sure that the greater amount is paid. See HB 554

2. The second alternative is to require cost-of-living increases in state payments whenever the federal payments go up. This would exclude AFDC because there are no mandatory federal cost-of-living increases in the AFDC program. The language attached to my Feb. 14 memo would accomplish this. While federal cost-of-living increases would apply only to the federal share of the payment, adopting this language would also guarantee increases in the state supplement as well.

For example:

UNDER PRESENT SITUATION

Before Federal Cost of Living Increase:

SSI payment (federal)	= \$150/month
<u>Supplement (state)</u>	= 100/month
<u>Total Grant</u>	= \$250/month

After Federal Cost of Living Increase:

SSI payment	= \$159/month (6%)
<u>Supplement</u>	= 94/month
<u>Total Grant</u>	= \$250/month (no change)

IF ALTERNATIVE # 2 IS ADOPTED

Before Federal Cost of Living Increase:

SSI payment	= \$150/month
<u>Supplement</u>	= 100/month
<u>Total Grant</u>	= \$250/month

After Federal Cost of Living Increase:

SSI payment	= \$159/month (6%)
<u>Supplement</u>	= 106/month (6%)
<u>Total Grant</u>	= \$265/month

3. The third, and cheapest, alternative is to simply require that the state "pass-along" the federal cost-of-living increase. The state would not add one of its own, but would keep its grants the same, even though the federal grant increased. It should be noted that under this alternative there is no cost-of-living factor built into the state's share of the grant; that is, the total grants won't reflect the increase in the cost of living. The federal increase does not take

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Legislators
FROM: Donald E. Clocksin
RE: SSI pass-along questions
DATE: February 14, 1975

There are several questions that need to be answered regarding this proposal:

1. What will the cost to the state be of increasing grants when the SSI payments increase pursuant to section 1617 of the Social Security Act (Sec. 6, P.L. 93-368, August 7, 1974). The current estimated SSI increase necessary will be 11.5% annually.
2. Will the state benefit increase be solely at state expense or will the federal "hold harmless" provision allow a federal contribution? (See Sec. 401 of P.L. 92-603 adopting the SSI program.)
3. What are the results of the study mandated by AS 47.25.320 regarding the cost of cost of living increases in the AFDC program? Should these increases be incorporated into this proposal?
4. This proposal will in effect create a flexible state payment maximum which adjusts to cost-of-living increases. The result is amendment by implication of AS 47.25.430 (Old Age), AS 47.25.640 (blind), and AS 47.25.810 which impcse grant maximums of \$250 per month. Should these be amended?

5. What is cost of keeping state supplm. same when Fed. share increases?

DEC:mjb

OEO POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALL STATES EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII

<u>Family size</u>	<u>Nonfarm family</u>	<u>Farm family</u>
1	\$2,330	\$1,980
2	3,070	2,610
3	3,810	3,240
4	4,550	3,870
5	5,290	4,500
6	6,030	5,130
7	6,770	5,750

For families with more than 7 members, add \$740 for each additional member in a nonfarm family and \$630 for each additional member in a farm family.

OEO POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

<u>Family size</u>	<u>Nonfarm family</u>	<u>Farm family</u>
1	\$2,910	\$2,480
2	3,840	3,260
3	4,760	4,050
4	5,690	4,830
5	6,610	5,620
6	7,540	6,410
7	8,460	7,190

For families with more than 7 members, add \$920 for each additional member in a nonfarm family and \$780 for each additional member in a farm family.

OEO POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

<u>Family size</u>	<u>Nonfarm family</u>	<u>Farm family</u>
1	\$2,680	\$2,280
2	3,530	3,000
3	4,380	3,720
4	5,230	4,450
5	6,080	5,170
6	6,930	5,890
7	7,790	6,620

For families with more than 7 members, add \$850 for each additional member in a non farm family and \$720 for each additional member in a farm family.

POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL #137

Making a special appropriation to the Department of Education to provide additional funding for the Hydaburg School Addition.

