

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES, 1989-1990 8672
6708 SENATE STATE AFFAIRS

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HB 323, Authorizing a Big Lake Ice Classic

TELECONFERENCE

TO TESTIFY;

Representative Curt Menard
Diana Herschbach

NOTES: No proposed amendments or changes.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

REPRESENTATIVE CURT MENARD

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot
Chair - Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Curt Menard *Curt Menard*

DATE: March 23, 1990

RE: HB 323 - Authorizing a Big Lake Ice Classic

HB 323 would establish a Big Lake Ice Classic to be operated as a fund raising event for the Houston Junior High School Booster Club and the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Houston Junior Senior High opened its doors in 1986 and had to establish their academic organizations and sports programs just as the district changed from full funding for extra-curricular activities to paying for just coaches salaries and transportation. Other schools already had established fund raisers, adequate sports equipment and funds from prior years to help them buffer the cuts.

This legislation will allow the Houston Junior Senior High School, in conjunction with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, to sell guesses on when a device will fall through the ice on Big Lake. One half of all the funds collected would be paid to the winning guess. The remaining funds would be split equally between the two sponsoring organizations to fund student activities and community projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. Please call if you require any further information.

Representing the
Matanuska-Susitna Borough



Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Member
Special Committee on Tourism
State Affairs Committee
Budget Committee

HOUSTON BOOSTER CLUB

Houston Jr./Sr. High School

P.O. Box 521060 Big Lake, Alaska 99652 (907) 892-9250

"Home of the Hawks"

March 12, 1990

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Honorable Pat Pourchot
Senate State Affairs Committee
P. O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: HB 323 - Big Lake Ice Classic

Dear Sen. Pourchot:

When I was in Juneau in late January, I met with Susan Barnette of your staff on the above bill.

I'd like to give you a brief background of why the bill is of utmost importance to us. The Mat-Su School District had funded all extra curricular activities for schools through the 1985-86 school year. Houston Jr./Sr. High opened in the fall of 1986. The district has only funded transportation for activities since then. Palmer, Wasilla and Su-Valley High School had years to build up reserve funds through booster clubs and events sponsored by the various clubs or sports. Houston opened behind the 8-ball so to speak, as we had to begin raising funds for that year immediately with no buffer to insulate us.

Our attendance area covers an area the size of Rhode Island. Most of the area is rural, but it does include the small towns of Big Lake, Houston and Willow. We have averaged 465 students this year in grades 7-12.

Last year we raised \$95,000.00 to meet expenses but have about drained the parents and the few small businesses in the area. We sold Christmas trees,

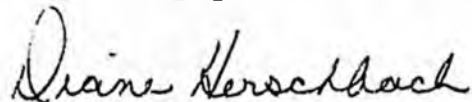
oranges, magazines, cookbooks, jewelry, firewood, band uniforms, pizzas, concessions at games, cookies, candy, teeshirts and jackets, etc. We had two big raffles, a Christmas dinner and talent show, auction, poker run, chili feed, family fun night, garage sale, car wash, plus sent a letter to all parents asking for donations. Each student is also charged a \$35.00 fee to participate in each sport, club or activity.

The students and Booster Club members are exhausted and burned out. Activities seem to take second place to fundraising.

We feel the idea of an ice pool or classic would be of great benefit to us, as we could draw from people throughout our Borough not involved now. Reps. Menard and Larson were enthusiastic about the idea and sponsored HB 323. Everyone is well aware of the budget issue in Juneau this year. However, our request to get HB 323 passed is different than most. Our hands are tied unless legislation adds us to those who can hold ice classics. We aren't requesting funds - we just want the opportunity to be able to raise the funds ourselves.

We would appreciate you scheduling the bill in your committee as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call me at 892-7839 or the Houston principal, Carol Kane, at 892-9250. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Diane Herschbach
Booster Club Treasurer

cc: Senate State Affairs Committee Members
Reps. Menard and Larson
Sen. Kerttula and Syzmanski




Alaska State Legislature

Official Business

P.O. Box V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

DATE: January 18, 1990

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot
Chairman, State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Curt Menard 

RE: HB 323
Establishing the Big Lake Ice Classic

The above referenced bill has been referred to your committee. I would like to request that this piece of legislation be scheduled for committee hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to my request. If you have any questions please feel free to call either myself or Iola at 2679.

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372

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER CS HB 372

SPONSOR Ulmer

BILL TITLE Vessel Replacement

DATE REFERRED

HEARING SCHEDULED 4.20.90

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED ✓

SPONSOR CONTACTED ✓

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

DOT

OTHER

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/28/90

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered CSHB 372 (Finance)

Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund.

and recommended:

- replace with _____ CS _____ same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____ new title
- attached amendment(s) technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

fiscal note(s) _____ Dept/Date: _____

fiscal note(s) _____ Dept/Date: _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) DOT 3990

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Tom Kelly

all Adams - Needs Amendment

Rich Kelly (No REC)
Pat Pennington do pass

Chair's Signature and Recommendation

Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



REPRESENTATIVE FRAN ULMER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Pouchot, Chair
Members, Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Rep. Fran Ulmer

DATE: April 20, 1990

RE: HB 372-relating to creation of a vessel replacement fund for the Alaska Marine Highway

CSHB 372 (Fin) would create a vessel replacement fund within the general fund which would allow money to accumulate until such time as the replacement of vessels in the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is needed.

Because of the large capital outlay that will be needed to replace vessels in the future, I feel that a funding mechanism should be put in place now to help ensure that the financial commitment the state has made to the AMHS will continue.

The state experiences many problems as a result of our aging fleet, including significant time when vessels are being repaired and thus unable to meet schedules. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) estimates that the average age of our fleet is 22 years, with the oldest ship having been built in 1963, and the newest in 1977. The cost of replacing smaller vessels may run from \$17 to \$25 million and estimates of replacing a larger vessel could run as high as \$59 million. The cost of replacing the entire fleet could be an astronomical \$270 million!

The bill passed by the House allows the legislature to also appropriate money for this fund from program receipts received from the Alaska Marine Highway System, and from settlement of the Dinkum Sands and Amerada Hess litigation.

District 4B -- Juneau

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TELECONFERENCE: WE WILL DROP 'OFF LINE' AFTER THIS BILL.

TO TESTIFY;

Representative Ulmer

*Ketchikan LIO MAY have someone on line to testify.

DOT will send a representative

NOTES;

We have received several calls supporting this bill. (non-constituents)

Original sponsor(s): REP. ULMER, Grussendorf, Goll, Kubina, C.Davis,
Navarre, Hudson

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 372 (Finance)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

*Al proposes
removal failed*

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system

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vessel replacement fund."

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

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* Section 1. AS 37.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 37.05.550. ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM VESSEL REPLACEMENT

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FUND. (a) There is in the general fund the Alaska marine highway

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system vessel replacement fund. The fund consists of money appropri-

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ated to it by the legislature. The Department of Revenue shall manage

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the fund. Interest received on money in the fund shall be accounted

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for separately and may be appropriated into the fund annually. The

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legislature may appropriate money from the fund for refurbishment of

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existing state ferry vessels, acquisition of additional state ferry

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vessels, or replacement of retired or outmoded state ferry vessels.

