

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1981-1982 8672

2084 SSA SB 689 - SB 778

TRANSPORTATION

'84 Voter Approval

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<b>Central Region Facilities</b>						
DOT/PF						
Bethel Snow Equipment Bldg.	330.0	330.0		X		231
Bethel Shop Repairs	150.0	150.0		X		231
St Marys Crash/Fire Station	1450.0	11945.0		X		231
St. Marys Shop Repair	1270.0	1270.0		X		231
Inventory & Condition Survey	200.0	200.0		X		231
Cordova Sand Bldg.	720.0	5931.0		X		231
DOT Regional Office Bldg. Expan.	7130.0	58735.0		X		231
Program Contingency	500.0	500.0		X		231
Kalsin Bay/Seward Fuel Tanks	150.0	150.0		X		231
Agency Total	11900.0	79211.0				
<b>Interior Highways</b>						
DOT/PF						
Old Steese Wendell Exp	4530.0	20923.0		X		231
McCarthy Road Spot Repair	3800.0	3800.0		X		232
Alaska 1270-1285	15680.0	15680.0		X		231
Rich 129-138 Reconstruction	7190.0	7190.0		X		232
Nome Bypass	1500.0	6928.0		X		232
Dalton Hwy Resurface & Culvert	6000.0	6000.0		X		232
Advanced Project Definition	600.0	600.0		X		232
Contingency	2000.0	2000.0		X		232
Nome-Taylor Highway 13-21	4719.0	4719.0		X		232
South Central Local Rd Upgrade	1650.0	7621.0		X		231
Airport Way Upgrade	1065.0	4919.0		X		231
Nome Steadman & Seppala	1320.0	1320.0		X		231
Fairbanks Area Paving	1180.0	5450.0		X		231
St. Michael-Stebbins Road	3000.0	13857.0		X		232
Agency Total	54234.0	101007.0				

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Interior Region Aviation						
DOT/PF						
Golovin Improvements	730.0	2051.0		X		232
Chalkytsik Improvements	440.0	1236.0		X		232
Circle Relocation Study	165.0	165.0		X		232
Gambell Runway Rehabilitation	2080.0	2080.0		X		233
Chistochina Resurface	730.0	730.0		X		233
Copper Center Resurface	810.0	810.0		X		233
Chicken Airport Improvements	1029.0	2890.0		X		233
Lake Minchumina Rehab Engr	200.0	200.0		X		233
Eagle Airport Improvements	1863.0	5233.0		X		233
Nome Lease Lots Development	1500.0	5300.0		X		233
Wales/Stebbins Runways	6000.0	16854.0		X		233
Chitina Resurface	605.0	605.0		X		232
Nome Apron & Taxiway	1130.0	3992.0		X		232
Contingency	2400.0	2400.0		X		233
Dahl Creek Runway Improvements	1463.0	4110.0		X		233
Elim Airport Improvements	1870.0	5253.0		X		232
Kotzebue Airport Improvements	3982.0	14068.0		X		233
Kaltag Runway Extension	2359.0	6626.0		X		233
Security Fencing	2030.0	2030.0		X		234
Ambler Resurface	650.0	650.0		X		234
Unalakleet Improvements	2340.0	8267.0		X		234
Nome Airport Cargo Apron	2730.0	9645.0		X		234
Aviation Master Plan	325.0	325.0		X		233
Equipment Storage Buildings	1287.0	5944.0		X		233
Nome Helicopter Operations	1950.0	6889.0		X		233
Chandalar Improvement Engr	260.0	260.0		X		233
Wiseman Runway Widening/Apron	1651.0	4638.0		X		233

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Hughes Runway & lighting	2359.0	6626.0		X		233
Nome General Aviation Parking	1560.0	5511.0		X		233
Barrow Airport Master Plan	234.0	234.0		X		233
Airport Lighting Phase 3	4110.0	18984.0		X		234
Utilities Nome & Kotzebue	3250.0	11482.0		X		233
Deadhorse Taxiway	4550.0	16075.0		X		233
Council New Airport	3003.0	8435.0		X		233
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>61645.0</b>	<b>180598.0</b>				
<b>Interior Ports &amp; Harbors</b>						
DOT/PF						
Kotzebue Erosion Control Supp	3600.0	3600.0		X		234
Contingency	500.0	500.0		X		234
Teller Small Boat Harbor	806.0	3723.0		X		234
Nome Port Construction Supp	5900.0	5000.0		X		234
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>9906.0</b>	<b>12823.0</b>				
<b>Interior Region Facilities</b>						
DOT/PF						
82 Mile Steese Maintenance Sta	850.0	7002.0		X		234
Interior Security Fencing	250.0	250.0		X		235
Nome Outlying Maintenance Sta	1250.0	10297.0		X		235
Dalton Hwy Mod Housing Units	2600.0	21418.0		X		234
Fairbanks DOT/PF Building Addition	12500.0	102972.0		X		234
Interior Painting	250.0	250.0		X		235
Facilities Contingency	1000.0	1000.0		X		235
Interior Roof Repairs	350.0	350.0		X		235
Cantwell Maintenance Station	600.0	600.0		X		235
Gardiner Creek Camp Relocation	1200.0	9885.0		X		235
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>20850.0</b>	<b>154024.0</b>				

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<b>Southeast Highway Rehab.</b>						
DOT/PF						
Klondike highway: Paving	5000.0	23094.0		X		235
Agency Total	5000.0	23094.0				
<b>Southeast Bridge Replacement</b>						
DOT/PF						
Tongas Ave Bridge #997	500.0	500.0		X		235
Tongas Ave Bridge #797	500.0	500.0		X		235
Agency Total	1000.0	1000.0				
<b>Southeast Highways</b>						
DOT/PF						
Glacier Hwy Twin Lake Segment	690.0	690.0		X		236
Indian Point Rd.	172.5	797.0		X		236
Contingency	1000.0	1000.0		X		236
North Tongass Highway	7000.0	32332.0		X		236
Fish Creek Road	2875.0	13279.0		X		236
Alsek Road Yakutat	1150.0	1150.0		X		236
Agency Total	12887.5	49248.0				
<b>Southeast Region Aviation</b>						
DOT/PF						
Tenakee Airport Planning	300.0	300.0		X		236
Metlakatla Seaplane Float Exp.	86.3	242.0		X		236
Advanced Project Definition	25.0	25.0		X		236
Hydaburg Airport Planning	300.0	300.0		X		236
Contingency	300.0	300.0		X		237

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Gustavus Airport Improvements	149.5	420.0		X		237
Yakutat Airport Drainage Imp.	800.0	2247.0		X		237
Ketchikan Seaplane Float	115.0	406.0		X		237
Tenakee Seaplane Float Exp.	115.0	323.0		X		236
Kake Airport & Access Road	8000.0	22472.0		X		236
Agency Total	10190.8	27035.0				
Shore Facilities Upgrade						
DOT/PF						
Shore Facilities Upgrades	7000.0	7000.0		X		237
Annual Vessel Maintenance	3000.0	3000.0		X		237
Agency Total	10000.0	10000.0				
Southeast Ports & Harbors						
DOT/PF						
Aurora Harbor Expansion	1380.0	1380.0		X		237
Shipwreck Cove Harbor Float	316.3	316.3		X		237
Petersburg Small Boat Harbor	1265.0	5843.0		X		238
Japonski Lagoon Small Boat Harbor	690.0	3187.0		X		238
Elfin Cove Harbor Float	230.0	230.0		X		237
Regional Harbor Refuge Floats	575.0	2656.0		X		238
Thorne Bay Small Boat Harbor	862.5	3984.0		X		238
Kupreanof Dock and Float	230.0	230.0		X		238
Contingency	1000.0	1000.0		X		238
Ketchikan Port Expansion	3000.0	13857.0		X		238
Shoemaker Bay Harbor	1400.0	1400.0		X		238
Gustavus Harbor Improvement	800.0	800.0		X		237
Craig North Cove Breakwater	1300.0	1300.0		X		237
Knudson Cove Breakwater	1750.0	1750.0		X		237
Agency Total	14798.8	37933.3				

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Southeast Region Facilities						
DOT/PF						
New Regional Office Facility	6500.0	53545.0		X		238
Juneau Cold Storage Building	172.5	1421.0		X		238
Sitka Shop Building	1725.0	14210.0		X		238
Wrangell Cold Storage Building	172.5	1421.0		X		238
Contingency	500.0	500.0		X		238
Agency Total	9070.0	71097.0				
Statewide Planning & Program						
DOT/PF						
Vessel Maintenance Facility	15000.0	123566.0		X		239
State Building Life Safety	2000.0	2000.0		X		239
Muni Assump of Trunk Airports	2000.0	2000.0		X		239
Energy Retrofit	5000.0	5000.0		X		239
Agency Total	24000.0	132566.0				

TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT SUMMARY

	<u>Total Requests</u>	<u>Est. Lifetime Ownership Costs</u>
FY'83 Cash	393,987.4	775,418.4*
FY'83 Voter Approval	254,815.8	511,110.2
FY'84 Voter Approval	406,522.1	1,292,472.3

\* A significant portion of the Transportation component is for rehabilitating existing capital projects. In the long run, rehabilitation costs are much less than reconstruction costs for deteriorated roads, runways, etc.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

'83 Cash and '83 Voter Approval

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<b>Executive Operations</b>						
Office of the Governor						
Special Projects	700.0	700.0	X			269
Office Equipment	70.0	70.0	X			269
Agency Total	770.0	770.0				
<b>Legislative and Elective Oper</b>						
Office of the Governor						
On-Line Voter Regis System	898.9	898.9	X			270
Agency Total	898.9	898.9				
<b>Independent Operations</b>						
Department of Administration						
Science and Technology Account	2500.0	2500.0	X			271
Agency Total	2500.0	2500.0				
<b>Telecommunications</b>						
Department of Administration						
APBC Equipment Grants	300.0	300.0	X			272
APBC Expanded Coverage Eq.	200.0	200.0	X			272
APBC Building/Renovation Grant	191.0	191.0	X			272
Agency Total	691.0	691.0				

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<b>Building &amp; Equipment Services</b>						
Department of Administration						
Space Saving Equipment	1000.0	1000.0	X			278
Anchorage Office Complex	1222.0	12278.0	X			277
Housing Energy Conservation	1000.0	1000.0	X			278
Computerized Leasing Records	50.0	50.0	X			277
Housing Replacement	4719.0	47413.0	X			277
Housing Renovations	1000.0	1000.0	X			277
Agency Total	8991.0	62741.0				
<b>Centralized Admin Services</b>						
Department of Administration						
Additional Disk Storage	2875.0	2875.0	X			282
Financial & Related Systems	6500.0	6500.0	X			282
Additional CPU Memory	392.4	392.4	X			282
Microfilm Services	100.0	100.0	X			283
Supplemental Benefits System	125.0	125.0	X			282
Communications Controllers	264.2	264.2	X			283
Affairs Action Audit System	325.0	325.0	X			283
Anchorage Mainframe Support	245.0	245.0	X			283
Health Insurance Report System	75.0	75.0	X			284
On-Line Procurement Data	247.9	247.9	X			284
Deferred Compensation Plan	50.0	50.0	X			284
Central Mailroom Equipment	41.6	41.6	X			284
Agency Total	11241.1	11241.1				

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

FY'84 Voter Approval

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Revenue Collection and Mgt. Department of Revenue Permanent Fund Contribution	660000.0	660000.0		X		288
Agency Total	660000.0	660000.0				

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMPONENT SUMMARY

	<u>Total Request</u>	<u>Est. Lifetime Ownership Cost</u>
FY'83 Cash	25,092.0	73,982.1
FY'83 Voter Approval	0.0	0.0
FY'84 Voter Approval	660,000.0	660,000.0

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POSITION PAPER - SENATE BILL 707

Senate Bill 707 would allow the Legislature to name or change the names of geographic features in Alaska. This power currently resides with the Alaska State Geographic Names Board. In accordance with Alaska Statute Section 44.19.056 the Board is chaired by the Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs, and consists of the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources, Transportation and Public Facilities, Education, the curator of the state museum, the state historical librarian, the director of the division of lands, and one private sector member appointed by the Governor.