BACKGROUND

In 1974, the Second Session of the 8th Legislature appropriated \$40,000 as a supplemental appropriation to the General Appropriation Act, to be used for site and design development for the Hydaburg School Addition. Furthermore, the Legislature earmarked \$420,000, Chapter 142 SLA 1974, for the Hydaburg School which was recently approved by the voters, making a total of \$460,000 available for the Hydaburg School Addition. The intent of those funds was to provide a high school addition consisting of an instructional media center and shower rooms, storage, and related mechanical to the existing multi-purpose room, enabling Hydaburg to have a facility for their high school program. Architectural estimates, of February 10, 1975, indicate the basic bid for lockers, showers, storage, independent study, and learning resource area of 4787 sq. feet will cost \$71.00 per sq. ft., for a total of \$339,877. Included is a proposed Alternate #1, expansion of that area to include art-science, toilet rooms, audio-visual storage, group study of 1512 sq. ft., at a cost of \$88,629. Total estimated cost of construction is \$428,506. The proposed legislation, SB #137, will provide an appropriation of \$150,000, and would insure that (1) Alternate #1 would be included, and (2) a kitchen, originally included as Alternate #2, could also be included in the invitation to bid.

PROBLEMS

The Department of Public Works, Division of Buildings, will be inviting bids on the basic bid for the Hydaburg project in March 1975. SB #137 takes effect July 1, 1975, which would mean, if such funds became available, that Alternate #1 or #2 would have to be included in a separate contract, or as a Change Order to the anticipated contract, which would bring the cost higher than if the funds became available at the time the bid is awarded in April. Groups that may have an interest in the legislation would include the Hydaburg City Council, the school administration, and the school board -- all of whom are vitally interested in the additional funds.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The school population of Hydaburg, originally estimated in the summer of 1973, has grown faster than was anticipated. An update was done by the

City of Hydaburg -- an overall community economic study -- in April, 1974. Since that time, the population has increased more than that April 1974 study indicated, therefore, the City of Hydaburg is updating their comprehensive economic survey at the current time. In light of these developments, the Department of Education does support S. B. #137.

William A. Howard
Name

Director Management and Finance
Title

Feb 24, 1975
Date

POSITION PAPER
ON
CSHB 393

An act relating to assistance to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; and providing for an effective date.

This bill will build an automatic cost of living increase into the Old Age, Blind, and Disabled assistance payments. Using the current legal maximum payment amount as a base, this bill would "pass along" to recipients any increase in Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and in addition increase current state payments by the same percentage as the SSI percentage increase. For example, if a current recipient receives \$250 per month in assistance (\$146 SSI and \$104 State) and SSI benefits are increased by eight and one half percent (8.5%), this recipients total monthly income will be increased by \$21.00 (rounded) per month, which is distributed by a source as follows:

SSI	STATE
\$146.00 current payment	\$104.00 current payment
8.5% increase	8.5% increase
<u>\$ 12.41</u> amount of increase	<u>\$ 8.84</u> amount of increase
\$158.00 New SSI Payment	\$113.00 New State Payment

Total Assistance = \$271 per month

This bill has an effective date of July 1, 1974 which means that current recipients will be eligible for both Federal and State retroactive cost of living benefits back to July 1, 1974. The Department estimates that the cost of the retroactive increase will be \$9 per month per eligible recipient - \$6 to "pass along" the July 1974 SSI increase and a \$3 State increase which represents an equivalent percentage increase in State payments as that allowed under the SSI Program. The maximum retroactive increase would be \$108 or \$9 per month x 12 months = \$108. Funds are available in the current year appropriation in the Adult Public Assistance component for the retroactive increase.

With both retroactive increases and the expected July 1, 1975 increases the new maximum assistance standard effective July 1, 1975 would be \$278 as opposed to the current maximum of \$250.

Few new recipients would be added to the assistance rolls as a result of this bill. Very few potentially new welfare recipients have income other than Social Security. Therefore, those who are currently ineligible will continue to be ineligible as Social Security payments increase.

Department's Recommendations

This Department supported Senate Bill 219 which increases the legal maximum payments in Old Age Assistance from \$250 to \$350. The Blind and Disabled recipients may be included in Senate Bill 219 and the costs for this group were included in the Department's position paper on the bill.

While CSHB 393 builds an automatic cost of living increase into the Aged, Blind, and Disabled programs, this department believes that increasing the basic floor amount to \$350 (which SB 219 does) would be more appropriate at this time. Possibly, then, a cost of living increase could be built on the \$350 floor in a year or two. Therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services primarily supports the concept of SB 219 and then the cost of living increase concept of CSHB 393. However, the Department is not in a position to recommend increasing the Governor's budget to fund the costs of either SB 219 or CSHB 393.