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(b) The legislature may appropriate to the fund money received

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by the state as Alaska marine highway system program receipts or from

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a settlement or final judicial determination of the Dinkum Sands case

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(United States v. Alaska) and the North Slope royalty case (State v.

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Amerada Hess, et al.) and not deposited into the Alaska permanent fund

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under AS 37.13.010(a)(1) or (2) or into the public school trust fund

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under AS 37.14.150.

*Al -
proposes
to remove
FAILS*

Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



REPRESENTATIVE FRAN ULMER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chair
Members, Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Rep. Fran Ulmer

DATE: March 27, 1990

RE: HB 372-relating to creation of a vessel replacement fund
for the Alaska Marine Highway

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Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: House Bill 372

TITLE: An Act Relating to the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund

M&H
APPROVED: Mark S. Hickey
Commissioner
DATE: January 22, 1990

HB 372 establishes within the general fund an Alaska Marine Highway System vessel replacement fund. This fund is designed to allow the accumulation of capital to permit the timely replacement of vessels in the AMHS fleet.

AMHS is currently soliciting proposals to perform condition surveys on all vessels in the fleet. The average age of the fleet is approximately 22 years. The MALASPINA class vessels (TAKU, MALASPINA and MATANUSKA) are the oldest, having been built in 1963. The M/V AURORA is the newest ship, entering service in 1977. The condition surveys will review the maintenance and refurbishment requirements of the fleet in order to maintain the existing level of service for the next 20 years. This will allow us to then develop a cost comparison of refurbishment versus replacement. The current estimated replacement cost of the MALASPINA is approximately \$49-\$59 million. The LeCONTE class vessels have an estimated replacement cost of between \$17 and \$25 million and the TUSTUMENA is estimated to cost between \$24 and \$34 million to replace.

We assume the severe problems associated with finding temporary replacements for vessels undergoing major refurbishments, as in the case of the TUSTUMENA next year, require the consideration of at least one new vessel. This is particularly true if the condition surveys suggest the replacement of vessels in the existing fleet can be deferred. However, it is possible that the analysis will call for the replacement of at least one of the vessels as a least cost alternative to continued maintenance.

One of the significant issues which will have a bearing on this question is the cost of removing and replacing asbestos containing materials found in all of the vessels. As an example of the cost associated with this issue, a recent consultant's report commissioned to design a modernization project for the M/V MALASPINA estimated the cost at approximately \$7.0 million, 83% of which was for the removal and replacement of asbestos containing materials.

House Bill No. 372 (continued)

The existing fleet represents an initial investment of approximately \$60 million. The current estimated replacement cost of the fleet, excluding the M/V CHILKAT, is between \$270 million and \$340 million. Over the preceding 25 years many millions of additional dollars have been invested in maintaining and modernizing these vessels. These projects have included lengthening several ships, repowering both the main and auxiliary engines, as well as modernizing the passenger accommodations.

In the system plan which will be released shortly it is suggested that the requirements for similar projects to keep the fleet operating within current performance standards will require on the order of \$200 million additional investment. This is in addition to perhaps another \$100 million required to maintain and improve shore facilities at existing ports of call. These estimates do not reflect the cost of adding any vessels to the fleet.

In the past the majority of the funds used to refurbish and modernize the fleet have come from the Federal Highway Administration. In a typical year \$7-\$10 million have been spent on such projects. Given the growing financial demands of such projects and the possibility that Alaska's share of FHWA funds may be reduced in the future, it is reasonable to look for other alternatives, such as that embodied in this legislation, to meet future needs. This is not to say that there will not be a place for federal assistance.

The difficulty is that the construction of a new ship, for example, cannot be phased like many highway projects. Thus, a significant amount of funds is required to be committed when a ship construction contract is awarded. If \$40-\$50 million of FHWA funds were required to be dedicated to this purpose in a single year the impact on statewide highway projects would be enormous. However, there is a way to access federal funds over several fiscal years for a single project which we will be exploring with the Federal Highway Administration. In conjunction with funds made available from the subject vessel replacement fund, this may be another element of the solution to this looming problem.

STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HB 372
PUBLISH DATE:

REQUEST: FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:
Title: "An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Hwy.
System Vessel Replacement Fund"
Sponsor: Ulmer, Grussendorf, Goll
Requestor:

Agency Affected: DOT&PF
BRU: Marine Operation
Components: Southeast/Southwest
Vessel Operations and
Overhaul

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTURAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS:

Prepared by: John Halterman
Division: Alaska Marine Highway System

Phone: 465-3950
Date: March 9, 1990

Approved by Commissioner: Mark S. Hickey *MSH*
Agency: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Date: 3/9/90

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

DOT/PF Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note - House Bill No. 372

The vessel replacement fund may well be essential if AMHS is to finance the construction of replacement or additional vessels, as well as major refurbishment projects for which federal funds are unavailable.

The minimum cost of a new or replacement vessel would be at least \$49 million. This could possibly be a Malaspina class vessel with oceangoing capability. In addition the limited expansion alternative in the draft System Plan anticipates two new feeder vessels under construction in fiscal years 1992 and 1994. The funding source contemplated for these feeder vessels is the Federal Highway Administration. However, other system demands for limited federal funds may make this difficult to fund in a timely manner. If this is the case the vessel replacement fund would be called upon to finance these vessels.

The sooner funds are deposited in this account, the better the system will be able to plan for needed replacements or additions to the fleet. AMHS and the Legislature need to explore the various options for additional revenue generation, such as rate increases, leasing of assets, direct appropriations, etc., which may be available to capitalize the fund. Further, the opportunities for innovative private/public financing should be explored.

AMHS has no current plans to retire any of the existing fleet, with the possible exception of the M/V CHILKAT. The system will be contracting surveys of all vessels in the fleet, except for the M/V CHILKAT. The results of those surveys will include an analysis of the costs associated with maintaining the vessels at their current service levels through the next twenty years. These will be compared with the cost of acquiring new vessels, less any resale value. The results of these surveys will form the basis of a much more detailed presentation of vessel replacement needs. We expect reports on the M/V TUSTUMENA, M/V COLUMBIA and M/V MALASPINA to be available in July of this year. The surveys of the remaining vessels will be available within approximately 30 days following next year's overhaul.

Department of Transportation
and Public Facilities

March 9, 1990

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 22286

Juneau, Alaska 99802

January 25, 1990

The Honorable Richard Foster
Chair, House Transportation Committee
Room 17, Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Foster:

The Southeast Conference, an organization representing the communities of Southeast Alaska, from governments to local businesses, is seriously concerned about the status of our Marine Highway.

Over the past five years, the Alaska Marine Highway System has experienced a decrease of 19% in general funding support to maintain its operations.

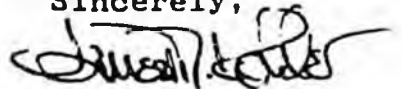
During that same time period the fleet of vessels has grown older and has reached the 20 - 30 year life span calculated for them when they were launched. Maintenance costs have increased and have placed a heavier burden on the Alaska Marine Highway System operating budget's decreasing resources. The net effect is the reduction in service to the communities and their businesses that rely on this highway for their economic and social linkage with each other and the rest of the state.