The Board generally approves a proposal for a name selection if the proposal meets the following criteria:

1. Authenticity of the name can be established.
2. The name is clearly associated with the area proposed.
3. The name is, or was, in common local usage.
4. The name can be spelled according to established system of orthography.
5. The name is pronounceable without considerable difficulty.
6. The name of a stream is applied to an unnamed lake or glacier from which the stream originates.
7. The name of a mountain is applied to an unnamed glacier which is a part of that mountain.
8. The name is relevant and most descriptive to the feature.
9. The name is not in use elsewhere in the Region.
10. The name is not frivolous
11. The name is in good taste.
12. The Board generally approves a commemorative name selection if the individual made a highly significant contribution to Alaska.

It is the policy of the Board to contact local officials to ascertain support or opposition to each name proposal.

In as much as the Alaska State Geographic Names Board considers the interest of State agencies and local citizens in the name selection process, and has within its membership the expertise to determine the authenticity of name selections, the Board is opposed to the modification of Sections 44.19.060 and 44.19.062 relating to the naming of geographic features in the State.

Senate Bill 707 would also change the name of Byers Lake in the Denali State Park to Veterans Lake. The name Byers Lake was formally established by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 1958. This feature is located in the Denali State Park 28 miles North of Talkeetna. Byers Creek originates

from this lake and flows to the Chulitna River. Because Byers Lake, located at 62°44'20" N, 150°06'45" meets the criteria of the Board, and the name Byers Lake was determined to be in local usage more than twenty years ago, the Alaska State Geographical Names Board is opposed to renaming this feature. The Board is also opposed to the wording of S.B. 706 for the same reasons.

The members of the Alaska State Geographical Names Board understand that the sponsor of S.B. 707 is interested in commemorating the Veterans of Alaska. The Alaska Board would like to encourage a proposal in honor of the Veterans through the appropriate channels.

Respectfully submitted by members of:

The Alaska State Geographical Names Board  
& Commissioner's Office,  
Community and Regional Affairs  
Pouch B  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Please contact Leanne Ellis Pilcher, Executive Secretary of the Alaska State Geographical Names Board (465-4700) if you have further questions.

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

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March 25, 1982

The State Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Attention Senator Fischer

Dear Members of the Committee:

RE: SENATE BILL 707 AND 706

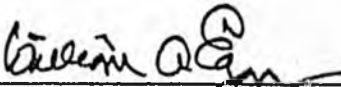
The Alaska State Geographic Names Board is opposed to SB 707 and the wording of SB 706. Senate Bill 707 would allow the Legislature to name or change the names of geographic features in Alaska, and changes the name of Byers Lake in the Denali State Park to Veterans Lake. SB 706 refers to Byers Lake as Veterans Lake.

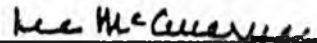
In an interview in 1958 with the late Don Sheldon, Tom Taylor of the Anchorage USGS office confirmed that the lake at 62°44'20" N, 150°06'45" was referred to as Byers Lake. Mr. Byers was an early settler, trapper and miner in the area. Mr. Taylor is an advisor to the Alaska State Geographic Names Board at the present time.

In accordance with Alaska Statute 44.19.060 the power to officially name features resides with the Alaska State Geographic Names Board. The Board considers the interest of State agencies, local citizens and legislators in the name selection process.

On behalf of the Board, we respectfully encourage a proposal to name an unnamed feature in honor of the Veterans of Alaska. The Board believes that it would be a proper gesture of respect and gratitude for our veterans to name an unnamed, prominent geographic features in their honor.

Sincerely,

  
The Honorable William A. Egan  
Public Member, Alaska State  
Geographic Names Board

  
The Honorable Lee McAnerney  
Chairperson, Alaska State  
Geographic Names Board

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- opposed to changing name  
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALASKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Open Competition: Design a veterans memorial to be erected at Byers Lake Rest Area, mile 147.1 on the Parks Highway as authorized by AS 44.35.030, a copy of which is inclosed. A contract for construction (Phase I only) will be awarded to the winner.

Theme: The memorial shall be multi-service, universal and a traditional representation honoring Alaskan veterans and those military personnel who have served in Alaska since 1867, including but not limited to, honoring the unique contributions made by the Eskimo Scout Battalion of the Alaska Territorial Guard.

#### Selection Criteria for Design:

- a. Incorporates the theme
- b. Compatible with the environment
- c. Expandable (Phase I and Phase II)
- d. Durable and Maintenance free
- e. Deters defacing
- f. Does not present a potential traffic or ground safety hazard
- g. Preference will be given to either in-state or out-of-state firms or

individuals with Alaska design experience.

Jury: Chaired by the Commissioner, Department of Military Affairs (The Adjutant General) with a veteran of each of the Armed Services.

#### General Rules:

- a. Submittals will consist of concepts of both Phase I and Phase II including necessary site preparation.

b. Phase I will cost less than \$190,000, stand by itself, and will fully incorporate the theme.

c. Phase II will cost less than \$300,000 and will expand upon Phase I as funding becomes available in future years.

d. Some or all of the site preparation, labor and equipment will be provided by others. Site preparation by others will consist of clearing up to two acres and relocating no more than 1500 cubic yards of cut and/or fill.

e. The memorial will be within the boundary illustrated on the attached site plan at inclosure 2 and a description of the site at inclosure 3.

f. Submittals will include at least a scaled, spatial-relationship plot plan, area elevation(s), detailed cost estimate and a narrative design concept accompanied by a maximum 24" x 36" graphic illustration. Models are optional.

g. Submittals will identify all participating firms and/or individuals.

h. Military history information is available at:

Office of History, Alaskan Air Command  
Bldg 2-900, Room 328  
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506  
Phone: (907) 752-4763

i. Questions must be received in writing no later than 30 Dec 81 by:

The Committee to Build a Memorial to Alaska Veterans  
610 MacKay Bldg., 338 Denali St.  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Phone: (907) 243-0656

and will be answered by 14 Jan 82.

j. A predesign conference will be conducted 14 Jan 82 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room, 6th Floor MacKay Bldg., 338 Denali St., Anchorage, AK.

k. Submittals must be received by the committee not later than 12:00 noon on 15 Mar 82.

l. All submitters will be notified of the time, date and place for announcement of the winner.

m. Submittals received are insured against loss, damage or destruction by the State of Alaska. Submittals will be retained by the committee for display for six months and then can be reclaimed by the submitter. Submittals not claimed by 31 Dec 82 will be disposed of.

n. An oral briefing may be required of the applicants. A two weeks notice will be provided.

Incl

1. AS 44.35.030
2. Site plan
3. Site Description
4. Military History
5. Bibliography

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9 April 1982

Honorable Vic Fischer  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fischer:

This letter is in reference to our phone conversation Wednesday evening, 7 April 1982. As discussed, I would like to give you a report on the progress of selecting an Alaska Veteran's Memorial.

In accordance with Senate Bill 133, I convened a selection committee. The qualifications of committee members are excellent and are available to you at Inclosure I. The Committee performed in a thorough manner and formulated a request for proposals of design. They worked closely with representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Parks Division. As a result, five proposals were received for committee review and selection. The committee set up a written ballot process which narrowed the proposals down to a remaining two. A written closed ballot was then taken to determine which one of the two final proposals would be selected. The committee was unanimous on its first round of voting for a first choice selection. First choice selection is a design submitted by the Team of EDAW, Peratrovich, and Nottingham. A photograph of the winning proposal is attached. Second choice is a proposal by Hammond and Associates.

I am obligated to tell you that the committee's second choice was artistically professional, however, it portrayed five military figures representing a coast guardsman, an army soldier, a native scout, an army engineer and a navy pilot. The committee felt strongly that this representation would raise unnecessary questions about the other branches of service not represented, regardless of their contributions to military service in Alaska. The second choice proposal did recognize contributions of Alaskans to America's military history. The committee's first choice meets with the criteria established by Senate Bill 133, gives added emphasis to the Alaska Territorial Guard with a solid granite statue of an Alaskan Scout and provides for expansion ability that the State Legislature might determine in the future. The first choice selection does provide ample space for recognition plaques.

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Honorable Vic Fischer

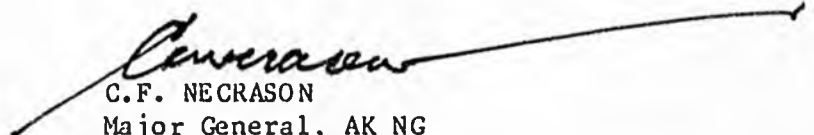
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Needless to say, the committee's work is not done. Further work is needed to determine exactly what is appropriate for plaque inscriptions, size, conformity, and written content. Milestones have been set for these details as well as contract agreements.

In regard to site selection, the committee researched, visited the site and made a unanimous selection. As to the name of the lake, Byers Lake, we will retain the name due to citizen interest and already established, well recognized usage. The committee feels that this point is not detrimental to recognition of our Alaska Memorial.

In conclusion, progress to date stays within the appropriated fund limitation. The first choice selection will stand as a completed total project that could easily be expanded into a second phase of increased park development. I should mention that this was not true of the other proposals reviewed by the committee. We have indicated to the team of EDAW, Peratrovich and Nottingham that their proposal was the committee's first choice and that we would proceed to contract negotiation. I hope that this letter satisfies any concerns your committee may have. I would appreciate any comments you may have within the next 10 days. Seasonal construction requirements demand that we move ahead promptly if we are to use Air Force construction teams for site preparation work and complete the project this year.

Sincerely,

  
C.F. NECRASON  
Major General, AK NG  
The Adjutant General

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MEMORIAL TO ALASKAN VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Alaska National  
Guard

MAJOR GENERAL C.F. NECRASON

Established residence in Alaska in 1958. Holds a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy, is a graduate of the Air War College. Served as Commander of the Alaskan Air Command 1958-61. Is the recipient of the Legion of Merit with two clusters, the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with four clusters, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation with three clusters, and various campaign and theater ribbons from the United Nations, Korea, Phillipines, Pacific, African and American theaters. Prior to present appointment was employed by Bechtel, Inc. Appointed to present position Dec 2, 1974.

2. U.S. Army

MR. RODNEY FINKLE

LTC U.S. Army, 27 1/2 yrs active duty. Architectural, Industrial and Interior Designer, Pratt Institute, NYC. Vice Chairman and Commissioner for Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission. Chairman for Arts Selection. Jury for Anchorage Sports Arena, Project 80. 12 yrs experience as an Army Engineer Officer in Civil Engineering construction.

3. Navy

MR. WILFRED L. PAINTER

BS Degree Civil Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton N.J. 4 yrs Active Duty U.S. Air Force, 1 tour in Viet Nam. Facilities Construction, Andrews AFB, Washington D.C., 1 1/2 yrs as Representative to National Capitol Planning Commission, Developed Presidential access route from the Capitol Building to Andrews AFB, Project Officer for Andrews Master Plan. Worked in Civil Construction Industry in Hawaii, Washington and in Alaska since 1974. Currently LT in Civil Engineer Corps, Navy Reserve, Command of a Seabee Detachment in Anchorage. Registered Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering, State of Alaska. Hold member grade in American Society of Civil Engineer. Hold membership in Society of American Military Engineer. Work for large construction company in Anchorage. Manager for Anchorage and South Central Alaska. Constructed 2 Calais buildings. Constructed 5th & I Otigan Office Building. Worked on Federal Building.