Recommended by: William Borucki 5/14/75
(Acting Director) (Date)

Approved by: Francis J. Williamson 5/23/75
(Commissioner) (Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

(By)

(Date)

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. CSHB 393

Title: An Act relating to assistance to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Requested by: House HESS

Date: _____

Return Date Requested: 5/14/75

Agency: Health & Social Services

Program: Social Services/Assist. Payments

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Assistance Payments

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		718.4	790.2	869.2	956.1	1,051.7
TOTAL	- - -	718.4	790.2	869.2	956.1	1,051.7

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		718.4	790.2	869.2	956.1	1,051.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

See Attachment #1

IV. ATTACHMENTS

CSHB 393 Cost Areas - Attachment #1

V. DATE: 5/15/75

PREPARED BY: Durkin

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FISCAL NOTE
CSHB 393
Attachment #1

Three Major Cost Areas:

\$340.2

To continue into FY76 the retroactive adjustments in payment and need levels that were established in FY75. The adjustment would be a \$9 per month per recipient benefit increase retroactive for all non nursing home recipients back to July 1, 1974. The formula for calculating these continuation costs in FY76 is as follows:

3150 recipient. X \$9 per month X 12 months = \$340.2

\$237.5

To increase FY76 state payment by the same percentage as the July 1, 1975, SSI increase which is expected to be 8.5%. Formula:

\$2,448.3 FY76 Governors Budget Request + 340.2 Continuation of increased FY75 costs = \$2788.5 X 8.5% SSI percentage increase = \$237.5.

\$140.7

An estimated 945 of current recipients do not receive SSI benefits and will not benefit from the SSI increase. To provide the same increase to non-SSI (state only) recipients will cost:

945 X \$12.41 X 12 = \$140.7.

The \$12.41 represents the expected monthly increase for SSI recipients effective July 1, 1975.

Cost Summary

\$340.2	FY75 Continuation Costs
\$237.5	8.5% State Percentage Increase 7/1/75
\$140.7	8.5% Percentage Increase for State Only Recipients
<u>\$718.4</u>	Total

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. SS HB 431
Title: An Act Making (Etc.)
Requested by: HESS Date: 5-21-75
Return Date Requested: 5-21-75
Agency: Health & Social Services Program: Program Service BRU.

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Program Service BRU.

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		100.0	110.0	121.0	133.1	146.4
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		100.0	110.0	121.0	133.1	146.4

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.0	110.0	121.0	133.1	146.4
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

SS HB 431 would appropriate a blank amount of 100.0 to the Department of Health and Social Services to provide grants to eligible agencies for child abuse counselling.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

CS: SS 432

V. DATE: May 21, 1975

PREPARED BY: William J. Miller

HB

395



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 1975

Members Present:

Bierne Ostrosky
Hackney Sullivan
Osterback Swanson

Testifying Guests:

Dr. Price

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

HB 395 Registry of Persons with Impairments

Bierne: The Senate version of this bill, I believe, has met with some problems.

Price: Yes. It has been returned to Senate Committee. They are having problems with who is to be determined as handicapped, and with establishing safeguards to ensure confidentiality. They have cut the list of impairments to be registered to cerebral palsy, mental retardation, epilepsy, and genital transmitted defects. It believe that this cut was a mistake.

Bierne: The bill requires some rewording so that it would ensure that this does not impinge upon individual rights.

Parr: We can only justify voluntary registry.

Price: I'm afraid that with the voluntary thing, we would have nowhere near the potential effectiveness for protection of those individuals with impairments.

Ostrosky: What use is presently made of the register?

Price: When a doctor must treat one of these persons, he can work with a consultant who knows the patient's specific problem. The register can also assist the State in determining where special clinics are needed, and the register can be used in applying for federal funds. This knowledge would also function for prevention in streptococci related impairments.

It was decided that this bill be held in Committee.

HF 329 Pupil Transportation

Ostrosky: I move that line 13 should be changed to " must be based upon two competitive bids" rather than three. There was a problem in our community where there were only two competitors, and there are no stipulations for this.

This amendment was unanimously passed.

Swanson: I think that we should omit item (g). The department will write negotiating contracts right into it. We need a review committee to go over administrative regulation written by the departments.

The role of the departments in determining regulations was briefly discussed.

Hackney: There is an error in line 23. "Read" should probably be "reach".

This amendment was passed without objection.

HB 329 was passed out with the two amendments. There was no objection.

CSSB-367 Centralization of Correspondence Study

Sullivan: I believe that there are many people who want this bill, so I would like to get it passed out.