The SE Conference Board of Directors, on the recommendation of their AMHS Standing Committee, has adopted the following five planks as the SE Conference Platform relating to the Alaska Marine Highway System:

1. The passage of a supplemental appropriation for FY 90 for full funding of the Alaska Marine Highway System.
2. An increase in the FY 91 budget appropriation for the Alaska Marine Highway System to assure full service levels for the communities served by the System.
3. Allowing the Alaska marine Highway System to retain all the revenues it generates while maintaining a consistent level of general fund appropriation.
4. Completion of the AMHS Master Plan and allowing the Southeast Conference to be involved in the review and any modification of the Plan.
5. Creation of a Vessel Replacement Fund.

The Southeast Conference urges you to support HB No. 372 so that a vehicle for funding needed vessel replacement can be initiated this year.

Sincerely,



James M. Kohler
Executive Director

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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April 16, 1990

Honorable Pat Pourchot
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Pourchot:

We are deeply concerned about the help and attention the Alaska Marine Highway System needs in these closing days of the session.

The AMHS is imperative to the economic well-being of our communities and the entire state. The following items are absolute necessities for the future of the system and our communities.

Legislation:

1. Passage of Senate Bill 428 - the AMHS Fund
(currently in House Finance)
2. Passage of House Bill 372 - AMHS Vessel Replacement Fund funding:
 - A. Full funding for the AMHS, including operating the MV/Columbia rather than laying her up in the winter.
 - B. Providing capital funds for AMHS with special attention to:
 - 1) Prince Rupert facility repairs (\$1.6 million)
 - 2) Vessel replacement (\$5.0 million)

These are the bare essentials for preserving the backbone of coastal transportation and a key link in the state-wide tourism industry.

Please give this your utmost attention. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ted Ferry
President

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385

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER CS HB 385

SPONSOR Hudson

BILL TITLE Vet. Death Gratuities

DATE REFERRED 3.8.90

HEARING SCHEDULED 3.26.90

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED ✓

SPONSOR CONTACTED Llanda - 3744

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

Susie -

Fri - 1:45 pm.

Please call Llanda - 3744 -

re: HB 385. Need to change

hearing. C.S.

J

OTHER

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER CS HB 385

SPONSOR Hudson

BILL TITLE Vet's Death Gratuity

DATE REFERRED 3-8-90

HEARING SCHEDULED

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED

SPONSOR CONTACTED

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

✓ Joe Murdy - 279-1990 - Disabled Amer. Vet's

OTHER

CS HB 385, relating to eligibility for veteran's death gratuities.

TELECONFERENCE

ATTENTION; Rep. Hudson has a proposed CS to present to committee which addresses the DMVA concern that the word "burial" would negate the gratuity for cremations.

TO TESTIFY;

Representative Bill Hudson
Jeff Morrision: DMVA, in support.

NOTES: VFW supports

Original sponsor(s): REP. HUDSON, Gruenberg, Boucher

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 385 ()

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to eligibility for veterans' death
7 gratuities."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 26.10.080(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall pay,
11 upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 to the sur-
12 viving spouse of a qualified veteran [WHOSE BURIAL IN THE STATE OCCURS
13 ON OR AFTER MAY 13, 1984, AND] who was a resident of the state at the
14 time of death. If the veteran has no surviving spouse, the gratuity
15 shall be paid to the personal representative of the veteran. A veter-
16 an is qualified under this subsection if the veteran's

17 (1) burial occurred in the state on or after May 13, 1984;

18 or

19 (2) death occurred on or after the effective date of this

20 Act.

Original sponsor(s): REP. HUDSON, Gruenberg

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 385 (State Affairs)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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17 *burial occurred*
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18 (2) *death occurred*
elsewhere on or after the effective date of this Act.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: February 5, 1990
 Title: An Act relating to eligibility for veterans burial allowance.
 Sponsor: Rep. Hudson
 Requestor: House State Affairs

Agency Affected: DMVA
 BRU: Veterans Affairs
 Components: Death Gratuity

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
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CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The additional death gratuities paid to survivors of the additional qualified veterans created by this bill are projected to be negligible based on past experience. This negligible increase in death gratuities will be absorbed within the existing budget for this component.

Prepared by: Jeff Morrison, Director
 Division: Administrative & Support Services, DMVA

Phone: 465-4600
 Date: 2/05/90

Approved by Commissioner: for MG John Schaeffer
 Agency: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Date: 2/05/90

Distribution (by preparer):

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- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
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Division: Administrative & Support Services, DMVA

Date 2/05/90

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10 (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall pay,
11 upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 to the sur-
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13 ON OR AFTER MAY 13, 1984, AND] who was a resident of the state at the
14 time of death. If the veteran has no surviving spouse, the gratuity
15 shall be paid to the personal representative of the veteran. A veter-
16 an is qualified under this subsection if the veteran's

17 (1) burial occurred in the state on or after May 13, 1984;

18 or

19 (2) death occurred on or after the effective date of this

20 Act.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/8/90

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs

Committee considered

CSHB 385 (SA)

"An Act relating to eligibility for veterans' death gratuities."

and recommended:

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[] or adopt _____ CS _____

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SIGNING DO PASS:

Jan Fink
Tim Kelly
Rick Kelly

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pat [Signature]
Chair: Signature and Recommendation

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February 6, 1990

Representative Lyman Hoffman
and
Representative Ron Larson
Co-Chairmen
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representatives Hoffman and Larson:

CSHB 385, relating to eligibility for veterans' death gratuity allowance was adopted by the House State Affairs Committee on February 6. The bill's next committee of referral is the House Finance Committee.

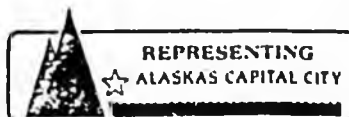
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Where an Alaskan veteran is buried really should be up to the family, and not be conditioned upon state policy. The burial of an Alaskan veteran in another state does not diminish the fact that the deceased served in the military or was an Alaska resident at the time of death.

This legislation has a zero fiscal note, and the enclosed letter from John W. Schaeffer, Major General Alaska National Guard, The Adjutant General, points out this legislation will have very little, if any, fiscal impact.

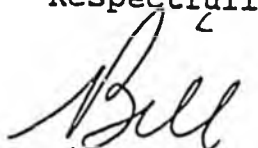
HB 385 has the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A copy of their letter is also enclosed.



Representatives Hoffman and Larson
February 6, 1990
Re: HB 385
Page Two

Your favorable decision to place this bill on the House
Finance Committee agenda at the earliest possible date will be
very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hudson".

Bill Hudson

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Enclosures



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MARCH 7, 1990

PRESS RELEASE

HUDSON'S VETERAN BILL PASSES HOUSE

THE HOUSE PASSED HB 385, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUDSON, (R) JUNEAU, ON MARCH 7TH. THE LEGISLATION WILL ALLOW THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN ALASKAN VETERAN TO QUALIFY FOR THE \$750 DEATH GRATUITY REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE VETERAN IS BURIED.