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MEMORIAL TO ALSAKAN VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (cont'd)

4. Army National  
Guard

JOHN H. CLOE

BA Degree in History Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. 10 Years Active Duty, U.S. Army. 2 tours as an Infantry Officer in Viet Nam, one as an Infantry Company Commander and Advisor to the Army of Viet Nam. LTC AK ARNG National Guard. Command Historian for Alaska Air Command. Only trained Military Historian in Alaska. Belongs to Alaska Historical Society and Cook Inlet Historical Society.

5. Air National  
Guard

MR. JON D. VERLINDA

BA Civil Engineer, North Dakota State University Fargo, N.D. 5 years Active Duty U.S. Air Force, worked in Base Civil Engineer Office and Chief, Base Engineering Operations. Worked for Corps of Engineer of Alaska. Kulis Air National Guard Base Civil Engineer. Secretary, Anchorage Post Society of American Military Engineers.

6. Coast Guard

MR. RAYMOND H. SPOLTMAN

30 years in Coast Guard. 3rd assignment as a Commanding Officer. Currently Commander of Marine Safety Office in Anchorage. Professional Marine Surveyor.

7. Air Force

MR. JAMES D. DUNN

Retired Air Force Colonel. Former Base Commander, Elmendorf AFB. Currently employed by Municipality of Anchorage, Director of Transportation.

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Original sponsor: Bradley

Funding Information

General Fund	\$300,000
Other Funds	-0-
	<u>\$300,000</u>

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 705 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-  
7 ment of Military Affairs for construction of the Alaskan  
8 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State  
9 Park; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 \* Section 1. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the general fund to  
12 the Department of Military Affairs for construction of phase II of the Alaskan  
13 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State Park that was initially  
14 funded by an appropriation in ch. 31, SLA 1981.

15 \* Sec. 2. The appropriation made by this Act is for a capital project and  
16 is subject to AS 37.25.020.

17 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
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Original sponsor: Bradley

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 704 (State Affairs)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to memorials for servicemen; and to  
7 the Alaska Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake in  
8 Denali State Park; and providing for an effective  
9 date."

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

11 \* Section 1. ALASKA SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL AT BYERS LAKE. (a) The  
12 wayside area, including facilities, along Alaska Route 3 in Denali State Park  
13 at milepost A147.5 north of Anchorage shall be referred to as the Alaska  
14 Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake.

15 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide for the construc-  
16 tion of a permanent park ranger and caretaker facility at the site described  
17 in (a) of this section and employ a caretaker to provide tourist information,  
18 security, and maintenance at the Alaska Servicemen's Memorial at Byers Lake.

19 (c) The Department of Natural Resources shall consult with the Depart-  
20 ment of Military Affairs in the design of the permanent park ranger and  
21 caretaker facility described in (b) of this section.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 41.20.020(12) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (12) provide for the construction and maintenance of facili-  
24 ties in state parks and recreation areas to serve as memorials for  
25 servicemen as prescribed by law.

26 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.

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**CHUGACH NATIVES, INC.**

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(907) 276-1080 TELEX 26-497

February 17, 1982

Senator John Sackett  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Sackett:

Chugach Natives, Inc., strongly supports your proposal in S.B. 727 providing for the State Geographic Names Board to consider naming unnamed geographic features in Alaska with an appropriate Native name. In the Chugach Region we have worked closely with the Alaska Native Language Center at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks to collect these names over the past several years. We have gathered several hundred to date, and many more remain to be discussed among our older shareholders.

While your bill provides for the use of Native place names on currently unnamed geographic features, you might also consider imbuing the Geographic Names Board with the additional authority to re-name existing features with Native names. This authority would have to be exercised judiciously so as not to create widespread confusion. However, in many instances the Native names are more commonly used even today than the official names of places, and these are the cases which could be addressed under this additional authority.

Sincerely,

CHUGACH NATIVES, INC.

*Carl Prosser for*  
Edgar Blatchford  
Chairman of the Board

EB/ls

cc: State Affairs Committee members  
Alaska Native Language Center

POSITION PAPER  
SENATE BILL 727

Senate Bill 727, "An Act relating to the duties of the State Geographic Names Board; and providing for an effective date" would establish a policy to conduct research and to provide names for unnamed geographic features in Alaska utilizing Alaska Native place names.

Members of the Alaska State Geographic Names Board believe that S. B. 727 is unnecessary because Alaska Native place names are given full consideration under current Board policy. The Board is not responsible for proposing name selections; proposals are received from residents of Alaska, private interest groups, corporations and other organizations throughout the State. It is a procedure of the Board to contact the local officials and the appropriate Native organization to ascertain support or opposition to each name proposal. If an organization informs the Board that the feature in question has a traditional name, the original usage is given preference.

In accordance with Alaska Statute Section 44.19.056 the Board is chaired by the Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs, and consists of the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources, Transportation and Public Facilities, Education, the curator of the state museum, the state historical librarian, the director of the division of lands, and one private sector member appointed by the Governor. The Board generally approves a proposal for a name selection if the proposal meets the following criteria:

1. Authenticity of the name can be established.
2. The name is clearly associated with the area proposed.
3. The name is, or was, in common local usage.
4. The name can be spelled according to established system of orthography.
5. The name is pronounceable without considerable difficulty.
6. The name of a stream is applied to an unnamed lake or glacier from which the stream originates.
7. The name of a mountain is applied to an unnamed glacier which is a part of that mountain.
8. The name is relevant and most descriptive to the feature.
9. The name is not in use elsewhere in the Region.
10. The name is not frivolous.
11. The name is in good taste.
12. The Board generally approves a commemorative name selection if the individual made a highly significant contribution to Alaska.

All Alaska place names should be evaluated according to these criteria and should come as needed so future generations will have an opportunity to submit geographic names. The Alaska Board would like to encourage Native organizations or individuals to submit names for features in their area as they have an opportunity to investigate and learn the Native names. The Board is not staffed or funded to conduct these investigations.

The Board feels it is appropriate to do a publication specifically on Alaska Native names that would encourage more Native people to participate in name submissions.

Respectfully submitted by members of:

The Alaska State Geographic Names Board  
& Commissioner's Office  
Community and Regional Affairs  
Pouch B  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Please contact Leanne Ellis Pilcher, Executive Secretary of the Alaska State Geographic Names Board (465-4700) if you have further questions.

A M E N D M E N T

SENATE BILL 727

Sec. 44.19.059. ALASKA NATIVE PLACE NAMES. In carrying out its duties to name geographic features under AS 44.19.058 (2) the State Geographic Board shall ~~maintain a policy of considering~~ the use of Alaska Native place names for geographic features in the state that have not previously been named, using Native language writing systems accepted by the Alaska Native Language Center of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

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\*Section 1. AS 14.20.345(d) is amended to read:

(d) The governing body of the district may agree to continue the teacher's retirement contributions if the teacher agrees to pay the percentage required under AS 14.25.050 [REQUIRED SEVEN PERCENT] of the salary the teacher [HE] would have received during the [HIS] leave of absence and reimburse the district for the district's required retirement contribution. Each year of leave of absence then would count as a year of retirement service.

\*Sec. 2. AS 14.25.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each [BEGINNING JULY 1, 1970, EACH] teacher shall contribute to the retirement fund an amount equal to nine [SEVEN] percent of his base salary accrued from July 1 to the following June 30. The contribution shall be deducted by the employer at the end of each payroll period.

\*Sec. 3. AS 14.25.060(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) If a member has military service or Alaska Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) service, or if a member joined the system before July 1, 1978, and has creditable outside service, the member is indebted to the retirement fund as follows:

(1) for a member first hired before July 1, 1978, the arrearage indebtedness for creditable outside service is seven percent of the base salary multiplied by the total number of years of creditable outside service. Compound interest at the rate prescribed by regulation shall be added to the arrearage indebtedness beginning July 1, 1963, or at the time of first becoming employed as a member, whichever is later, to the date of payment or the date of retirement, whichever occurs first.

(2) for a member first hired before July 1, 1982, the arrearage indebtedness for creditable military and Alaska BIA service is

seven percent of the base salary multiplied by the total number of years of military and Alaska BIA service. For a member first hired on or after July 1, 1982, the arrearage indebtedness for military and Alaska BIA service is nine percent of the base salary multiplied by the total number of years of creditable military and Alaska BIA service. Compound interest at the rate prescribed by regulation shall be added to the arrearage indebtedness beginning July 1, 1963, or at the time of first becoming employed as a member, whichever is later, to the date of payment or the date of retirement, whichever occurs first.

\*Sec. 4. AS 14.25.110(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(c) The monthly retirement benefit for a member is calculated as follows:

(1) for a member with credited service earned before July 1, 1982, the monthly retirement benefit is calculated by multiplying two percent of the member's average base salary, divided by 12, by the years of credited service.

(2) for a member with less than three years of membership service rendered after June 30, 1982:

(A) if the member has a total of at least 10 but less than 20 years of credited service, the member is entitled to the benefit calculated under (1) of this subsection for the credited service rendered before July 1, 1982, plus two and one-quarter percent of the member's average base salary, divided by 12, times the years of credited service earned after June 30, 1982;

(B) if the member has a total of at least 20 years of credited service, the member is entitled to the benefit calculated under (1) of this subsection for the credited service rendered before July 1,

1982, plus two and one-half percent of the member's average base salary, divided by 12, times the years of credited service earned after June 30, 1982;

(3) for a member with three or more years of membership service rendered after June 30, 1982:

(A) if the member has a total of at least 10 but less than 20 years of credited service, the member is entitled to a monthly retirement benefit equal to two and one-quarter percent of the member's average base salary, divided by 12, times the member's total years of credited service;

(B) if the member has a total of at least 20 years of credited service, the member is entitled to a monthly retirement benefit equal to two and one-half percent of the member's average base salary, divided by 12, times the member's total years of credited service;

(4) for a member who elects to receive an early retirement benefit, an actuarial adjustment must be made; and

(5) any indebtedness that exists at the time of retirement must be discharged in accordance with AS 14.25.063(b).

\*Sec. 5. AS 14.25.125(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(d) The monthly amount of a conditional service retirement benefit shall be calculated on the years of fully paid credited service only, in accordance with AS 14.25.110(d), except that

(1) a member may irrevocably elect to substitute "average monthly compensation" as defined in AS 39.35.680(4) in place of the member's average base salary, divided by 12; and

(2) in determining the percentage multiplier for each year of service under AS 14.25.110(d) the years of credited service under AS 39.35 shall also be considered.

\*Sec. 6. AS 14.25.143 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 14.25.143. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible persons age 65 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit payments except for the cost-of-living allowance under AS 14.25.142. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old.

(c) If a recipient was not receiving benefits during the entire preceding calendar year, the increase in benefits under this section shall be adjusted by multiplying it by the fraction whose numerator is the number of months for which benefits were received in the preceding calendar year and whose denominator is 12.

(d) If at the time of first receiving a retirement benefit a member was receiving a disability benefit under this system, the administrator shall, at the time the member is appointed to retirement, increase the retirement benefit by a percentage equal to the total cumulative percentage increase which has been applied to the member's disability benefit under this section.

(e) When computing a spouse's pension under AS 14.25.164, adjustments granted to the deceased member under this section shall be included.

(f) An increase in benefit payments under this section is effective July 1 of each year and is based on the percentage increase in the consumer

price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for Anchorage, Alaska during the previous calendar year as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

\*Sec. 7. AS 14.25.143(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 14.25.143. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 60 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

\*Sec. 8. AS 14.25.143(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit payments except for the cost-of-living allowance under AS 14.25.142. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to

(1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old; and

(2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or six percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 60 but less than 65 years old and for members receiving disability benefits who are less than 65 years old.