Hackney: I would like to hear more testimony. I have heard two conflicting stories.

Ostrosky: I think I have figured it out. The general operating theory of the Department of Education has lately been to decentralize programs. Correspondence Study, however, has been very successful on a centralized basis.

Sullivan: From what I understand, grades 1 - 8 have been handled by S.O.S., and high school grades, more satisfactorily, by Margaret Justice. The intent of the bill is to put them all under Margaret Justice.

Hackney: I am not hung up either way on the bill. I just want to be sure that there is a viable option to the local schools open to those who want one.

Sullivan: The way it is now handled, school districts are being paid for correspondence students.

Hackney: School districts get about \$1700 per student, and only \$250 reverts to the Department.

Sullivan: I think we should get that excess money out of the boroughs and give a larger amount to the Department for the correspondence program.

Hackney: Why don't we pass this bill out with a letter of intent stating that we want this money to be given to the centralized program.

Sullivan: I agree. In the letter we could state that the school districts should not be funded for correspondence students, and that a larger percentage of that money should go to the Department for correspondence programs.

The bill was passed out with a "do pass" recommendation. One member objected with four concurring. Rep. Bierne had had to leave prior to the vote.



Alaska State Legislature House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 1976 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Ostrosky Parr Sullivan
Swanson Beirne Hackney

HB 733 - Commitment procedures for mentally ill - HESS

Louise Ma - Research Analyst, Legis. Affairs Office - explained basis and provisions for the bill

Parr - After 270 days what can be done with someone who cannot be helped but is dangerous??

Gruening - have to be new circumstance to begin commitment procedures.

Jerry Schrader, Director, Div. of Mental Health - Presented the dept. position regarding this bill. Basically in favor, but have a few problems with it. Can make amendments to correct. See position paper.

Beirne wanted to know if it might be possible to combine into one facility the function of crisis intake and mentally ill, alcoholics, drug addicts, etc.??

Pat Spartz - Kodiak Aleutian Mental Health Center - Supports bill, but would like to see some amendments. Hard to see how bill would actually work until it is tried.

no action on bill



Alaska State Legislature

House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 1976

Present: Sullivan Hackney
 Beirne Ose Osterback

Testifying: Dr. Pauls, Dept. H&SS, Public Health
 Dick Block, Div. of Ins.
 Sonya Johansen, Dept. H & SS HIS

HB 481 - Health Maintenance Organizations - HESS

Dick Block - Explanation of bill, HMO similar and mandatory to various types of health insurance. Reasons why we need regulation on HMO 1. to keep high standard of medical care 2 Since subscribers pay in advance, organization must be financially sound.

Committee - How much money would be needed to assure solvency, Block had no definite answer. Teamsters example as an HMO. Can this bill be redone to eliminate alot of the unneeded regulations, Block thinks so.

Committee requests Dick to submit a draft of an alternative to this bill. Dr. Pauls said Dept. will work along with him on this.

Dr. Pauls - did not have an official position paper on this bill from the Dept. but feelings regarding it are that there are now other health bills which speak to the same issue., for instance the Indian Health Service. So he doesn't feel this bill is needed.

Committee decided not to take any action on this now.

HB 395 - Registry of Impairments - HESS

Sonja Johnson - Dept. H&SS, feels that there is some problems with this bill, relating mainly to mandatory signing and also confidentiality. But she also feels that eventually everything will have to be on a registry.

Committee - If this is implemented what are the problems with it? Should this bill speak to the problems of data processing at the same time, yes. Dept. is now working to standardize procedures for data processing and will have done by the end of April.

Hackney - Is this bill really needed or does everything spoken to in here redo what is already in the regulations.??

Dr. Pauls - If it is done by regulations instead of a bill, there must be a public hearing all over and then the regs. must be rewritten. This bill does not force the regulations to be rewritten.

Sullivan concerned with whether some of the confidentiality problems are unconstitutional??. nobody seems to know.



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Beirne - thinks this bill is much needed, but doesn't want to take rights away from individuals to choose to be on a registry.

Committee decided to hold bill.

17 April 1975

Representative Susan Sullivan
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Dear Representative Sullivan:

As a member of the Advisory Board to the Registry of Human Impairments, I would like for you to know that I am in support of the legislation now pending before the House (HB 395) in regard to the expansion of the scope of the Registry.

Such expansion will, I believe form the basis for better services to those with impairments, and the statistical reports will provide data useful in planning and evaluation of these services.