"AN OUT OF STATE BURIAL DOES NOT DIMINISH THE FACT THAT A DECEASED VETERAN WAS AN ALASKAN AT THE TIME OF DEATH OR THE FACT THAT THE VETERAN SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY," HUDSON SAID.

THE MEASURE PASSED 38-0, AND HUDSON LOOKS FORWARD TO EARLY PASSAGE IN THE SENATE.

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Representative Ben Grussendorf,
Chairman - House Rules Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

CSHB 385(SA), relating to eligibility for veteran's death gratuity, was passed out of the House Finance Committee today, and now awaits scheduling by the House Rules Committee for floor action.

This legislation seeks to eliminate the requirement that an Alaskan veteran be physically buried in Alaska for the surviving spouse to receive the \$750 death gratuity. Several veterans have expressed to me the fact that it is becoming harder to find burial space in veterans' plots. Many families have family plots and wish to place their deceased Alaskan veteran in those family plots.

I feel the intent of the State of Alaska's paying a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 is to assist the deceased veteran's family and to honor the deceased for having served in the United States military.

Where an Alaskan veteran is buried really should be up to the family, and not be conditioned upon state policy. The burial of an Alaskan veteran in another state does not diminish the fact that the deceased served in the military or was an Alaska resident at the time of death.

This legislation has the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Your favorable decision to place this bill on the House calendar for floor action at the earliest possible date will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Bill Hudson

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REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUDSON

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Senator Pat Pourchot, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Pourchot:

CSHB 385(SA) was unanimously passed by the House on March 7th, and is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

This legislation seeks to eliminate the requirement that an Alaskan veteran be physically buried in Alaska for the surviving spouse to receive the \$750 death gratuity. Several veterans have expressed to me the fact that it is becoming harder to find burial space in veterans' plots; many families have family plots in other states and wish to place their deceased Alaska veteran in those family plots.

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This legislation has the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Your favorable decision to place CSHB 385(SA) on the calendar for a hearing at the earliest possible date in the Senate State Affairs Committee would be very much appreciated by me and all Alaska veterans.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hudson".

Bill Hudson

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Representative Ron Larson
and
Representative Lyman Hoffman,
CoChairmen, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representatives Larson and Hoffman:

Thank you for your favorable consideration in the House Finance Committee on HB 385 this afternoon.

A question was posed by Representative Ulmer regarding the necessity of the language on line 17.

Chapter 7 SLA 84, a copy of which is attached for your convenient reference, changed the statute to allow for a "death gratuity" instead of a "burial allowance." The effective date of that legislation was May 13, 1984.

I believe it is important to retain the language on line 17; otherwise the surviving spouse of a veteran who died before May 13, 1984 could claim a "death gratuity."

If you have additional questions, please call me or Landa Holtan at 3744 or 4991.

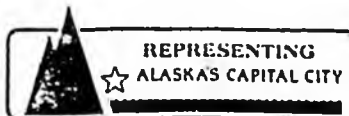
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Bill Hudson

BH:lh

cc: Representative Ulmer w/attachments



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February 27, 1990

The Honorable Ramona Barnes
Alaska State Representative
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Barnes,

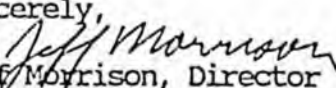
Your staff has requested some information concerning the veterans death gratuity, in connection with your consideration of HB385.

Last year, the Director of Veterans Affairs, Chuck Borg, found out from records in the Division of Vital Statistics that there appeared to be more veterans survivors eligible to claim the death gratuity than were applying for it. Last July, he found out that in calendar year 1987, there were 550 veterans who died, and in 1988, there were 553. We have not yet asked for the information for calendar year 1989. During the same period of time, the number of claims for the veterans death gratuity was much less. In FY 1987, there were 319 claims (\$238,900); in FY 1988, there were 370 claims (\$277,300); and in FY 1989 there were 360 claims (\$270,000).

We are concerned that there are veterans survivors in Alaska who are not claiming this benefit allowed by statute, and Mr. Borg is doing what he can within his budget to increase the awareness of this program and other veterans benefits. In the current fiscal year, however, there has not been any appreciable increase in the number of death gratuity claims filed, over what we had projected in our original budget request.

The FY91 budget request is based on the same number of projected death gratuity claims that were used in the preparation of the budgets for FY89 and FY90: 360 death gratuities per year, or 30 per month. In both the FY89 and FY90 budgets, the legislature elected to underfund the program with the expectation of a supplemental request if needed. Through today, we have paid 156 claims, and have another 54 claims in process. Claims received to date cover deaths through January because of the lag time between a veteran's death and the submission of the death gratuity claim. The total of 210 claims received to date covers seven months at an average of 30 per month, which is very close to our projected budget.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morrison, Director

cc: Chuck Borg, Director of Veterans Affairs
Representative Ron Larson, Chairman, House Finance subcommittee on D:VA

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA
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Telephone 907-276-8213

January 17, 1990

Mr. Oliver
Oliver's Trophies
P.O. Box 2405
Juneau, Ak 99803-2495


Dear Mr. Oliver:

We have reviewed the two bills you have sent us and locally we generally approve of the two issues. HB 385 removes the penalty of a widow who decides to bury her veteran husband "back home" where he grew up and where the widow now may be forced to move (in with children, etc.,) It's a good bill.

HB 382 removes the penalty for "wintering outside" for our older citizens who have great difficulty with the cold and who do not have sufficient money to return promptly within 90 days. Let's be fair and pass it.

Thanks for keeping us informed. We appreciate your interest and helpfulness.

Sincerely,


Al Smith, Asst Service Officer
Authorized Respondent

P.S.

Best wishes from all of us.


STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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August 4, 1989

The Honorable Bill Hudson
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811-0101

Dear Representative Hudson,

Thank you for your letter of July 7th concerning an amendment to AS 26.10.080, the Death Gratuity Program.


In FY88 we paid 304 claims for a total of \$228,000. In FY89 the number was 360 for an expenditure of \$270,000. According to our records, there has been only one claim last year denied because the survivors planned an out of state burial. The statute is pretty clear on that issue and most applicants/survivors appear to know the requirements before submitting their claim. It's hard to predict what sort of fiscal impact your amendment would have, but I anticipate not too great.

The biggest problem with the Death Gratuity Program is that people in rural Alaska are not making claims. According to our recent analysis, out of 304 applications in 1988, only twelve were received from the areas of the North Slope Borough, Northwest Arctic Borough, Bering Straits, Western Alaska, Bristol Bay and the Aleutian Chain.

We're taking steps in the Division of Veterans Affairs to improve our outreach/information program in hopes of striking a better balance of applicants. I expect the outreach effort will have a noticeable impact.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


John W. Schaeffer
Major General
Alaska National Guard
The Adjutant General

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LAWS OF ALASKA

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SCSHB 306(R1s)

AN ACT

Relating to burial allowances for veterans.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 8

Approved by the Governor: February 13, 1984
Actual Effective Date: May 13, 1984

subsection [SECTION] shall be made in the relative's name if necessary. Nothing in this subsection [SECTION] or section applies to child placement for adoptive purposes AS 47.23.110' repealed.