\*Sec. 9. AS 14.25.143(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 14.25.143. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 55 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

\*Sec. 10. AS 14.25.143(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit

payments except for the cost-of-living allowance under AS 14.25.142. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to

(1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old;

(2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or six percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 60 but less than 65 years old and for members receiving disability benefits who are less than 65 years old; and

(3) the lesser of 25 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or three percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 55 but less than 60 years old.

\*Sec. 11. AS 39.35.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 39.35.160. AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS. While participating in the system each peace officer and each fireman shall contribute seven [FIVE] percent and every other employee shall contribute six [FOUR] and one-quarter percent of their [HIS] compensation to the public employees' retirement system.

(b) If, upon termination of employment, an employee has credited service of less than five years and has less than \$1,000 in the [HIS] employee contribution account, a refund of the employee contribution account and the employee savings account must be made unless the employee indicates in writing that future retirement is intended and contributions should not be refunded. An employee who is reemployed with an employer and whose contributions have not been refunded before reemployment [RE-EMPLOYMENT] is not eligible for a refund.

\*Sec. 12. AS 39.35.340(b) is amended to read:

(b) In order to obtain credited service under this section, an employee shall make an election to do so and shall verify the [HIS] period of military service. When eligibility for credited service for military service has been established, an indebtedness shall be determined as follows: (1) the employee's actual compensation, or the calculated annual compensation for those employees working less than 12 months, during the calendar year 1976 or the year in which an employee first becomes vested under this chapter, whichever is later, multiplied by (2) [SIX PERCENT. THIS PRODUCT MULTIPLIED BY (3)] the number of years of military service credited under this section, and this product multiplied by (3) six percent for members who are first eligible to claim this military service before July 1, 1982, or eight percent for members who are first eligible to claim this military service on or after July 1, 1982. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning [COMMENCING] on July 1, 1976, or one year following the date a person first becomes vested, whichever is later. Any outstanding indebtedness that [WHICH] exists at the time a person is appointed to retirement will necessitate an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon that military service.

\*Sec. 13. AS 39.35.370(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(c) The monthly retirement benefit of an employee is calculated as follows:

(1) for an employee with credited service earned before July 1, 1982, the monthly retirement benefit is calculated by multiplying two percent of the average monthly compensation of the employee by the number of years of credited service.

(2) for an employee with less than three years of credited service rendered after June 30, 1982:

(A) if the employee has a total of at least 10 but less than 20 years of credited service, the employee is entitled to the benefit calculated under (1) of this subsection for the credited service rendered before July 1, 1982, plus two and one-quarter percent of the average monthly compensation times the years of credited service earned after June 30, 1982;

(B) if the employee has a total of at least 20 years of credited service, the employee is entitled to the benefit calculated under (1) of this subsection for the credited service rendered before July 1, 1982, plus two and one-half percent of the employee's average monthly compensation times the years of credited service earned after June 30, 1982;

(3) for an employee with three or more years of credited service rendered after June 30, 1982:

(A) if the employee has a total of at least 10 but less than 20 years of credited service, the employee is entitled to a monthly retirement benefit equal to two and one-quarter percent of the employee's average monthly compensation times the total years of credited service earned by the employee;

(B) if the employee has a total of at least 20 years of credited service, the employee is entitled to a monthly retirement benefit equal to two and one-half percent of the employee's average monthly compensation times the total years of credited service earned by the employee;

(4) for an employee who elects to receive an early retirement benefit, an actuarial adjustment must be made; and

(5) for an employee who rendered service as a peace officer or fireman before July 1, 1982, the monthly retirement benefit is calculated as follows:

(A) by multiplying two percent of the average monthly compensation of the employee by the years of credited peace officer or fireman service up through 10 years, plus two and one-half percent of the average monthly compensation of the employee by the years of credited peace officer or fireman service over 10 years. All other credited service shall be multiplied by two percent; or

(B) the formulas as provided in (1) through (4) of this subsection, if (B) is greater than (A).

\*Sec. 14. AS 39.35.385(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(d) The monthly amount of a conditional service retirement benefit shall be calculated in accordance with AS 39.35.370(c), except that

(1) the member may irrevocably elect to substitute one-twelfth of the "average base salary" as defined in AS 14.25.220(5) in place of average monthly compensation; and

(2) in determining the percentage multiplier for each year of service under AS 39.35.370(c) the years of credited service under AS 14.25 shall also be considered.

\*Sec. 15. AS 39.35.475 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 39.35.475. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible persons age 65 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit payments exclusive only of the cost-of-living allowance under AS 39.35.480. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old.

(c) If a recipient was not receiving benefits during the entire preceding calendar year, the increase in benefits under this section shall be adjusted by multiplying it by the fraction whose numerator is the number of months for which benefits were received in the preceding calendar year and whose denominator is 12.

(d) If at the time of first receiving a retirement benefit a member was receiving a disability benefit under this system, the administrator shall, at the time the member is appointed to retirement, increase the retirement benefit by a percentage equal to the total cumulative percentage increase which has been applied to the member's disability benefit under this section.

(e) When computing a joint and survivor benefit under AS 39.35.450 or a survivor's benefit under AS 39.35.420 or 39.35.440, adjustments granted to the deceased member under this section shall be included.

(f) An increase in benefit payments under this section is effective July 1 of each year and is based on the percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for Anchorage, Alaska during the previous calendar year as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

\*Sec. 16. AS 39.35.475(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 39.35.475. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 60 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

\*Sec. 17. AS 39.35.475(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit payments exclusive only of the cost-of-living allowance under AS 39.35.480. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to

(1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old; and

(2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or six percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 60 but less than 65 years old and for members receiving disability benefits who are less than 65 years old.

\*Sec. 18. AS 39.35.475(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 39.35.475. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) Once each year the administrator shall increase benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 55 or older receiving benefits under this system in the preceding calendar year.

\*Sec. 19. AS 39.35.475(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit payments exclusive only of the cost-of-living allowance under AS 39.35.480. The amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit equal to

(1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 65 years old;

(2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or six percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 60 but less than 65 years old and for members receiving disability benefits who are less than 65 years old; and

(3) the lesser of 25 percent of the increase in the cost of living in the preceding calendar year or three percent, for recipients who on July 1 are at least 55 but less than 60 years old.

\*Sec. 20. AS 14.25.143 and AS 39.35.475 as enacted in secs. 6-10 and 15-19 of this Act apply to persons receiving benefits under the retirement systems on and after July 1, 1982. Payment of an increase benefit under AS 14.25.143 or AS 39.35.475 that is effective July 1, 1982, shall begin no later than January 1, 1983, and shall be based on the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the calendar year 1981.

\*Sec. 21. Sections 1-6, sections 11-15, and section 20 of this Act take effect July 1, 1982.

\*Sec. 22. Sections 7, 8, 16 and 17 of this Act take effect July 1, 1983.

\*Sec. 23. Sections 9, 10, 18 and 19 of this Act take effect July 1, 1984.

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Attached Draft 3-01-82  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Administration - Division of Retirement & Benefits  
 Program Category Affected Centralized Administrative Services  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Retirement & Benefits  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)  
EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
100 RETIREMENT BENEFITS		24,632.3	43,702.5	60,864.2	66,960.6	73,656.6
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		25.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		24,657.3	43,702.5	60,864.2	66,960.6	73,656.6

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
VETERAN'S FUND						
FISH & GAME FUND						
HIGHWAY FUND						
AIRPORT FUND						
CAPITAL FUND						
PERS						
TRS						

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POSITIONS NONE

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

1. The State PERS payroll contribution rate must be increased by 7.13% in FY83; 11.50% in FY84; and 14.56% in FY85.
2. Estimate the FY83 covered State PERS payroll to be \$345,475,000, increasing 10% annually.
3. Estimate long term inflation rate of 7.5%.
4. The cost to political subdivisions is estimated to be \$18,728,600 in FY83; \$32,228,100 in FY84; and \$46,276,600 in FY 85.

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. Attached Draft 3-01-82  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Administration - Division of Retirement & Benefits  
 Program Category Affected Centralized Administrative Services & Secondary Education  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Retirement & Benefits  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)  
EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
100 RETIREMENT BENEFITS		26,101.7	37,650.6	50,269.1	55,296.0	60,825.6
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		25.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
700 STATE TRS MATCHING						
TOTAL		26,126.7	37,650.6	50,269.1	55,296.0	60,825.6

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
VETERAN'S FUND						
FISH & GAME FUND						
HIGHWAY FUND						
AIRPORT FUND						
CAPITAL FUND						
PERS						

**DRAFT**

POSITIONS NONE

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

1. The TRS contribution rate must be increased by 14.84% in FY83; 19.46% in FY84; and 23.62% in FY85 (the TRS contribution rate is split 50/50 between the State and employers in the system).
2. Estimate FY83 covered payroll at \$296,962,000, and increasing 10% annually.
3. Estimate long term inflation rate of 7.5%.
4. The cost to school districts is estimated to be \$17,968,000 in FY83; \$25,917,100 in FY84; and \$34,603,000 in FY85.

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SB 753

# Charles Ferrer

subt. 121 - cost: cost, job & log off.  
 - 4 cadets - full empl. only  
 - red. cost.

## substantive changes:

→ IRFA - 765<sup>2</sup> yrs - 6% ceiling or 1/2 CPI change

- ① Sec 162
  - ② Sec 42 - edit. cost - 1/2%
  - ③ Sec 11 - TRS - credit for 2 yrs of Peace Corps service
- rest is "clean-up" language.

## Paul Arnold

- + Disability review board
- + premium tax by on insur. cost & report bill
- red. cost for temp. services

## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF SB 753

Section 1 would increase the contribution rate for service credit for leave of absence without pay (LWOP) in conjunction with the PRPA provisions (Section 16) of this bill. (See the increase in normal contributions in Section 6.)

Section 2 would prevent abuse of the TRS by amending AS 14.20.345(f) so that LWOP would not be creditable unless certified by the school district as being for educational purposes.

Sections 3-5 would amend AS 14.25.020, 14.25.022, and 14.25.035 to state clearly the role of the Teachers' Retirement Board in the adoption and promulgation of regulations. The change makes the role of the TRS Board in this area identical to that of the Public Employees' Retirement Board. Under the existing language, the system administrator functions in this capacity without any clear mandate that he consult the Board.

Section 6 would increase the mandatory contribution rate for TRS employees from seven to seven and one-half percent; the increase represents the employee's share of the cost of the automatic PRPA in Section 16 of this bill.

Sections 7, 18-19 and 22-24 would alter the death/survivor benefit provisions of the TRS. Specifically, the supplemental contributions provision would be eliminated for all teachers hired on or after July 1, 1982, open enrollment for the supplemental contributions provision would be eliminated, and equitable occupational and nonoccupational death benefits and joint and survivor options, such as currently exist in the PERS, would be created.

Section 8 would increase the contribution rate for outside service credit to be in conformity with the increase of mandatory contributions in Section 6 of this bill.

Section 9 would amend the manner of discharging indebtedness under the TRS to bring it into conformity with the PERS.

Sections 10 and 60 would ensure that, in accordance with the Alaska Constitution, accrued benefits under the TRS and PERS may not be diminished by claiming service credit.

Section 11 would allow a TRS member to receive credit for up to two years of service in the Peace Corps.

Section 12 would bring the statutes into conformity with current practice. The sentence in question was inadvertently omitted when the TRS statutes were amended by Chapter 13, SLA 1980.

Section 13 merely corrects statutory references. These references should have been changed at the time the TRS statutes were amended by Chapter 13, SLA 1980.

Section 14 would amend Conditional Service Retirement Benefits to allow a member (1) to use his PERS salary if it is higher than his TRS salary, and (2) to figure his conditional service benefit based on all credited service rather than just membership service.