Sincerely yours,



Martha R. Wilson, M. D.

MRW:nh

HB 395

Susan Sullivan

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 18, 1975

Dr. Kenneth T. Richardson
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Dear Dr. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter of April 18 regarding House Bill 395, "Registry of Persons with Impairments". I agree with you that such a registry would provide the most practical data base from which to develop health and education programs for impaired individuals.

Dr. Elizabeth Price of the Division of Public Health discussed the purpose of the bill at one of our recent committee meetings. As you mentioned, there has been concern that such a registry might impinge upon individual rights. After meeting defeat in the Senate, the bill has returned to the Senate HESS Committee for rewording in order to ensure that individual rights are maintained, and to determine exactly which impairments are to be registered.

Our committee is presently awaiting the Senate HESS adaptation, and is anxious for the development of the registry to be underway.

Again, thank you for your letter as the opinions of professionals dealing directly with health care are of particular usefulness in considering such matters.

Yours truly,

Susan Sullivan
Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
House HESS Committee

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HB 395

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Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

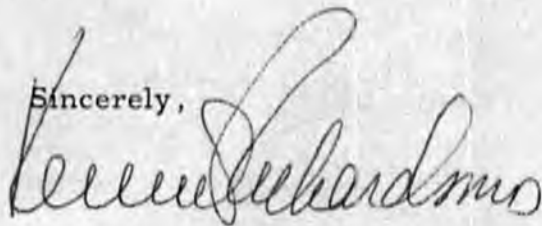
I would urge your support of House Bill #395.

All too often in the area of public health care and education elaborate, expensive solutions to apparent problems are devised and implemented prior to realistically defining the extent and nature of the problem. With our increasing population and the possibility of increased finances being available to the Legislature for activities in this area, there will undoubtedly be pressures from special interest groups for funding of programs for impaired persons. Quick surveys often done under the aegis of a special interest group can be misleading and programs developed against this background are likely to be more expensive and possibly less effective than those developed with a cohesive knowledge of the entirety of the human impairment program.

A Registry of Persons with Impairments is the only practical way of developing an unbiased data base from which reasonable health and education programs for impaired persons can be developed.

The fear of the computer and loss of human rights is a justifiable concern that appears to be dealt with effectively in the second draft of the Alaska Registry of Persons with Impairments as drawn up by Mr. Richard Peters.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Sincerely,


Kenneth T. Richardson, M.D.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

4/15/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 5/8/75

The Committee on HESS has had HB 419

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Susan Sullivan _____

John A. ... _____

Richard ... _____

... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

John A. ... recommends: NONE

... recommends: No recommendations

... recommends: ...

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

2/17/76

Mr. Speaker:

Date Mar 11, 1976

The Committee on HESS has had SSIB 419

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

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COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Susan Sullivan _____

Alan B... _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

Alan B... recommends: NO REC.

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

Susan Sullivan Chairman



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HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 1975

HB 419

Members Present:

Beirne Ostrosky
Davis Sullivan
Hackney Swanson
Osterback

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. The first order of business was HB 415 & 419.

HB ~~415~~ & HB 419

Dr. Price: These measures are urgently needed. The 1972 Council considered the number one need to be School Health Education. A survey was taken in 1973, on the elementary level it was taught by individual teachers as they see fit, the administration is not aware of the curricula. In Junior High and High School there is some curricula taught by the physical education teachers but they rarely have training in Health Education specifically to teach the subject. 90% of the PE teachers have never taken first aid courses. We presently have 12 candidates for the position of School Health Educator, the money is not available after July 1, the funds will be lost. Funded through Federal D14 monies. SB66 (Congressional Bill) if passed, would be taking new monies into consideration.

Swanson Line 18, is this just seed money or would this take care of the entire program?

Price This will take care of the program for the first year. We would like to see this as a collaboration between the two departments, H&SS and Education.

Jeffers One professional employee and one clerical, there will be contractual methods to do other things.

Swanson What to you class and Health Education in grades K-12?

Jeffers The intent is to structure so that the younger kids could benefit as well as the others. The more sophisticated problems are handled at a later age. These programs will be introduced when the students are old enough to benefit from them.

Hackney Couldn't^{we} legislate something to insure that the individual school districts will hire trained Health Educational staff on the local level?

Jeffers We would provide some sort of training program so that they would get training as well. A Health Education Curriculum would be added for use on the local level.

Hackney Any Health Ed. taught today?