AS 47.23.250(1) amended to read:

Exemptions under AS 09.38 [THE EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION OF JUDGMENT DEBTORS UNDER AS 09.35.080(a) AND THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT DEBTORS UNDER AS 09.35.080(b)(1)] do not apply to enforce the payment of child support under AS 47.23.270; however, 50 percent of the gross wages of a debtor of \$100 a week, whichever is less, is exempt from execution. AS 09.38.230 - 47.23.270.

AS 47.35.010(b) is amended to read:

The department shall, within 90 days after receiving a request that it do so, delegate its powers relating to child care under this section and under AS 47.35.040 - 47.35.060 [AS 47.35.050 AND 47.35.060] to a municipality which has an ordinance providing for day care licensing under home rule authority authorized under AS 29.48.035(a)(20). A municipality to which powers have been delegated may waive or modify the minimum standard established by the department under this section AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080 as it applies to nurseries and day care centers or any such regulation or standard as it applies to day care licensee but must notify the department of any such

This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with

AN ACT

Relating to burial allowances for veterans.

• Section 1. AS 26.10.080 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 26.10.080. DEATH GRATUITY. (a) The division of veterans' affairs shall pay, upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose burial in the state occurs on or after the effective date of this section and who was a resident of the state at the time of death. If the veteran has no surviving spouse, the gratuity shall be paid to the personal representative of the veteran.

(b) A death gratuity may be paid for a veteran otherwise eligible under (a) of this section even if the veteran died while temporarily absent from the state.

(c) The division of veterans' affairs may not pay a death gratuity unless the veteran for whom payment is made received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

(d) In this section

(1) "personal representative" includes administrator, executor, special administrator, successor personal representative, and persons who perform substantially the same function under the law governing their status;

(2) "veteran" means

(A) a person who served in a branch of the armed services of the United States

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1 (i) who at the time of entry into the service was
2 a resident of the territory or state, who had been a resi-
3 dent for not less than one year immediately before entry
4 into the service, and who returned to the territory or state
5 within one year after discharge as a resident with the
6 intention of remaining in the territory or state; or

7 (ii) who was a resident of the state for not less
8 than one year immediately preceding the time of death; or

9 (B) a person who served in the Alaska Army National
10 Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia,
11 or who served in a reserve unit of the United States armed
12 forces in Alaska if the reserve unit required a minimum of one
13 weekend of duty each month and 15 consecutive days of active duty
14 training each year for not less than three years.
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MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS

§ 26.10.080

Sec. 26.05.280. Transportation, subsistence, and supplies.

Editor's notes. — Because of the amendment of this section by § 26, ch. 106, SLA 1986 by § 27, ch. 65, SLA 1987, the 1986 amendment of this section by § 26, ch. 106, SLA 1986 is effective January 1, 1988.

Chapter 10. Veterans.

Article

2. Miscellaneous Provisions (§ 26.10.080)

Article 2. Miscellaneous Provisions.

Section

80. Death gratuity

Sec. 26.10.080. Death gratuity. (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall pay, upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of \$750 to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose burial in the state occurs on or after May 13, 1984, and who was a resident of the state at the time of death. If the veteran has no surviving spouse, the gratuity shall be paid to the personal representative of the veteran.

(b) A death gratuity may be paid for a veteran otherwise eligible under (a) of this section even if the veteran died while temporarily absent from the state.

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(i) who at the time of entry into the service was a resident of the territory or state, who had been a resident for not less than one year immediately before entry into the service, and who returned to the territory or state within one year after discharge as a resident with the intention of remaining in the territory or state; or

(ii) who was a resident of the state for not less than one year immediately preceding the time of death; or

(B) a person who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia, or who served in a reserve unit of the United

States armed forces in Alaska if the reserve unit required a minimum of one weekend of duty each month and 15 consecutive days of active duty training each year for not less than three years. (§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1982; am § 14 ch 67 SLA 1983; am § 1 ch 7 SLA 1984; am E.O. No. 58, § 12 (1984); am § 1 ch 16 SLA 1985)

Editor's notes. — This section is set out above to correct a minor error in item (d)(2)(ii) in the main pamphlet.

Chapter 15. Veterans Loans.

Section

- 40. Veterans' loans
- 60. (Repealed)

Sec. 26.15.040. Veterans' loans. (a) The commissioner of commerce and economic development may, under regulations and policies, make the following loans:

(1) Personal loans may be made for educational, domestic, remote area family housing and other personal purposes, not exceeding \$10,000. The loans shall be secured by acceptable collateral when available but if not available the commissioner may make loans on the basis of good character. The rate of interest may not exceed nine and one-half per cent a year on the unpaid balance.

(2) *[Repealed, § 77 ch 106 SLA 1980.]*

(3) Business loans not exceeding \$125,000 may be made to acquire, finance or refinance or equip businesses, including mining and fishing but not including farming, if the loan applicant has had three or more years of general business experience. The loans shall be secured by acceptable collateral and may not exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the collateral offered as security. The rate of interest may not exceed nine and one-half per cent a year on the unpaid balance.

(4) Multiple dwelling loans not exceeding \$110,000 may be made to purchase, remodel, repair, build, furnish, refinance or equip multiple dwellings. The loans shall be secured by acceptable collateral and may not exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the collateral offered as security. The rate of interest may not exceed nine and one-half per cent a year on the unpaid balance.

(b) The commissioner of commerce and economic development may enter into agreements with private banks, other lending institutions and individuals for the purpose of guaranteeing loans made to qualified applicants. The guarantees may not exceed 90 per cent of the amount loaned and the loans shall be secured in the same manner provided for direct loans under this section. A loan made under this subsection and guaranteed by the commissioner of commerce and economic development and the state shall bear an interest rate not exceeding nine and one-half per cent a year on the unpaid balance.

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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TITLE:
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BILL NO: HB 385
SUBJECT: VETERANS' BURIAL ALLOWANCE ELIGIBILITY
MESSAGE: HB 224 AND HB 404: I URGE SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF THESE 3 BILLS FOR VETERANS. /IH

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July 7, 1989

Major General John W. Schaeffer
The Adjutant General
Commissioner
Department of Military and
Veteran Affairs
3601 "C" Street, Suite 620
Anchorage, AK 99503-5989

Dear General Schaeffer:

I am considering an amendment to AS 26.10.080 Death Gratuity and would like your professional opinion prior to filing.

Specifically John, I have been approached by several veterans asking that we eliminate the requirement that burial be in the state for a surviving spouse to receive the \$750 allowance.

This seems reasonable because the original purpose of the allowance was to provide some relief to next of kin and was to honor veterans.

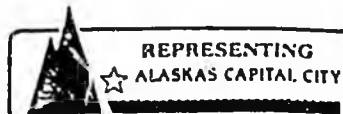
Before I file this change, I would appreciate your analysis of its effect. For example how many claims are paid annually and how many are turned down because the deceased was not buried in Alaska?