Section 15 would amend AS 14.25.130(a) to streamline the disability retirement application procedure. It provides a definite starting point in the procedure by setting as the first step the termination of employment due to the disability. Additionally, it resolves an existing inequity wherein a member has enough years of membership service to qualify for disability but is over 55 and does not qualify for normal retirement. Under present law, such an individual would be in a "Catch-22" situation -- disabled and unable to work, but needing to work to gain the necessary credit to qualify for normal retirement and being too old to qualify for disability.

Section 16 would create a mechanism for granting automatic, funded annual PRPA's to benefit recipients age 65 and over and to disabled members regardless of age; the amount of the increase would be 50% of the Anchorage CPI or 6%, whichever is less.

Sections 17 and 30 would amend the refund provisions of the TRS to conform with current practice and allow for the refunding of interest paid on an indebtedness. "Member contribution account" is defined to include all of the other accounts.

Section 20 would amend AS 14.25.160(b)(1) to agree with the changes in Sections 17 and 30 of this bill.

Section 21 would eliminate an existing inequity by amending AS 14.25.162(b)(1) to allow a dependent child to interrupt his schooling without permanently losing his survivor's allowance payment.

Sections 25, 34, and 59 would conform the statutes to the current practice of providing major medical insurance coverage to spouses and dependent children of retirees, as well as retirees themselves in the TRS, the PERS and the contributory and noncontributory Judicial Retirement Systems.

Section 26 adds the appropriate statutory references to AS 14.25.169 to be in agreement with the death/survivor benefit changes in Sections 7, 18-19 and 22-24 of this bill. In addition, Section 26 puts into law three previously unwritten principles of equity which have been at the heart of the TRS since its inception: a teacher may not receive 1) duplicate TRS credit for the same period of service; 2)

more than one year of credit during a school year; or 3) benefits while accruing service credit except as provided in AS 14.25.169.

Section 27 amends AS 14.25.175(a) to eliminate arbitrary, potentially detrimental requirements which must be met by persons wishing to appeal before the TRS Board.

Sections 28 and 65 would clarify what is and is not included in "compensation" for purposes of retirement in the TRS and PERS. This language is consistent with longstanding practice and does not constitute a change.

Section 29 expands the definition of "credited service" to include "territorial employment" as provided under AS 14.25.105, which should have been done in 1980 when AS 14.25.105 was passed, and Peace Corps credit in accordance with Section 11 of this bill.

Section 31 defines "territorial employment" as it is used in Section 29.

Sections 32-33 and 35-36 would add new sections to AS 22.25 and AS 26.05. The sections which should have been added when the statutes were amended by Chapter 146, SLA 1980, set up accounting systems for the Judicial Retirement System and the Alaska National Guard Retirement System which are now on a funded basis. The sections are modeled after the one in place in the PERS, AS 39.35.100. The money in the funds may be invested in the same manner as money in the PERS, AS 39.35.110.

Section 37 would clarify the direction in AS 39.30 to the Department of Administration to include retired persons in the group insurance program. Also clarifies AS 39.30.090(9) in two respects: first, it deletes the provision for major medical insurance coverage for retirees since such coverage is now provided elsewhere; second, it provides that retirees under age 65 may continue the life insurance they have in force at the time of termination of their employment.

Section 38 would create a group insurance fund. It is included at the urging of the State's benefit consultants. The existence of a fund will provide the flexibility needed to negotiate for and procure more favorable terms from insurance companies. Our consultants inform us that such added flexibility has led to substantial savings in other systems. Any surplus in the fund may be invested by the Commissioner of Revenue under AS 39.35.110.

Section 39 removes outdated, irrelevant language from the PERS statutes.

Sections 40 and 41 would make minor changes in AS 39.35.100. The first change recognizes that actuarial calculations and transfers from individual retirement accounts to the retirement reserve account can be accomplished more effectively on an aggregate, annual basis.

This will not delay the actual payment of benefits to retirees. The second change allocates a portion of the investment income to the reserve account. This is considered appropriate since a substantial portion of the principal invested derives from the reserve account.

Section 42 would increase the mandatory contribution rate for PERS peace officers/firemen from five to five and one-half percent, and for all others from four and one-quarter to four and three-quarters percent; the increase represents the employee's share of the cost of the automatic PRPA in Section 54 of this bill.

Sections 43, 63, 64 and 67 would amend the refund provisions of the PERS to allow for the refunding of interest paid on an indebtedness. In addition, Section 43 would also amend AS 39.35.200(b) to eliminate a "Catch-22" situation. Currently, persons who terminate their employment having less than five years credited service and less than \$1,000 in their employee account must be given a refund of retirement contributions even if they intend to retire later; when they do retire at a later date, they must repay the refunded contributions with interest. This proposed change would allow the employee the option of leaving the employee contributions in the individual account.

Section 44 would increase the contribution rate for military service credit in conformity with the increase in Section 42 of this bill.

Section 45 would entitle an additional group of surviving spouses to an increased benefit based on the deceased spouse's military service. Currently, surviving spouses receiving a monthly benefit from the system under AS 39.35.440 or 39.35.450 are entitled to this additional benefit. However, surviving spouses of members who die as a proximate result of an injury sustained or a hazard undergone while on the job (AS 39.35.430) are not. This section would correct this oversight and extend the additional benefit to this group of surviving spouses.

Section 46 would amend AS 39.35.350(c) to bring it into conformity with the rest of the PERS statutes regarding the manner of discharging an indebtedness.

Section 47 clarifies AS 39.35.360(b) to ensure that pre-1961 service credit is granted free of charge only to those employees who qualify under AS 39.35.360(a). This is consistent with current practice.

Section 48 clarifies AS 39.35.385 to ensure that the provision allowing reinstatement without reemployment applies only to paragraphs (a) and (b) and not to, for example, paragraph (f) which was added after the fact. This is not viewed as a substantive change.

Section 49 would amend Conditional Service Retirement Benefits to allow a member to use his TRS salary if it is higher than his PERS salary.

Section 50 would change the benefit reference in AS 39.35.420(b) because the description of the benefit is now found in subsection (c) of the section instead of in subsection (a). The amount of the benefit is not changed. In addition, Sections 50 and 51 would clarify the entitlement to death benefits when there is no surviving spouse. It would provide that, in the event of the death of a vested member who has no surviving spouse, a benefit shall be paid to the deceased member's designated beneficiary.

Section 52 would conform AS 39.35.440(b) to division practice. As the current law reads, a surviving spouse of a deceased, disabled employee is entitled to a benefit equal to 40 percent of the decedent's monthly compensation. It was not anyone's intent that the surviving spouse receive 40 percent of the relatively low disability benefit; it was intended that the surviving spouse receive 40 percent of the decedent's compensation before the disability. The amendment clarifies this. Section 52 would also provide for the disposition of death benefits in the event that a deceased member has no surviving spouse or dependent children, in which case a death benefit is paid to the designated beneficiary.

Section 53 would clarify the administration of the level income option under AS 39.35.460. In practice, it is not possible to predict exactly the amount of the eventual social security benefit or to make the income precisely level.

Section 54 would create a mechanism for granting automatic, funded PRPA's to benefit recipients age 65 and over and to disabled members regardless of age; the amount of the increase would be 50% of the Anchorage CPI or 6%, whichever is less.

Section 55 removes outdated statutory references from AS 39.35.485(a) and adds appropriate statutory references to bring the law into conformity with current practice. This is not viewed as a substantive change.

Section 56 updates incomplete statutory references; the designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries is applicable to all benefits throughout the chapter.

Section 57 amends AS 39.35.522(a) to eliminate arbitrary, potentially detrimental requirements which must be met by persons wishing to appeal before the PERS Board.

Section 58 puts into law three previously unwritten principles of equity which have been at the heart of the PERS since its inception: an employee may not receive 1) duplicate PERS credit for the same period of service; 2) more than one year of credit during a calendar year; or 3) benefits while accruing service credit except as provided in AS 39.35.530.

Section 61 would delete from AS 39.35.560 a definitional reference to "public organization." That term is now defined in Section 71 of this bill, AS 39.35.680(39).

Section 62 adds AS 39.35.612 to bring the law into conformity with current practice; it would establish the same conditions for amending a Participation Agreement as are required when an employer begins participation in the PERS.

Section 66 clarifies the definition of "early retirement" and includes the appropriate statutory references.

Section 68 excludes EPORS members from membership in the PERS.

Section 69 clarifies the definition of "normal retirement" and includes the appropriate statutory references.

Sections 70 and 72 would amend AS 39.35.680(27) to exclude "qualified employees of the Department of Fish and Game" from peace officer/fireman coverage; allows employees currently classified as "qualified employees of the Department of Fish and Game" to continue their peace officer/fireman coverage when employed by the Department of Fish and Game.

Section 71 defines "public organization."

Section 73 applies the automatic annual PRPA formula contained in Sections 16 and 54 of this bill to persons receiving benefits on and after July 1, 1982. The first adjustment, effective July 1, 1982, for the calendar year 1981, shall be made no later than January 1, 1983.

Section 74 repeals obsolete laws.

Section 75 provides an effective date.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 753

Title An Act Relating to PERS, TRS, JRS, & NGRS and providing for an effective date.

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Administration - Division of Retirement & Benefits

Program Category Affected Centralized Administrative Services

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Retirement & Benefits

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		18,596.4	20,200.7	21,940.0	23,825.1	25,867.8
100 RETIREMENT BENEFITS						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		25.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		18,621.4	20,200.7	21,940.0	23,825.1	25,867.8
FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)		18,621.4	20,200.7	21,940.0	23,825.1	25,867.8
GENERAL FUND		15,230.5	16,544.4	17,968.9	19,512.8	21,185.7
FEDERAL FUNDS		855.4	929.2	1,009.2	1,096.0	1,189.9
VETERAN'S FUND		37.2	40.4	43.9	47.7	51.7
FISH & GAME FUND		111.6	121.2	131.6	142.9	155.2
HIGHWAY FUND		241.7	262.6	285.2	309.7	336.3
AIRPORT FUND		539.3	585.8	636.3	690.9	750.2
CAPITAL FUND		1,580.7	1,717.1	1,864.9	2,025.1	2,198.8
PERS		25.0				

*SB 753  
HB-121  
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impl 2%*

POSITIONS	NONE					
FULL TIME		121	182.4			
PART TIME		753	57.0			
TEMPORARY						

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

- To fund this bill the contribution rate must be increased by 5.45% of the State PERS payroll in FY 83.
- Included in the above figures are the cost savings as a result of curtailing peace officer coverage within the Department of Fish and Game. These savings are estimated to be \$232.0 in FY 83, \$510.5 in FY 84, \$842.3 in FY 85, \$1,235.4 in FY 86, and \$1,698.7 in FY 87.
- Estimate FY 83 covered State PERS payroll to be \$345,475,000, and increasing 10% annually.
- Estimate long term inflation rate of 7.5%.
- The cost to political subdivisions is estimated to be \$14,315,700 in FY 83.

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SR 753  
Title An Act Relating to the PERS, TRS, JRS & NGRS; and providing for an effective date  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Administration - Division of Retirement & Benefits  
Program Category Affected Centralized Administrative Services & Secondary Education  
BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Retirement & Benefits

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
100 RETIREMENT BENEFITS		1,803.4	1,983.7	2,182.0	2,400.2	2,640.2
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		25.0				
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
700 STATE TRS MATCHING		9,770.0	10,747.0	11,821.7	13,003.8	14,304.2
TOTAL		11,598.4	12,730.7	14,003.7	15,404.0	16,944.4

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		11,573.4	12,730.7	14,003.7	15,404.0	16,944.4
FEDERAL FUNDS						
VETERAN'S FUND						
FISH & GAME FUND						
HIGHWAY FUND						
AIRPORT FUND						
CAPITAL FUND						
PERS						
TRS		25.0				

POSITIONS NONE

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

- To fund this bill the TRS contribution rate must be increased by 6.58% of covered payroll (the TRS contribution rate is split 50/50 between the State and employers in the system).
- Estimate FY 83 covered payroll at \$296,962,000, and increasing 10% annually.
- Estimate long term inflation rate of 7.5%.
- The cost to school districts is estimated to be \$7,966,700 in FY 83.

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25 February '82

## Re: Retirement Legislation

### 1. Issues of Concern to NEA-Alaska

1. Post Retirement Pension Adjustment (PRPA) (14.25.143)
2. Retirement Benefit Multiplier (14.25.110(d))
3. Employee Contribution (14.25.050)

### 2. Current Law

1. PRPA - 14.25.143 When administrator determines that cost of living has increased and that the financial condition of the fund permits, administrator may increase all annuitants and survivors benefits to reflect this cost of living
  - Amount of increase no more than 4% compounded for each year of retirement
  - Administrator authorized to implement by regulation
2. Benefit - 14.25.110(d) The amount...of benefit...is two percent of average base salary during any three school years of membership service times the years of credited service....
3. Contributions - 14.25.050(a) Each teacher shall contribute an amount equal to seven percent of base salary...by payroll deduction

3. HB 121:
  1. PRPA - Once each year, the administrator shall increase benefits to disabled members and persons age 55 or older....
    - a. Age 65 or over on July 1, the lesser of 75% of CPI or 9%
    - b. Age 60 but less than 65 on July 1, the lesser of 50% of CPI or 6%
    - c. Age 55 but less than 60 on July 1, the lesser of 25% of CPI or 3%
  - based on previous calendar year Anchorage CPI for urban wage earners and clerical workers

2. Benefit:

- a. For members with less than ten years of credited service; 2%
- b. .... with at least 10 years but less than 20 years of credited service; 2½%
- c. .... with 20 or more years of credited service: 2½%

3. Contribution: Increase employee rate to 9%

4. SB 557

1. PRPA: 14.25.143

- a. No Change: Administrator may increase
- b. the amount of increase in benefit payments may not exceed the lesser of the increase in CPI since retirement or 4% compounded for each year of retirement.

2. Benefits: No change

3. Contributions: No change

5. SB 753:

1. PRPA: Administrator shall increase benefits to eligible disabled members and persons 65 or older. The increase shall equal the lesser of 50% of CPI or 6%. - Anchorage CPI

2. Benefit: No change

3. Contribution: Increase employee rate to 7½%

6. \*SB 813:

The title to this Bill is misleading in that it does not explicitly include teachers, but the text of the proposed legislative changes specifically includes sections of the statute which relate to the teacher retirement law.

1. PRPA: When administrator determines cost of living has increased and financial condition of the fund permits the administrator may increase benefit payments

- a. Age 65 or over on July 1, the lesser of 75% of CPI or 9%
  - b. Age 60 but less than 65 on July 1, the lesser of 50% of CPI or 6%
  - c. Age 55 but less than 60 on July 1, the lesser of 25% of CPI or 3%
- uses Anchorage CPI, previous calendar year

\*There seems to be an error on the bottom of page 1, in that these are two paragraphs (3)

2. Benefit: No change

3. Contribution: No change

7. NEA-Alaska Proposal

1. PRPA: Once each year, administrator shall increase benefits. Initially the changes shall be staged in over 3 years, after which the program shall be adjusted annually according to the Anchorage CPI

- a. Effective 1 July '82; Age 65 or over on July 1, the lesser of 75% of CPI or 9%
- b. Effective 1 July '83; Age 65 or over on July 1, the lesser of 75% of CPI or 9% and, Age 60 but less than 65 on July 1, the lesser of 50% of CPI or 6%
- c. Effective 1 July '84; Age 65 or older on July 1, the lesser of 75% of CPI or 9% and, Age 60 but less than 65 on July 1, the lesser of 50% of CPI or 6% and Age 55 but less than 60 on July 1, the lesser of 25% of CPI or 3%

2. Benefits: to be staged in

- a. Effective 1 July 82 - leave benefit multiplier as is at 2%
- b. Effective 1 July 83 - for members with at least 10 years of credited service, 2½%
- c. Effective 1 July 84 - for members with less than 10 years of credited service, 2%; for those with at least 10 but less than 20, 2½%; for those with more than 20 years of credited service, 2½%.

3. Contributions: employee contribution rate increase to be staged in

- a. Effective 1 July 82 - continue 7% rate
- b. Effective 1 July 83 - rate increase to 8%
- c. Effective 1 July 84 - rate increase to 9%

## SB 753

This legislation will increase the post-retirement benefits to public employees and teachers through a pension adjustment which will be built into the system. After the age of 65, those who are retired or who retire in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and Teachers Retirement System (TRS) will receive an annual adjustment to their retirement benefits which will be 50% of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) - not to exceed 6% annually.

This will systematically protect the benefits of those on fixed incomes and at a cost which is reasonable to the state.

The total cost of this proposal will be born by the three groups involved, the state, the employers and the employees. It has a "ball-park" price tag of \$42 million. The state's direct contribution will be approximately \$21 million, the employers \$16 million and the employees \$5 million. The employee contribution will result from an increase in retirement contributions of one-half (1/2) of one (1) percent of the base salary.

Another provision of this legislation will allow members of PERS and TRS who have up to two (2) years of service in the Peace Corps to use that as service credit in a similar fashion to those who are eligible for military or BIA service credit under existing law.

The bill also contains a number of "clean-up" sections which have no fiscal impact but which are designed to "make sense" out of certain areas of the retirement statute which are ambiguous or inconsistent. The intent here is to make the statutes clear in a manner which will protect the rights of the members of the retirement system and at the same time clarify the administration of the program.

In contrast with other proposed retirement legislation, my bill focuses on the retirees 65 and older. It eliminates the possibility for double-dipping of benefits and it does NOT provide:

- additional benefits for those retiring before age 65
- increases in the benefit formula
- retroactive increases in retirement benefits
- increased benefits for judicial or elected public officials
- temporary service credit

This retirement legislation will not completely satisfy everyone, and some of my colleagues may suggest changes, however, I believe this bill strikes a fair balance between the recognized need to protect retirement income while also addressing the fiscal restraints which face the state.

2/11/82

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS (House)

HB 765 (cont'd)

Elementary School. Effective immediately.

Introduced February 12 and referred to Health, Education & Social Services and Finance.

Hunting &  
Sport Fishing  
Licenses  
(lifetime)

HOUSE BILL NO. 766, by Rep. Zharoff by request. Would allow 10-year residents to purchase lifetime hunting and sport fishing licenses. Those who have been convicted of federal or state fish or game violations would be ineligible to receive a lifetime license. If a person obtains a lifetime license and then is convicted of a fishing or hunting violation, his license must be forfeited. The fee for the license would be \$200. Does not provide for an effective date.

Introduced February 12 and referred to Resources and Finance.

Public Emp.,  
Teachers,  
Judicial, &  
Nat'l Guard  
Retirement

HOUSE BILL NO. 767, by Rep. Metcalfe. (Identical to SB 753 also introduced this week). Proposes various amendments to the retirement systems for public employees, teachers, judicial employees, and members of the Alaska National Guard and Naval Militia. Among changes proposed, the bill:

--Amends provisions relating to teacher contributions to the retirement system for leave taken without pay. Would allow a teacher to make contributions for a leave of absence without pay for educational purposes if the leave has been approved by the governing body of the district (amends AS 14.20.345(f)).

--Transfers from the Administrator of the Teachers' Retirement System to the Alaska Teachers' Retirement Board the responsibility for adopting regulations governing the operation of the system (amends AS 14.25.022 and 14.25.035).

--Increases teacher contributions to the retirement fund from 7% to 7-1/2% of base salary (amends AS 14.25.050(a)).

--Amends provisions relating to 1% supplemental teacher contribution to provide a spouse's pension or survivor's allowance. Adds that teacher must be a member of the teachers' retirement system before July 1, 1982 in order to elect to make the supplemental contribution (amends AS 14.25.055).

--Amends provisions in AS 14.25.060 relating to arrearage indebtedness for military, BIA, or outside creditable service. Amendments necessary because of proposed increase in teacher contributions (for members first hired on or after July 1, 1982, the arrearage indebtedness would be 7-1/2% of base salary times the years of creditable service.

--Amends AS 14.25.063(b) relating to payment of indebtedness to the system. Rewritten to read: "Outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time a member is appointed to retirement necessitates an actuarial reduction in benefits payable." Currently there are two options. Bill repeals subsection (c) (result of revision to (b)). Adds new (d) to read: "If a benefit that has been actuarially

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reduced under (b) of this section would have been more if a member had not claimed credited service, the benefit shall be calculated and paid as if the member had not claimed the credited service."

--Would allow credit in the teachers' retirement system for service in the Peace Corps, up to a maximum of two years (adds new section AS 14.25.102).

--Adds to AS 14.25.110(i)(Retirement Benefits): "The last payment is for the month the member dies or becomes ineligible for a benefit under this section."

--Rewrites AS 14.25.125(d) relating to calculation of the amount of conditional service retirement benefits (makes it the same as a regular retirement benefits as calculated in AS 14.25.110(d)), and rewrites AS 14.25.130(a) relating to eligibility for disability benefits.

--Proposes to change the formula for calculating post-retirement pension adjustments (PRPA) for the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems. Rewrites AS 14.25.143 governing PRPA for teachers' retirement and AS 39.35.475 governing PRPA for public employees. New law would require a yearly increase in benefit payments to eligible disabled persons and those over 65 at the time of the increase. The amount of the increase would be a percentage of the current benefit equal to the lesser of 50% of the cost-of-living increase in the preceding calendar year or 6%.

--Amends provisions relating to the payment of death benefits. Adds new section which sets up death benefit for a member who dies before becoming eligible for retirement. Amends provisions in AS 14.25.160 (Death Benefits), 14.25.162 (Survivor's Allowance), and 14.25.164 (Spouse's Pension). Adds new section which would allow a member to opt for a "Joint and Survivor Option" in place of death benefits, survivor's allowance, or spouse's pension. New option would allow the member to receive a reduced benefit while he is alive, with payments continuing after the member dies at a reduced rate. Member would designate a spouse or a dependent as the contingent beneficiary for the continued payments.

--Amends provisions relating to medical benefits to allow the spouse of the member and any dependent children to receive medical coverage (rewrites AS 14.25.168). Makes same amendment to statute governing the Pub. Employees retirement system.

--Amends AS 14.25.169 (Duplicate Benefits). Adds that a teacher may not receive "(1) duplicate credit under this system for the same period of service; (2) more than one year of credited service during a school year; or (3) a benefit while accruing credited service under this system except as provided in this section." (Allows payment of death benefits, survivor's allowance, spouse's pension, or joint & survivor option.) (Identical language added to AS 39.35.530, Limit on Pension for Public Employees Retirement System.)

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--Amends AS 14.25.175 relating to the waiver of adjustments in retirement benefits upon appeal by an affected member. Deletes that the board must determine: "(2) the member is retired or has submitted notification of impending retirement to his employer to be effective no later than 180 days after the adjustment was made, or the beneficiary was eligible to receive or was receiving benefits under this chapter before the adjustment; (3) the adjustment will result in a loss of eligibility for benefits for the member or beneficiary or result in a reduction of benefits received by the member or beneficiary of \$50 per month or more;" (Identical amendment made to AS 39.35.522(a), Waiver of Adjustment for Public Employees Retirement System.)

--Amends the definition of "compensation" for the purposes of AS 14.25 (broadens definition considerably); amends definition of "credited service" to include territorial service and credit for Peace Corps service; amends definition of "mandatory contribution account" (changed to member contrib. account); adds definition of "territorial employment".