Your candid opinion will also be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bill
Bill Hudson

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*SCS for CS HB 405, An Act relating to requests for information by public agencies, and relating to the copyrighting of software produced by or for public agencies. This bill is scheduled for final action. The new CS incorporates the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Law, University of Alaska and Alaska Railroad amendments. Section 10, relating to access to crime information on candidates has been changed to require the Department of Public Safety to provide a copy of the conviction record to the candidate 14 days prior to releasing the information to the requestor, allowing the candidate time to correct inaccuracies. The CS also eliminates the word subcommittee from the definition of public agency (Sec. 9) and allows a person to seek injunctive relief without exhausting other remedies established by a public agency. (Sec. 7)

John McKay & Terry Fleischer
Hoping to talk to you re CS for
SPB 405 yet tonight - - like
before 5:00 pm. Any possibility?

(They're waiting for me to call
them back)

276-3390 (W)
274-3154 (H)

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	OF	<i>Fairbanks</i>	NO.	<i>452-4761</i>	EXT.	<i>ext 412.</i>		
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		SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>						
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The Alaska Wildlife Alliance



Valerie Brown
Executive Director

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/30/90

FURTHER: *Judiciary*
Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered CSHB 405 (Fin) am

Requests for information by public agencies; relating to the copyrighting of software produced by or for public agencies.

and recommended:

- replace with 5 CS CS HR 405 (SA) same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____ new title
- attached amendment(s) technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):
Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

appropriation-no fiscal note

APPROVES PREVIOUS:
Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

Jan Fuchs

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Al Adams

Pat Henschel

Chair: Signature and Recommendation

A M E N D M E N T # 1

*Adopted
Incorporated
in New CS.*

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SCS CSHB 405 (State Affairs) (draft: 6-1782G, dated 4/12/90)

Page 3, lines 14 - 15:

Delete "an amount that does not exceed the cost of performing the record searches"

Insert "agency expenses on the same basis that is used by the agency immediately before the effective date of this Act"

Page 15, line 3:

Delete "or"

Page 15, line 5, following "law":

Insert new material to read:

"; or

(5) the information is not subject to inspection and copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120, even if the information is eventually subject to inspection and copying under AS 18.50.310(f)."

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SCS CSHB 405 (S.A.)

Amendment # 2
Adopted
Incorporated
in New CS

Page 1, line 12:

Delete "(a)"

Page 2, lines 7 - 9:

Delete all material

Page 8, lines 17 - 23:

Delete all material (section 8)

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot

FROM: Representative Kay Brown

DATE: April 7, 1990

SUBJECT: CS HB 405 (Fin) am, Public access to information

As we discussed, below is a list of suggested changes to CS HB 405 (Fin) am.

Section 4

- Page 3, line 25 after "feasible." insert: "However, the discretionary activities authorized by this chapter shall not take precedence over a public agency's primary responsibilities." Suggested by Roger Slothower, vs Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Page 5, lines 2-3, delete "not reasonable," insert "unreasonably high." Suggested by John McKay, attorney representing Arch. Daily News and other "freedom of information" clients

Section 5

- Page 5, line 26, after "privacy" insert "of suspect, defendant, victim or witness" Suggested by McKay - OK with Dept. of Law.

Page 5, line 27, after "disclose" insert "confidential" - Same

Section 7

- Page 7, line 19, after "who" insert "denies,"; Page 7, line 21, after "in" insert "denying" McKay - OK with Dept. of Law.
- Make the new provision affording injunctive relief without exhausting administrative remedies also applicable to municipalities. (Note: Pat, we did not discuss this proposal, but I support it. If you need more information, please let me know.)

Section 9

- page 8, line 15, delete "or"
Suggested by D.N.R.

Page 8, line 16, after "base" insert "or duplicating an electronic file or data base from a geographic information system"

- Page 8, line 28, delete "providing" and insert "generating". - Suggested by Kimball Forrest, URISA member.
- Page 9, line 25, make clear that definition of public agency includes school boards and other local bodies.

Section 12

- Delete Section 12. Address issue in SB 516. (Fish and Game)

Section 17

- Page 13, line 26, delete "an oral or" - Suggested by Rep. Gruenberg

New Section

- Add a provision relating to public records involved in litigation.

See attached amendment drafted by Bannister. Suggested by Juvenal attorney David George, OK

Thank you for your consideration.

with Dept. of Law / Jeff Bush.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: CSHB 405 (Finance) am

Page 2, line 17, following "request":

Insert ", satisfaction of the requestor's disclosure obligation under AS 09.25.122(b),"

Page 6, following line 22:

Insert a new section to read:

"Sec. 09.25.122. LITIGATION DISCLOSURE. (a) A public record that is subject to disclosure and copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.-25.120 remains a public record subject to disclosure and copying even if the record is used for, included in, or relevant to litigation, including law enforcement proceedings, involving a public agency.

~~(b) To obtain a public record from a state agency, a person shall disclose to the state agency whether the person is involved in litigation with a state agency. If the person discloses that the person is involved in litigation with a state agency, the state agency shall, after releasing the public record, notify the Department of Law that the request was made.~~

(c) In (b) of this section,

(1) "involved in litigation" means a party to litigation or representing a party to litigation, including obtaining public records for the party;

(2) "state agency" means a public agency, but does not include a municipality or an administrative unit of a municipality."

A M E N D M E N T

3 - revised
version
Adopted
incorporated

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SCS CSHB 405 (State Affairs)(dated 4/12/90, 6-1782G)

Page 3, following line 15:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska may establish reasonable fees for the inspection and copying of public records, including record searches."

Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

Page 5, line 7:

Delete ", the University of Alaska,"

Page 5, line 8, following "Corporation,":

Insert "but not including the University of Alaska,"

Page 5, line 26, following "(5)":

Insert "to the extent the records are required to be kept confidential under 20 U.S.C. 1232g and the regulations adopted under 20 U.S.C. 1232g in order to secure or retain federal assistance; (6)"

Page 7, line 14:

Delete ", the University of Alaska,"

Page 7, following line 21:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(d) The Board of Regents of the University of Alaska shall supervise and adopt procedures for the operation and implementation of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140 by the University of Alaska."

Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

Page 15, line 3:

Delete "or"

Page 15, line 5, following "law":

Insert "; or

(5) the information is not subject to inspection and copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.120"

A M E N D M E N T

#4

Adopted ✓

WJ CS ✓

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SCS CSHB 405 (State Affairs) (dated 4/12/90, 6-1782G)

Page 3, following line 15:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(f) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, the board of directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation may establish reasonable fees for the inspection and copying of public records, including record searches."

Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

Page 5, line 7:

Following "Authority" delete ","

Insert "and"

Following "Alaska," delete "and"

Insert "but not including"

Page 5, line 13, following "municipality":

Insert "or the Alaska Railroad Corporation"

Page 7, line 14:

Following "Authority" delete ","

Insert "and"

Following "Alaska," delete "and"
Insert "but not including"

Page 13, line 26, following "information":

Insert "that may be included in a public record"

Page 16, line 29, following "Alaska":

Delete ", "

Insert "and"

Page 17, line 1:

Delete "and"

Insert "but not including"

A M E N D M E N T

#5
Amendment
FAILED

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SCS CSHB 405 (State Affairs)(6-1782G, 4-12-90)

Page 3, line 27, following "may":

Insert ", at the agency's discretion,"

Page 8, line 17:

Delete "a new section"

Insert "new sections"

Page 8, following line 23:

Insert a new section to read:

"Sec. 09.25.217. EXCLUSION. AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.122 and 09.25.-
124 - 09.25.125 do not apply to a municipality if the municipality has
adopted an ordinance governing public records and if the ordinance
contains provisions that are substantially similar to those provisions
of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.122 and 09.25.124 - 09.25.125 that apply to
municipalities."