--Would establish a Judicial Retirement Fund for the Judicial Retirement System (currently contributions are made to the General Fund). Provides for accounting and investment of the fund. Would extend medical coverage to the spouse and dependent children of members of the system who are receiving benefits.

--Would establish an Alaska National Guard Retirement Fund. Provides for accounting and investment of the Fund.

--Makes appropriate amendments to statute governing the procurement of group health insurance by the state for members of the teachers, judicial, and public employees retirement systems (AS 39.30.090) to reflect amendments extending coverage to a member's spouse and dependent children.

--Directs the Commissioner of Administration to establish a "Group Health and Life Benefits Fund" to provide group insurance benefits for group life and health insurance policies obtained for the various retirement systems. The fund would consist of employer and employee contributions, appropriations from the Legislature, and interest earned on investment of the fund.

--Would increase member contributions to Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), from 5% to 5-1/2% for peace officers and firemen, and from 4-1/4% to 4-3/4% for all other public employees.

--Amends provision relating to the refund of an employee's retirement account upon termination of employment with credited service of less than five years. Would make the refund automatic "unless the employee indicates in writing that future retirement is intended and contributions should not be refunded." (Amends AS 39.35.200.)

--Amends provisions relating to payment of indebtedness to PERS for prior military service (result of increase in member contributions--

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amends AS 39.35.340(b)). Amends 39.35.350(c) relating to outstanding indebtedness for temporary service credit in PERS; 39.35.360(b) relating to credited service for earlier service; 39.35.385(c) & (d) relating to conditional service retirement benefits. Amends statutes governing the payment of death benefits (39.35.420, 39.35.430, and 39.35.440(b)).

--Adds new section to AS 39.35 relating to the adjustment of PERS benefits: "If, as a result of credited service claimed for which there is a corresponding indebtedness existing at retirement, the member's retirement benefit is actuarially reduced and the resultant benefit is less than it would have been if the credited service had not been claimed, the retirement benefit shall be calculated and paid as if the credited service had not been claimed."

--Makes less restrictive the section which allows public organizations to participate in PERS. Deletes that organization must have been created wholly or partly by, or derive its powers from, the legislature (Amends 39.35.560). Also adds new section which would allow an public organization which is participating in PERS to amend its participation agreement.

--Amends definition of "compensation" in AS 39.35.680(8) to broaden it. Amends definition of "early retirement" in (13), "employee contribution account" in (15), and "member or employee" in (21) to exclude members of the Elected Public Officers' Retirement System (rejected at referendum). Amends definition of "normal retirement" in (25), and amends definition of "peace officer" or "fireman" in (27) to exclude qualified employees of the Dept. of Fish and Game. Adds definition of "public organization" (created by the constitution or laws of the state for the purpose of administering state programs, whose officers and employees are not on the state payroll prepared by the Dept. of Administration, and whose employees are not required by law to participate in the system).

--Includes other sections which make technical or minor amendments. Effective on July 1, 1982.

--Introduced February 11 and referred to State Affairs and Finance.

Coal Transportation & Shipping

HOUSE BILL NO. 768, by Reps. Metcalfe and Beirne. Would provide for the issuance of \$200 million in state general obligation bonds "for the purpose of paying the cost of development and construction of a transportation corridor, transportation facilities, port facilities, loading facilities, and shipping facilities for the transportation and shipment of coal from the Mat-Su, Susitna, and Beluga coal fields." Provides that question be placed on the next general election ballot. Act would be effective on the date of the acquisition of the Alaska Railroad by the state from the United States government.

Introduced February 12 and referred to Transportation and Finance.

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REF. ADAMS

FROM: GEORGIA P. ALEXANDER  
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RE: SB 753  
I AM VERY WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE 9% OF MY GROSS SALARY TO THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND, IN SUPPORT OF THE 2 1/2 % MULTIPLIER, AS DESCRIBED IN SB 753. I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL.

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Introduced: 2/18/82  
Referred: State Affairs and  
Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 **CS** SENATE BILL NO. 813  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to post-retirement pension adjustments  
7 ~~and retirement benefits for peace officers, marine~~  
8 ~~transportation employees and Department of Fish and~~  
9 ~~Game employees; and providing for an effective date."~~

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

11 \* Section 1. AS 14.25.143 is repealed and reenacted to read:

12 Sec. 14.25.143. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) When the  
13 administrator determines that the cost of living has increased and that  
14 the financial condition of the retirement fund permits, he may increase  
15 benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 55 or old-  
16 er who both received benefits in the preceding calendar year and are re-  
17 ceiving benefits under this system at the time the increase is granted.

18 (b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit pay-  
19 ments except for the cost-of-living allowance under AS 14.25.142. The  
20 amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit and may  
21 not exceed

22 (1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of  
23 living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent for recipients who  
24 are at least 65 years old on July 1;

25 (2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of  
26 living in the preceding calendar year or six percent for recipients who  
27 on July 1 are at least 60 but less than 65 years old and for members re-  
28 ceiving disability benefits who are less than 65 years old; or

29 (3) the lesser of 25 percent of the increase in the cost of

1 65 years old on July 1; or

2 (3) the lesser of 25 percent of the increase in the cost of  
3 living in the preceding calendar year or three percent of the current  
4 benefit for recipients who are at least 55 but less than 60 years old on  
5 July 1.

6 (c) If a recipient was not receiving benefits during the entire  
7 preceding calendar year, the increase in benefits under this section  
8 must be adjusted by multiplying it by the fraction whose numerator is  
9 the number of months for which benefits were received in the preceding  
10 calendar year and whose denominator is 12.

11 (d) If, at the time of first receiving a retirement benefit, a  
12 member was receiving a disability benefit under this system, the admini-  
13 strator shall, at the time the member is appointed to retirement, in-  
14 crease the retirement benefit by a percentage equal to the total cumula-  
15 tive percentage increase which has been applied to the member's disabili-  
16 ty benefit under this section.

17 (e) When computing a spouse's pension under AS 14.25.164, adjust-  
18 ments granted to the deceased member under this section must be in-  
19 cluded.

20 (f) An increase in benefit payments under this section is effec-  
21 tive July 1 of each year and the limit on the increase is based on the  
22 percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban wage earners  
23 and clerical workers for Anchorage, Alaska during the previous calendar  
24 year as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of  
25 Labor Statistics.

26 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

27 Sec. 39.35.305. CREDITED SERVICE FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DIVISION  
28 OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION. (a) A vested employee who is a member of the  
29 system on July 1, 1981 is entitled to service credit for periods of em-

1       ployment before January 1, 1977 with the division of marine highways of  
2       the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for which the em-  
3       ployee received service credit under the Northwest Marine Retirement  
4       Trust. The service credit allowed under this section may not exceed an  
5       aggregate of nine years. Benefits are not payable on service credit un-  
6       der this section unless the employee makes retroactive contributions to  
7       the system for the period of time for which service credit is claimed.

8               (b) In order to obtain service credit under this section, an em-  
9       ployee shall make an election to do so and shall verify the period of  
10       service. When eligibility for service credit has been established, an  
11       indebtedness shall be determined as follows: (1) the employee's actual  
12       compensation, or the calculated annual compensation for an employee  
13       working less than 12 months, during the calendar year 1981 or the year  
14       in which an employee first becomes vested under this chapter, whichever  
15       is later, multiplied by (2) six percent, and this product multiplied by  
16       (3) the number years of service credited under this section. Interest  
17       as prescribed by regulation accrues on this indebtedness beginning on  
18       July 1, 1981, or one year following the date a person first becomes  
19       vested, whichever is later. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at  
20       the time a person is appointed to retirement will necessitate an actuar-  
21       ial adjustment to the benefits payable based upon service credited under  
22       this section.

23       \* Sec. 3. AS 39.35.370 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24               (g) A member may not receive retirement benefits under this sec-  
25       tion based on a period of employment for which the member received ser-  
26       vice credit under AS 39.35.305 if the member is receiving retirement  
27       benefits from a marine retirement trust based on the same period of em-  
28       ployment.

29       \* Sec. 4. AS 39.35.475 is repealed and reenacted to read:

1           Sec. 39.35.475. POST-RETIREMENT PENSION ADJUSTMENT. (a) When the  
2 administrator determines that the cost of living has increased and that  
3 the financial condition of the retirement fund permits, he may increase  
4 benefit payments to eligible disabled members and persons age 55 or old-  
5 er who received benefits in the preceding calendar year and also are re-  
6 ceiving benefits under this system at the time the increase is granted.

7           (b) The increase in benefit payments applies to total benefit pay-  
8 ments except for the cost-of-living allowance under AS 39.35.480. The  
9 amount of the increase is a percentage of the current benefit and may  
10 not exceed

11           (1) the lesser of 75 percent of the increase in the cost of  
12 living in the preceding calendar year or nine percent of the current  
13 benefit for recipients who are at least 65 years old on July 1;

14           (2) the lesser of 50 percent of the increase in the cost of  
15 living in the preceding calendar year or six percent of the current  
16 benefit for recipients who are at least 60 but less than 65 years old on  
17 July 1 and for members receiving disability benefits who are less than  
18 65 years old on July 1; or

19           (3) the lesser of 25 percent of the increase in the cost of  
20 living in the preceding calendar year or three percent of the current  
21 benefit for recipients who are at least 55 but less than 60 years old on  
22 July 1.

23           (c) If a recipient was not receiving benefits during the entire  
24 preceding calendar year, the increase in benefits under this section  
25 must be adjusted by multiplying it by the fraction whose numerator is  
26 the number of months for which benefits were received in the preceding  
27 calendar year and whose denominator is 12.

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29 member was receiving a disability benefit under this system, the admini-

1 strator shall, at the time the member is appointed to retirement, in-  
2 crease the retirement benefit by a percentage equal to the total cumula-  
3 tive percentage increase which has been applied to the member's disabili-  
4 ty benefit under this section.

5 (e) When computing a joint and survivor benefit under AS 39.35.450  
6 or a survivor's benefit under AS 39.35.420 or 39.35.440, adjustments  
7 granted to the deceased member under this section must be included.

8 (f) An increase in benefit payments under this section is effec-  
9 tive July 1 of each year and the limit on the increase is based on the  
10 percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban wage earners  
11 and clerical workers for Anchorage, Alaska during the previous calendar  
12 year as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of  
13 Labor Statistics.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 39.35.680(27) is amended to read:

15 (27) "peace officer" or "fireman" means an employee occupying  
16 a position as a peace officer, chief of police, correctional officer,  
17 correctional superintendent, (QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 FISH AND GAME,) fireman, or fire chief;

19 \* Sec. 6. A person who has held a position on or before June 30, 1982, as  
20 a "qualified employee of the Department of Fish and Game" shall be treated as  
21 a peace officer under AS 39.35 whenever employed by the Department of Fish  
22 and Game on or after July 1, 1982.

23 \* Sec. 7. AS 39.35.680(32) is repealed.

24 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.  
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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on State Affairs

Vic Fischer, Chairman • Pouch V • Juneau, Alaska 99811 • (907) 465-4954

Official Business

Senate State Affairs Committee Minutes

Feb. 4, 1982

Members Present: Sen. Vic Fischer, Chair  
Sen. Mike Colletta  
Sen. Brad Bradley  
Sen. Terry Stimson

Committee meeting on: Recruiting professionals from administrative agencies for temporary legislative staff assignments (no specific legislation)

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### PREVIOUS ACTION

No specific legislation under consideration, no previous action, no statutory references.

### ACTION NARRATIVE

#### Cassette #

- 000 Senator Fischer, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. with members Sen. Bradley and Sen. Stimson present.
- 010 Sen. Fischer turned the meeting over to Senator Stimson. Sen. Stimson provided all committee members with a copy of a memo prepared for him by Gordon Harrison on the subject of recruiting professionals from administrative agencies for temporary legislative staff assignments. Sen. Stimson has been exploring this concept for a while, and last year tried to analyze ways to involve the university in the legislative process. He is interested in the concept of establishing a research agency with some use of a university personnel "loan" program. Gordon Harrison worked on this project for Sen.

Stimson, developing the concept and expanding it to include personnel from state agencies.

The purpose of the committee meeting is to take the concept and discuss alternatives for implementing it, examining the practical problems and isolate any obstacles which have prevented the use of additional professional expertise in the legislative process.

050 Gordon Harrison spoke to the committee members, stating that he had been asked by Sen. Stimson to take a look at the concept of acquiring expertise through the university. He spoke of "intergovernmental mobility assignments", the program used to allow exchange of professional expertise between the state and federal governments. Gordon suggested that perhaps no change in personnel rules would be required to permit this flexibility. Perhaps some agency could act as a clearing house for facilitating agency persons participating in the legislative process. Originally Gordon worked with the idea that a person would retain their position with the agency employing them (as it is done in the case of the state-federal program) and retain their usual salary while working with the legislature. If the person were to take leave with out pay, and receive legislative pay, the program might not be able to attract persons high in the agency, such as Deputy Commissioners, etc. If it is decided that this "loan" concept is a worthwhile one, it remains to be determined what arrangements would be made for compensation, and what conditions govern persons in the classified service vs. the exempt and partially exempt categories.

130 Sen. Fischer noted the arrival of Sen. Colletta and stated for the record that no further formal action would take place this day. The group gathered around the table for an informal discussion of the proposal.

(See attached memorandums.)

MEMORANDUM*Revised 2/5/82*

TO: Senator Terry Stimson.

FROM: Gordon Harrison

DATE January 26, 1982

SUBJECT: Recruiting Professionals from Administrative Agencies for  
Temporary Legislative Staff Assignments

## Introduction

You requested that I inquire into the possibility of legislators recruiting temporary professional staff from the ranks or permanent administrative agency personnel, including University of Alaska faculty. If this were possible, it would greatly increase the pool from which legislators could seek staff with specific professional expertise.

Current state personnel rules permit this type of temporary staff re-assignment by means of a leave of absence. Thus, it seems that a formal legislative professional staff loan program within state government could be implemented with little more than publicity. Some kind of legislative action or amendment to the personnel rules would be required if the legislature wanted to fashion a program that does not fit entirely within the present rules.

## Concept of a Legislative Professional Staff Loan Program

The purpose of this program would be to expand the pool of people from which legislators might seek professional staff for a specified, limited period of time. Presumably, the person hired would be given special assignments within the area of his or her expertise.

Leaves of absence would have to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. The supervisor of someone who is interested in working temporarily with the legislature and who has a job offer may decide that the person cannot be spared from his or her present position. In cases where a leave is feasible, however, there are potential benefits to both the

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agency and the legislature: employees of the former may gain perspective on the legislative process and legislators may acquire professional assistance as well as perspective on the administrative dimension of the laws they enact.

#### Leave of Absence

Personnel rule 10 07.0 states:

##### Leave of Absence to Accept an Exempt or Partially Exempt Appointment

An appointing authority may grant a leave of absence without pay to a permanent employee in the classified service to permit the employee to accept an appointive position in the exempt or partially exempt service. Such leaves shall be deemed to be in effect unless both the employee and the Director of Personnel receive written notice to the contrary prior to the employee leaving his classified position. If such authorized leave may be expected to have a duration in excess of six months, the vacancy created may be filled by a substitute appointment under Rule 5 05.0.

This rule was apparently intended to make it possible for administrators to accept positions within an administration (e.g. commissioner) without losing claim to their former jobs when the political appointment ends.

The person taking leave does so without pay and receives the pay and benefits of the new job.

#### Cost Implications

There are no cost implications of the proposed program because the legislature would pay the "loaned" person the existing scale for legislative staff work. No additional staff positions would need to be authorized.

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#### Precedents for this Program

I do not know of instances of people taking leave from agency positions for work with the legislature, although there may well be some. (I did not research the question.) Certainly it does not appear to be a common occurrence, and I doubt that many legislators or state employees are aware of the opportunity created by the personnel rules.

According to Ms. Cindy Simmon, an expert on state legislative staffing with the National Council of State Legislatures, no other state has a formal program like the one proposed here.

I think the idea represents a significant legislative innovation, and if the program is adopted in some form I recommend that it be evaluated (frequency of use, areas of expertise involved, assessment of the value of the program by participants, etc.) so other states can benefit from Alaska's experience.

SENATOR  
TERRY STIMSON  
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## Senate

### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Senate Research Committee  
Senator Jay Kerdtula  
Senator Pat. Rodey  
Senator Ed Dankworth  
Senator Don Bennett  
Senator Arliss Sturgelewski

FROM: Senator Terry ~~Stimson~~ *T*

SUBJECT: Senate Research Agency

As you analyze the most effective procedures for establishing a Senate Research Agency I would like to make a suggestion.

It's essential that the Senate Research Agency be comprised of highly knowledgeable people extremely competent in their respective disciplines. To meet this end, I would suggest that you give careful thought to the possibility of identifying University of Alaska faculty that might be available on a leave or sabbatical basis.

It's conceivable that the University of Alaska might consider jointly funding such faculty members.

Difficulties may exist in the limited time available to make the necessary arrangements. I'm optimistic that the University of Alaska would be cooperative and could cut through any bureaucratic boondoggles.

Using University staff seems to serve several ends; the staff member will have an in-depth technical knowledge permeated with currently related theories and, assuming the selected individual has been in Alaska for awhile, an Alaskan perspective will be an integral component of their thinking.

It does appear that the research arm of the University would also offer likely candidates. Considering all University faculty, both teaching and researching staff, should offer the potential for in state expertise in a wide variety of subject areas, e.g., resource identification and development, economics, local government, Health and Social Services, education, etc.

This approach is not suggested as an inclusive procedure for staff identification.

Just a thought!



JUNEAU, ALASKA

# Alaska State Legislature

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE  
STATE PERSONNEL ACT

Senator Bill Ray, Chairman

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February 8, 1982

TO: Senator Bill Ray, Chairman

FROM: Teresa B. Cramer *TCramer*  
Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Recruiting Professionals from the Executive  
Branch and the University for Legislative  
Assignments

The proposal is for a system to permit legislators to hire temporary professional staff from the Executive Branch and from the University of Alaska, particularly focused on persons with specific professional expertise. I spoke with the Personnel Officer for the University of Alaska, Juneau, and with the Director of the Division of Personnel for the Executive Branch. Both systems now permit employees to request leaves of absence for placements of this sort. No change in laws or regulations are needed before implementing this idea.

There are questions to be resolved before an employee of either system takes a leave of absence for a position with the Legislature. These are best resolved on a case-by-case basis. The questions involve the structuring of the relationship between the employee, his present employer, and the Legislature.

The first possibility is for individuals to remain employees of their current employer, retaining the salary, insurance coverage, retirement and leave benefits of their present position and accepting a temporary reassignment to the Legislature for the duration of the project. The Legislature would reimburse the employing agency for all the personnel costs during the reassignment period.

The second possibility is for the individual to take leave without pay from his or her present position and become a legislative employee, with the salary and benefits of that position. It might also be possible to blend these two alternatives so that an individual would accept the salary and leave benefits of legislative employment but retain employee status with the original employer for retirement and insurance purposes, for example. Each individual

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should consider what arrangement best provides for his or her own needs. This flexibility is desirable for the Legislature since by avoiding problems for the individuals, it may increase the pool of persons available to it.

Both agencies pointed out that it could be difficult for individuals to take leave from their current responsibilities during the legislative session. For the University, classroom assignments could preclude accepting short-term employment, although it is possible to hire substitute teachers if someone with the necessary skills is available. Since most of the University faculty members are on nine-month appointments, this problem would arise much less frequently if the proposal were for work during the summer. For the Executive Branch, persons with specific expertise may well be those people on whom the department and the Governor are relying to explain programs and proposals to the Legislature, making their replacement during the session much more difficult for the original employer. These difficulties would have to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SB 777  
 Title An Act providing for a Legislative Professional Staff Loan Program  
 Requested by Senator Victor Fischer Date March 30, 1982

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Administration  
 Program Category Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>				

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-					
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-					
OTHER (Specify Source)	-0-					

POSITIONS -0-

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE March 29, 1982

PREPARED BY Senator Terry Stinson  
 AGENCY State Senate  
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Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on State Affairs

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Official Business

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Mike Beirne, Chair  
Health, Education, and Social Services Committee

FROM: Sen. Vic Fischer, Chair  
State Affairs Committee *Vic*

DATE: April 13, 1982

RE: CSSSSB 778 entitled "An Act relating to vocational rehabilitation programs providing for the operation of vending facilities on public property."

Due to an oversight, our committee failed to include the attached amendment in our committee substitute. The Senate State Affairs Committee did adopt the amendment.

It is my hope that your committee will correct this error.

Thank you.

A M E N D M E N T

TO: SSSB 778

By Bradley

Page 4, line 10:

After "sale" insert "to the general public"

Page 4, line 11:

After "premises" insert "; and excludes a facility in a hospital, school, or other institution where food or other articles are offered for sale only to patients, inmates, and persons enrolled in or employed by the institution"

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST-

Bill/Resolution Number: SB-778

Title: "An Act relating to the operation of vending facilities on ..."

Requested by: Senator Brad Bradley

Date: 3-26-82

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Education

Program Category Affected: Adult and Postsecondary Education

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected: Vocational Rehabilitation

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
200 TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
300 CONTRACTUAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
400 COMMODITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
500 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC	-	-	-	-	-	-
800 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER (Specify Source)	-	-	-	-	-	-

POSITIONS

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
FULL TIME	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
PART TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEMPORARY	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

This bill has no fiscal impact on this agency.

IV. DATE: 3-26-82

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## FACT SHEET

### VENDING FACILITIES TO BE OPERATED BY THE BLIND

Senate Bill No. 778: Purpose - The bill expands and clarifies current statutory provisions related to the establishment and operation of vending facilities by the blind on public property in Alaska and brings the Alaska program for blind vendors into conformity with the requirements of a federal law, known as the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

Background: The federal Randolph-Sheppard Act authorizes the establishment and operation of vending facilities by the blind on all federal property and grants to state vocational rehabilitation agencies serving the blind the authority to license blind vendors and supervise the vending facility program. The federal government pays 80% of the costs of operating the program and provides guidance to the state agencies by means of federal regulations. Approximately 4,000 blind people work as blind vendors in the Randolph-Sheppard program, nationwide. The majority of the vending facilities are on state or private property. Six blind persons operate vending facilities in Alaska - four of these are located on federal property; two on state property. Supervision and licensing is provided by the Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Proposed Legislation: Senate Bill No. 778 extends to all public property in Alaska the priority for vending facilities which the blind are given under the federal law. Passage of this legislation will ensure a greater number of business opportunities for the blind on public property in Alaska and will create the statutory authority necessary to implement a vending facility program for the blind consistent with federal policy and regulations. Present state law is vague and does not assure that a priority will be given to the blind. Furthermore, the current statutes authorize the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to establish vending facilities for the "severely handicapped," as well as the blind, but it is unclear how this provision relates to the national program of vending facilities to be operated by the blind. Adopting Senate Bill No. 778 will help to resolve existing ambiguities and assure consistent application of the federal priority for the blind throughout the state of Alaska.

Reasons to Adopt Senate Bill No. 778: The priority extended to the blind to operate vending facilities on public property in all other states is justified as a matter of sound public policy. Here are some of the reasons why:

- (1) The priority helps to balance off the higher rate of unemployment among the blind as opposed to persons with other disabilities. This higher rate of unemployment among the blind is due to the widespread fears and misunderstandings about blindness as a disabling condition. Repeated