A M E N D M E N T

#6 Amendment Failed

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SCS CSHB 405(State Affairs) (6-1782G, 4/12/90)

Page 12, following line 9:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 14. AS 29.10.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(51) AS 29.20.650 (personnel records).

* Sec. 15. AS 29.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 29.20.650. PERSONNEL RECORDS. (a) The personnel records of a municipality, including employment applications and examination materials, are confidential and are not open to public inspection except as provided in this section.

(b) The following information about the employees of a municipality is available for public inspection, subject to reasonable requirements on the time and manner of inspection:

(1) the names and position titles of all employees of the municipality;

(2) the position held by an employee;

(3) prior positions held by an employee;

(4) the dates of appointment and separation of an employee;

and

(5) ^{ed} ~~the~~ compensation ^{+ benefits accrued by or paid to} authorized for an employee.

(c) An employee of a municipality has the right to examine the employee's own personnel files and may authorize others to examine

those files.

(d) This section applies to home rule and general law municipalities."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 17, line 12:

Delete "sec. 16"

Insert "sec. 18"

Amendment # 1

By Adams

HB 405

Page 10, line 16:

Delete the word subcommittee

*incorporated
in CS*

HB 405

Page 18, lines 14 - 16:

Delete the sentence beginning with "The person may seek injunctive relief underestablished by a public agency."

Portion
incorporated in
CS.

now reads in CS:

. under Enforcement: Injunctive Relief

A person may seek injunctive relief under this section without exhausting the person's remedies under

AS. 09.25.123 - 09.25.124 [or other remedies established by a public agency.]

A M E N D M E N T

7
NOT
INCORPORATED

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REP. ULMER

TO: SCS CSHB 405 (State Affairs)(drafted 4/12/90, 6-1782G)

Page 11, line 16, after "record.":

Insert "A person may not bring an action for damages based on the release of incorrect information under this section, unless the action is for damages caused by intentional conduct."

Page 11, after line 23:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 12. AS 15.25.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) A member of a political party who seeks to become a candidate of the party in the primary election shall execute and file a declaration of candidacy. The declaration shall be executed under oath before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and shall state in substance:

- (1) the full name of the candidate;
- (2) the full mailing address of the candidate;
- (3) if the candidacy is for the office of state senator or state representative, the election or senate district of which the candidate is a resident;
- (4) the office for which the candidate seeks nomination;
- (5) the name of the political party of which the person is a candidate for nomination;

(6) the full residence address of the candidate, and the date on which residency at that address began;

(7) the date of the primary election at which the candidate seeks nomination;

(8) the length of residency in the state and in the district of the candidate;

(9) that the candidate will meet the specific citizenship requirements of the office for which the person is a candidate;

(10) that the candidate is a qualified voter as required by law;

(11) that the candidate will meet the specific age requirements of the office for which the person is a candidate;

(12) that the candidate requests that the candidate's name be placed on the primary election ballot;

(13) that the required fee accompanies the declaration;

(14) that the person is not a candidate for any other office to be voted on at the primary or general election and that the person is not a candidate for this office under any other declaration of candidacy or nominating petition;

(15) the manner in which the candidate wishes the candidate's name to appear on the ballot; [AND]

(16) that the candidate is registered to vote as a member of the political party whose nomination is being sought; and

(17) the date of birth of the candidate.

* Sec. 13. AS 15.25.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) In addition to the information required under (a) of this

section for the declaration of candidacy, the director shall request the social security number of the candidate.

* Sec. 14. AS 15.25.180(a) is amended to read:

(a) The petition shall state in substance

(1) the full name of the candidate;

(2) the full residence address of the candidate, and the date on which residency at that address began;

(3) the full mailing address of the candidate;

(4) the name of the political group supporting the candidate;

(5) if the candidacy is for the office of state senator or state representative, the election or senate district of which the candidate is a resident;

(6) the office for which the candidate is nominated;

(7) the date of the election at which the candidate seeks election;

(8) the length of residency in the state and in the district of the candidate;

(9) that the subscribers are qualified voters of the state or election or senate district in which the candidate resides;

(10) that the subscribers request that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot;

(11) that the proposed candidate accepts the nomination and will serve if elected, with the statement signed by the proposed candidate;

(12) if the candidacy is for the office of the governor, the

name of the candidate for lieutenant governor running jointly with the candidate for governor;

(13) the name of the candidate as the candidate wishes it to appear on the ballot; [AND]

(14) that the candidate is not a candidate for any other office to be voted on at the primary or general election and that the candidate is not a candidate for this office under any other nominating petition or declaration of candidacy; and

(15) the date of birth of the candidate.

* Sec. 15. AS 15.25.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) In addition to the information required under (a) of this section for the petition, the director shall request the social security number of the candidate."

Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Page 17, line 12:

Delete "sec. 16"

Insert "sec. 20"

April 1, 1990
Rep. Kay Brown

Directory of Fiscal Notes on CS HB 405 (Finance) am

		COSTS	RECEIPTS
<u>GENERAL FUNDS:</u>			
2/15/90	DOE/State Library	\$35,000	0
<u>PROGRAM RECEIPTS:</u>			
1/19/90	DOA/Information Ser.	\$ 0	\$ 0
1/19/90	DPS/Admin. Services	0	0
2/21/90	DNR/Information Res. Mgmt.	10,000	10,000
2/22/90	ADF&G/Off. of Commissioner	24,500	24,500
3/6/90	DOR/Child Support Enforcement	0	10,000
3/6/90	DOA/Div. of Finance	0	0
3/16/90	DOT/ Information Services	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		\$79,500	\$54,500
	<u>NET COSTS:</u>	\$25,000	

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
Title: Public access to the information
of the state
Sponsor: Representative Brown
Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Division of State Libraries
BRII: State Library
Components: Library Operations

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	35.0					
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	35.0					

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	35.0					
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	35.0					

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary) The intent of HB405 is to make government information available to the public. The bill requires public agencies to notify the State Library Distribution Center of electronic services and products offered. For the State Library to make that information available to the public it must be organized and made accessible. A contract employee will set up a uniform reporting format and then catalog/arrange information for entry.

Prepared by: Karen R. Crane Phone: 465-2910
Division: State Library and Archives Date: 2/15/90

Approved by Commissioner: Steve Helle Date: 2/15/90
Agency: Department of Education

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STATE OF ALASKA

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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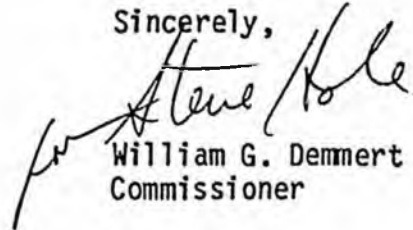
The Honorable Kay Brown
Alaska State House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Brown:

Attached is the proposed fiscal note for CSHB405. I believe it conforms to the discussion and agreement you had with Karen Crane. I have also attached for your information a copy of the increment request submitted by the State Library and Archives. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or Karen.

While the fiscal note indicates a one time cost, we want to be clear about our intent. The reason the State Library originally submitted an increment for a contract employee is that there is no reasonable way to determine the amount of work this will generate. It was felt that a contractual approach would allow us to evaluate the response and document the need for staff. The library believes that staff will be necessary if the information is to be kept current and made available to the public. In addition, the volume of electronic products and services will continue to grow. However, the contractual amount proposed in the fiscal note is a reasonable approach to determining the next step.

Sincerely,



William G. Demmert
Commissioner

by: Karen R. Crane
Director
State Library and Archives

Enclosure

INCREMENT/DECREMENT DESCRIPTION (Limit to 98 Characters)

Inventory of State Databases

AGENCY CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER:

Mary Hakala - 2800

DESCRIBE WHY THIS INCREMENT/DECREMENT IS NEEDED AND WHAT IT PURCHASES:

In addition to being an information consumer, the State produces vast amounts of information. Today much of that information is in an electronic format, housed on the State's mainframe computer or on personal computers scattered throughout State government. As a result, the information is not widely accessible. Much of it is managed on databases available only to those working with them.

A great deal of state information is collected and maintained in this format. Educational statistics, corporate data, natural resources information and more reside in departmental computers. There is no directory to or inventory of these information resources. As a result neither the public nor other state agencies have access to it. It is assumed that there is duplication of effort among state agencies in the collection of information and the types of statistics collected.

The Public Access Subcommittee of the Telecommunications Information Council (AS 44.19.502) has begun the process of identifying state databases. Once the information is collected, it will have to be organized and indexed by subject. In order for the information to be current, updated regularly, and accessible, it will have to be maintained online.

Some time will have to be devoted to organizing and indexing the information, for example, developing subject access. The State Library proposes to contract with a cataloger/librarian for initial development of the inventory. The information collected will not be of value unless it can be analyzed and is made available across state government.

CODE	EXPENDITURE BY OBJECT	AGENCY REQ.	GOV'S REQ.
100	Personal Services		
200	Travel		
300	Contractual Services	35.0	
400	Supplies		
500	Equipment		
600	Lands, Buildings, Etc.		
700	Grants, Claims, Etc.		
800	Miscellaneous		
TOTAL		35.0	
I-A Transfer (NON-ADD)			
1002	Federal Receipts		
1003	General Fund Match		
1004	General Fund	35.0	
1005	Program Receipts/GF		
1007	I-A Receipts		
	Other		
POSITION INFORMATION	PFT		
	PPT		
	Non Permanent		
	Staff Months		

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IMPACT FROM CAPITAL PROJECT (NAME)

Chapter _____ SLA _____ Page/Line _____

C5 INCREMENT/DECREMENT REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY 5 OF _____

AGENCY Department of Education

BRU Alaska State Library

COMPONENT Library Operations

PROJECT Inventory of State Databases

FY - 91

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Revised _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 02/21/90
Title: Public Access to EPD Information
Sponsor: Rep. Brown
Requestor: Finance Committee

Agency Affected: Administration
BRU: Information Services
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

Prepared by: *Paul Monette*
Paul Monette, Director
Division: Information Services

Phone: 465-2220
Date: February 21, 1990

Approved by Commissioner: *Frank S. Baxter*
Agency: Administration

Date: 2/21/90

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Department of Administration
Division of Information Services

CSHB 405 (SA) - - FISCAL NOTE

An Act Relating to Public Access to the Information of the State

No fiscal impact is predicted in FY90 and beyond. The Division provides computing and telecommunication services for state agencies. Although the Division provides a security software package for applications that runs on the Division's mainframe computers, it is the responsibility of each agency, as custodians of their data, to set their own security parameters and authorize access. The Division does not allow access to other departments/agencies data.

There is no way to predict the impact of this bill on this Division's computer or telecommunication services. Some agencies may encourage electronic access to data on the Division's mainframes while other agencies may not. Current policies dictate that agencies are responsible for paying all charges associated with the use of the Division's services. It is assumed that agencies would pay for any services incurred as a result of this bill.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 01/08/90
Title: An Act Relating to Public Access to the Information of the State
Sponsor: Rep. Brown, Boucher, Goll
Requestor: State Affairs

Agency Affected: Public Safety
BRU: DS Administration
Component: Administrative Services

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (Inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER/PROG RCPT						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate pag. if necessary)

The Department has been able to accommodate requests for information to date. This bill provides for collection of fees for services. The Department cannot reasonably estimate what the additional number of requests associated with this bill will be. Accordingly, we have indicated a zero fiscal note with the assumption the Department may request through the budget process, to receive and expend funds generated by these services to provide these services.

JNR
1/19/90

Prepared by: Ken Bischoff
Division: Administrative Services

Phone: 465-4336
Date: 01/19/90

Approved by Commissioner: Arthur English
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Date: 1-19-90
Page 1 of 1

STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION : HB 405
PUBLISH DATE : _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 21-Feb-90 Agency Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: An Act relating to Public Access BRU: Management & Administration
 & changes to information _____
 Sponsor: Brown, Boucher, Goll Components: Information Resource
 Requestor: Brown Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER/Program Rcpts	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
TOTAL	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

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 Division: Management and Administration Date: 21-Feb-90
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Lennie Gorsuch Date: 21-Feb-90
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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The Information Resources Management component, Department of Natural Resources, is requesting the authority to receive program receipts generated from the implementation of HB405. Under this bill, the Department has the responsibility to make information records available to the public, and for this the Department can collect fees. Additionally under this bill, the Department has the opportunity to create new information products and services. For this the Department can also collect fees.

The Information Resources Management (IRM) component, which manages and maintains many of the Department's land records, must be positioned to respond to public requests for information. Authority to receive these program receipts will allow the Department's IRM component to defray the incremental costs of serving the public's requests for land records information.

The requested amount, \$10.0, is the component manager's best estimate of revenue generation, without the benefit of any historic data for purposes of forecasting. Because fees will be charged based on covering incremental costs, and on recouping a reasonable portion of the costs associated with building and maintaining this information, agency costs are expected to match revenues generated.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 02/07/90
 Title: An act relating to public
access and changes . . .
 Sponsor: Representative Brown
 Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: ALL
 Components: Office of the Commissioner

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
SUPPLIES	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER Program	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
TOTAL Receipts						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No FY 90 impact.
 To reprogram and format information to respond to inquiries including chargeback and supplies cost.

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Approved by Commissioner: Walter J. Sullivan *Walter J. Sullivan*
 Agency: Fish and Game

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BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Administration	BILL NUMBER HB405	SPONSOR Representative Kay Brown
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Public Access to Information			
DEPARTMENT POSITION We support the concept of public access, but have serious reservations about confidentiality of some of our records.			
PREPARED BY Beverly D. Reaume	DATE 02/22/90	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>Don H. Wiley</i>	DATE 2-22-90

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL ALL	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

See enclosed.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

See enclosed.

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS.