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students to do much of the required work independently and attend short intensive seminars Outside on a regular basis. While these programs require a high degree of commitment and time, that is the price that anyone holding an advanced degree has been required to pay.

The Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates is in support of this change, and has in fact been working toward it for some time now. They have advised me that they have experienced problems doing so due to time constraints and difficulty arranging the necessary hearings to make the change administratively. Because this is a year that the Psychology License is being reviewed for continuation by the legislature, it is a good time to consider this change legislatively. The bill for continuation is HB 163 to extend the Psychology License for another four years. Please consider amending to bill to include an increase in the educational requirement for Psychological Associates to forty eight semester hours as I have discussed above.

I hope that this letter has clarified the position the Alaska Psychological Association is taking with regard to this issue. Please feel free to contact me or our lobbyist, Sharon Macklin, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Joel B. Wieman Ph.D
Legislative Coordinator
Alaska Psychological Association

Audit Report

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

October 11, 1990



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Audit Report

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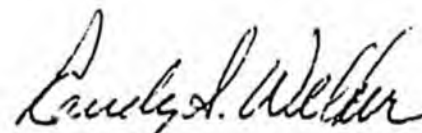
September 24, 1990

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Randy S. Welker, CPA
Legislative Auditor
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September 21, 1990

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A REPORT ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Mike Greany, Director
Division of Legislative Finance

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Purpose

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Legislative intent requires consideration of this report during legislative oversight hearings to determine whether the Board should be reestablished. The law now specifies that the Board will terminate June 30, 1991, and have one year from that date to conclude its affairs.

Scope

The major areas of our examination were the licensing, examination, administration, complaint, and investigation functions of the Board. We reviewed and performed the following:

1. Applicable statutes and regulations.
2. Tests of files and documents of licensees.
3. Interviews with the staff of the Board.
4. Complaints filed with the Division of Occupational Licensing, Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, the Ombudsman's Office, and the Department of Law.
5. Discussions with Board members.
6. Minutes of Board meetings and Division correspondence files.
7. Attorney General's Opinions applicable to professional boards.

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners (PPAE) was established under the provisions of Title 8, Chapter 86 of the Alaska Statutes. The Board consists of three licensed psychologists, a licensed psychological associate and one public member appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature.

The Board regulates licensed psychologists and psychological associates in the State. A psychologist is licensed to use psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the treatment of emotional and mental disorders. A psychological associate is licensed to perform psychological services under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or without supervision if they have completed at least five years of licensed practice and petitioned the Board for certification to practice without supervision.

The Board's duties are basically the following:

1. Examining and issuing licenses to qualified applicants.
2. Establishing or amending rules and regulations necessary and desirable to enforce State statutes.
3. Holding hearings in order to revoke or suspend the license of a person violating the psychologist and psychological associate statutes and regulations.

An applicant may be licensed by passing an exam given by the Board or by credentials. For credentials, an applicant must provide proof of licensure by another authority with equal licensing requirements.

In order to qualify for licensure as a psychologist by examination, an applicant must pass a written examination, have a doctorate degree, and have completed one year of experience. The examination is composed of two parts: an objective national examination composed by the Professional Examination Service and an essay examination composed by the Board.

Psychological associates may qualify for the examination if they have three years supervised experience after obtaining a Master's degree.

REPORT CONCLUSION

Policy Issues

This report does not contain any policy issues raised as a result of our evaluation of Board practices. Any policy decisions affecting these practices would not be within the scope of this report but requires legislative consideration. In debating these issues, the oversight committees would take into consideration the information presented in this report so the potential impact of policy changes can be evaluated.

Report Conclusion

In our opinion, the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners should be reestablished. The regulation and licensing of qualified professionals is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The Board provides this service by establishing minimum educational and experience requirements that provide reasonable assurance that persons licensed are qualified. Also, assurances that those licensed act in a competent manner is provided by active investigation of complaints and revocation or suspension of licenses when appropriate.

Current statutes, AS 08.03.010, specify that the sunset review period for the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners shall be four year.

Based upon the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners performance for the past 2 sunset reviews, it is recommended that the review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years. The next statutory termination date subject to sunset review would be June 30, 1999.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners has consistently been found to satisfy a public purpose and has demonstrated its ability to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner.

The Current sunset review included no recommendations. In prior sunset reviews, deficiencies found have been relatively minor, and for the most part, "housekeeping" in nature.

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners statutes, regulations, policies and procedures are current. The Board's business is generally viewed as conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner.

The Board's membership has been dedicated and responsible to its mission; its representation has been well balanced in serving its purpose.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

Limited Analysis

The following analyses indicate both positive and negative factors as they relate to the public need as defined in the "sunset" law. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but to address those areas pertinent to our review.

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 1. Reviewing applications for licensure and examination.
 2. Conducting examinations twice a year.
 3. Reviewing investigative reports.
 4. Considering changes to psychology regulations.
- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
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VIII. The extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

A. The Human Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office have received no complaints related to the Board's activities.

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- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.
- A. No recent legislation has been introduced by the Board.
- IV. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service which it has provided.
- A. The public is invited to attend Board meetings. Notices of meetings and examinations are published in at least 3 major newspapers and a time for public comment is reserved at Board meetings.
- V. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.
- A. Public notices of proposed regulations are published in major newspapers. Public comment to proposed regulations, both written and oral, are considered at Board meetings.
- VI. The efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the Office of the Ombudsman have been processed and resolved.
- A. Review of recently closed Ombudsman's case files and inquiries with the Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunities Office, the Attorney General and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Investigation Section have shown no significant complaints filed against the Board.
- VII. The extent to which a board or commission which regulated entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.
- A. As of June 30, 1990, the ~~Board regulated~~ 128 psychologists and 19 psychological associates.

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APPENDIX A
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1990
(Unaudited)
(Note 1)

Revenues (Note 2)		\$11,995
Expenditures (Note 3)		
Personal Services	\$21,782	
Travel	6,103	
Contractual	6,322	
Supplies	289	
Equipment	<u>991</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$35,487</u>
Revenues Compared to Expenditures		<u><\$23,492></u>

Schedule 1
Types of Revenues

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Collection Time</u>
Application Fee	\$ 30	With submittal of application
Examination Fee	\$135	With submittal of application
Credential Review Fee	\$ 50	With submittal of application
Initial License Fee	\$100	With submittal of application
License Renewal	\$100	Every two years

Note 1

The Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures was prepared by the Division of Occupational Licensing personnel. The records were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the Board's Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures.

Note 2

A significant portion of revenues is composed of license renewal fees. Licenses are renewed biennially. Because of the renewals, revenues vary substantially every year. Therefore, we combined revenues collected in fiscal year 1989 and 1990, and calculated an average in order to obtain a representative amount of annualized revenues collected.

Note 3

This amount does not include expenditures for efforts of other departments assisting the Board.

STATE OF ALASKA

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December 4, 1990

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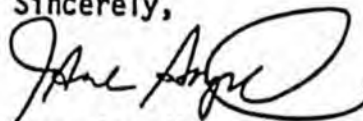
This letter is written in combined response to the preliminary audit reports on the State Medical Board, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, and the Real Estate Commission.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Development is pleased that the audit reports found that the business of these three boards and one commission has been "conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner," and that the Audit Division is recommending that the sunset performance "review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years."

Given that the department itself also believes that these boards have consistently satisfied the public purposes for which they were created and have demonstrated their ability to competently and with care conduct their business, the department not only concurs in but wholeheartedly endorses the Audit Division's recommendation that these four agencies be continued until June 30, 1999.

Both the boards and the department take great pride in the audit reports' findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Jane Angvik
Commissioner

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cc: Randall Burns, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing

HB

164

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: April 5, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 5-10-91

The LABOR AND COMMERCE Committee considered:

HB 164

HOUSE BILL NO. 164

EXTEND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

"An Act extending the Board of Dental Examiners in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HB 164 (HES)

the same title
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

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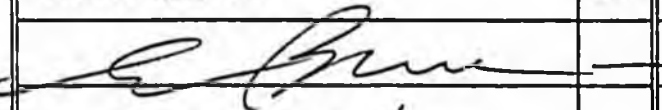
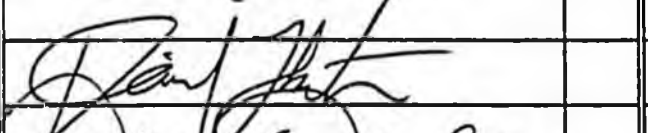
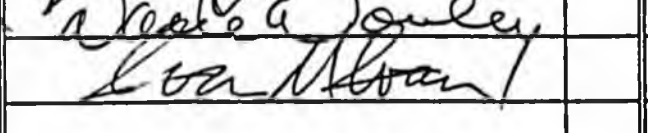
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STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 164

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
 Title: Extending the Board of Dental BRU: Occupational Licensing
 Examiners _____ Component: Administration
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
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

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Funding for the Board of Dental Examiners is included in the department's FY 92 operating budget request, and therefore, new funds are not required.

Prepared By: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Officer Phone: 465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 3/22/91
 Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development Date: 3-22-91


Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

March 26, 1991


by the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

**Letter of Intent
for
CS HB 164 (HES)**

It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee in passing the Committee Substitute for HB 164 (HES) that in the next year the Board of Dental Examiners and the Division of Occupational Licensing develop new procedures for credentialing, including credentialing for dental specialists and report their recommendations to the House and Senate HESS Committees by the first day of the second session of the 17th Alaska State Legislature.



Representative Georgianna Lincoln, Co-Chair



Representative Pat Carney, Co-Chair

March 26, 1991

by the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

**Letter of Intent
for
CS HB 164 (HES)**

It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee that occupational licensing fees established pursuant to AS 08.01.065 shall reflect the actual costs to the department for which the fee is charged, except when to do so would create an unreasonable burden upon licensees. The committee requests the Board of Dental Examiners to work with the department in re-evaluating its current licensing fee schedule. The committee further requests the department to issue a report on fee schedules, with notation as to those fees which have been changed, to the legislature by the first day of the second session of the Seventeenth Legislature.

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Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association
c/o Pat Grover, R.D.H., B.S., Chairman Legislative Committee
3209 W. 100th
Anchorage, AK. 99515

March 27, 1991

Representative David Finkelstein
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Representative Finkelstein,

On behalf of the Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association I would like to have you include these statute revisions in the Dental Hygiene Statutes along with other Sunset Review legislation included in HB 164.

I have enclosed the changes that will enable us to perform periodontal therapy for our patients more effectively. A patient can be treated with greater success when they have the option of having their stress reduced and discomfort of treatment alleviated.

The Alaska Dental Society, The South Central Dental Society, and the Board of Dental Examiners have all been notified of these changes that are very important to all people that receive dental hygiene services in this state.

Alaska is not the first state to delegate these responsibilities to the hygienist.

If you would allow, we would like a representative from our association to meet with you in Juneau and provide further explanation and answer any questions you may have.

I can be reached any weekday in the office of Greg Remaklus, D.M.D., Periodontist, at 561-1884 or evenings and weekends at home at 349-9616.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Grover, R.D.H." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia A. Grover, R.D.H., B.S.
Chairman Legislative Committee
Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association

Statutes and Regulations Board of Dental Examiners

Article 2.

Regulation of Dental Hygienists

Sec. 08.32.110 Scope of work of dental hygienists

(6) if certified by the board and under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, administer local anesthetic agents.

Change to read :

(6) if certified by the board and under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, administer local anesthetic agents.

Add the following:

(7) if certified by the board and under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, administer and monitor nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia.

February 12, 1991

Gail Beemis, R.D.H.
14409 Don Circle
Eagle River, AK 99577

Re: Local Anesthesia

Dear Ms. Beemis:

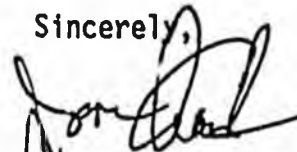
You asked whether the Oregon Board of Dentistry had experienced any problems with allowing dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia.

The Oregon Board of Dentistry adopted OAR 818-35-040(1)(b) effective May 17, 1984. This rule permits hygienists to administer local anesthetic agents under the general supervision of a licensed dentist if the hygienist has completed a Board approved course in local anesthesia.

The Board has received no complaints regarding hygienists administering local anesthetic and I have no knowledge of any malpractice actions. Malpractice carriers are required to file reports of every claim submitted to them although they do not always do so.

There are 1497 hygienists practicing in Oregon of whom 1342 have local anesthesia permits.

Sincerely,



Jane Edwards
Executive Director

JE:jan



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Dear Committee Members,

The Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association has introduced two statute revisions during this Sunset Review year.

In our role as a hygienist, one of our responsibilities is to maintain the health of the oral soft tissues. It is often more comfortable for the patient to undergo certain treatment with the use of a local anesthesia injection. Hygienists are able to work and maintain patient recalls while the dentist is out of the office. As the statutes are written now, hygienists are unable to administer a local anesthesia with the dentist out of the office. Without being able to administer anesthesia the pain tolerance level of the patient is not high enough to thoroughly clean the inflamed area. If this inflamed area is not treated completely, the problem will not be remedied, and will cause further deterioration of the tissue health.

This standard of practice is not a unique concept. The state of Oregon has had local anesthesia under general supervision since 1984 (See enclosed letter from the Oregon Board).

Hygienists are required to have Board Certification as well as annual CPR certification for Local Anesthesia Licensure (To date Dentists are not required to maintain their CPR certification).

We are confident that the hygienist is educated and highly skilled to safely administer a local anesthesia under the general supervision of the dentist.

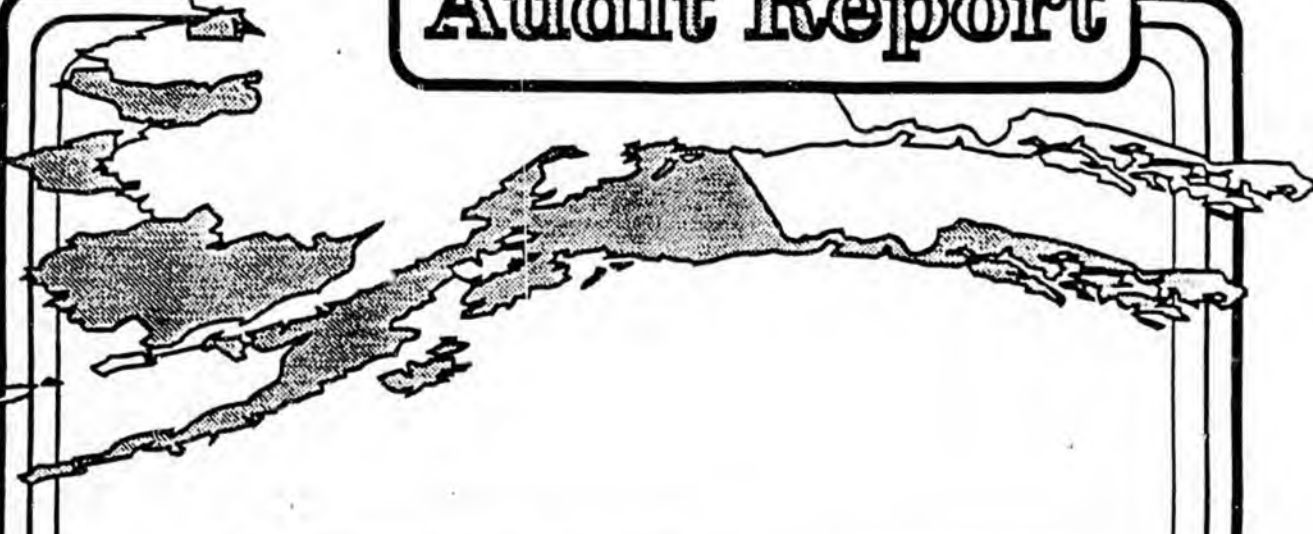
Administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia will allow the hygienist, with board certified training, to alleviate stress for the especially apprehensive patients with the dentist in the office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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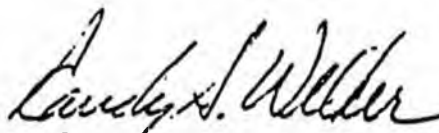
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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Board of Dental Examiners was created in 1955. The Board consists of nine persons: six licensed dentists, two dental hygienists, and one public member, which are appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation of the Legislature. Board members serve terms of four years.

The Board is organized under the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing (DOL). Administrative functions of the Board are provided by DOL, such as processing applications, maintaining licensing files, answering inquiries, and providing investigative support.

The primary function of the Board is to ensure a minimum quality of dental care to Alaskans by licensing qualified applicants and establishing regulations necessary to enforce statutes. The Board regulates dentists, dental specialists, and dental hygienists who perform services in the State.

The responsibility and authority for evaluating the competence of candidates for dental licensure are vested in the Board. Previous to January 1987, candidates had to pass a state administered clinical and written examination to assess a candidate's competency. The Board now accepts the results of the Western Regional Examining Board's clinical and written examination for general dentistry and dental hygienists. Dental hygienists who are licensed in another State and who possess minimum work experience can be licensed through credentials.

Although dental specialists are not required to take an examination, they must be licensed dentists in Alaska and may be required to have completed additional years of education in their specialty area.

REPORT CONCLUSION

Policy Issues

This report contains policy issues raised as a result of our evaluation of Board practices. The final policy decisions affecting these practices are not within the scope of this report but require legislative consideration. In debating these issues, the oversight committees should take into consideration the information presented in this report so the potential impact of policy changes can be evaluated.

Report Conclusion

In our opinion, the Board of Dental Examiners should be reestablished. The regulation and licensing of qualified professionals is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The Board provides this service by establishing minimum educational and experience requirements that provide reasonable assurance that persons licensed are qualified. Also, assurances that those licensed act in a competent manner is provided by active investigation of complaints and revocation or suspension of licenses when appropriate.

Current statutes, AS 08.03.101, specify that the sunset review period for the Board of Dental Examiners shall be three years.

The last 4 reviews, since 1985 found that the Board has restricted entry into the dental profession by not allowing licensure by credentials as permitted by Alaska law (see current Recommendation No. 1). As part of the 1986 legislation that continued the Board for two years, the legislature included two letters of intent that the Board should allow licensure by credentials.

At two Board meetings in 1988, the Board discussed the issue of allowing licensure by credential, and denied licensure by credential to 3 dentist. At the present time several dentists have filed suit to force the Board to allow licensure by credential.

Based on the Board of Dental Examiners refusal to allow licensure by credential, it is recommended that the review interval be two years. The next statutory termination date subject to sunset review would be June 30, 1993.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation No. 1

The Board should allow for licensure by credentials for dentists and dental specialists.

Alaska Statute 08.36.234 allows but does not mandate the Board to approve dental licenses to applicants with valid dental licenses in other states by reviewing their credentials instead of requiring the applicant to pass a written and clinical examination. In 1984, the Board issued an emergency regulation 12 AAC 28.950, which suspended licensure by credentials after concern was expressed by the Attorney General about the Board's procedures. The Attorney General found that the Board was conducting an "oral test" instead of an "oral interview" as allowed by statute.

The cessation of licensure by credentials restricts entry into the dental profession in Alaska for out-of-state dentists wishing to practice in the State.

As part of the 1986 legislation which continued the Board for two years, the Legislature included two letters of intent that the Board should repeal the emergency regulation and reinstate licensure by credentials. The Board has not complied with this intent.

Legislation was introduced in the 1990 session to mandate licensure by credential, but the legislation did not pass. At the present time several dentists have filed suit to force the Board to allow licensure by credential.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

Limited Analysis

The following analyses indicate both positive and negative factors as they relate to the public need as defined in the "sunset" law. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but to address those areas pertinent to our review.

- I. The extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.
 - A. The Board has served the public by examining and licensing qualified applicants and proposing changes in regulations that are necessary to enforce State statutes and enhance the quality of dental care to Alaskans.
 - B. The Board has instituted an impaired dentist program for dentists addicted to alcohol, drugs or narcotics.
 - C. The Board has held four board meetings per year during the past two fiscal years.
- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
 - A. The Board suspended, by regulation in 1984, statutory provision for licensure by credentials (see Recommendation No. 1).
- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.
 - A. No legislation has been introduced by the Board since 1987.
- IV. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service which it has provided.
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- VI. The efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the Office of the Ombudsman have been processed and resolved.
- A. The Board processes and addressed complaints in an effective and timely manner.
- VII. The extent to which a board or commission which regulated entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.
- A. The Board, as of October 8, 1990, regulated 434 Dentists, 53 Dental Specialists and 173 Dental Hygienists.
- B. The Board requires continuing dental education of dentists and dental hygienists.
- VIII. The extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.
- A. The Human Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office have received no complaints related to the Board's activities.
- IX. The extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.
- A. Please refer to previous section, Finding and Recommendation.

APPENDIX A

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES
For Fiscal Year 1990
(Unaudited)
(Note 1)

Revenues (Note 2)		\$57,510
Expenditures (Note 3)		
Personal Services	\$59,163	
Travel	12,850	
Contractual	16,217	
Supplies	1,013	
Equipment	<u>2,319</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>91,562</u>
Revenues Compared to Expenditures		<u><\$34,052></u>

Note 1

The Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures was prepared by the Division of Occupational Licensing personnel. The records were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the Board's Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures.

Note 2

A significant portion of revenues is composed of license renewal fees. Licenses are renewed biennially. Because of the renewals, revenues vary substantially every year. Therefore, we combined revenues collected in fiscal year 1989 and 1990, and calculated an average in order to obtain a representative amount of annualized revenues collected.

Note 3

This amount does not include expenditures for efforts of other departments assisting the Board.

STATE OF ALASKA

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

December 3, 1990

Mr. Randy S. Welker
Legislative Auditor
Audit Division
Legislative Budget &
Audit Committee
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Dear Mr. Welker:

This letter is in response to the preliminary "sunset" audit findings of the Legislative Audit Division (hereinafter "audit") regarding the Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter "board"). Your review of the board's performance has resulted in one recommendation to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (hereinafter "department"). You recommend that "the board should allow for licensure by credentials for dentists and dental specialists."

As your report indicates, legislation was introduced during the 1990 legislative session to mandate dental licensure by credentialing. As you also state, the legislation failed to pass the Senate. It is the position of the department that the Legislature's failure to specifically require the board to license by credential has removed from the board the requirement that it comply with the letters of intent filed by the Legislature over four years ago.

As you are aware, since 1987, the board has used the Western Regional Examining Board's dental exam for Alaska's dentistry applicants. Any dentist who sits for and successfully passes the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) is now eligible for licensure in Alaska. As a result, at the time of this writing, there exists a significant pool of dentists who, if they so desired, could immediately apply for and be granted a license to practice dentistry in the State of Alaska. It is the department's contention that the Dental Board's participation in the WREB exam successfully counters your finding that "the cessation of licensure by credentials restricts entry into the dental profession in Alaska for out-of-state dentists wishing to practice in the state."

The board continues to believe that the recognized variance in the quality of dental education received in schools across the country mandates the use of an objective clinical examination prior to licensure in order to assure the public that the dentist seeking to practice in

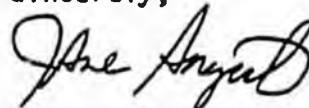
Alaska is at least minimally qualified. Without an exam, the board does not feel it has an adequate knowledge of a dentist's professional abilities. For that reason, a majority of the board continues to oppose the requirements that the board strike administrative regulation 12 AAC 28.950.

Consequently, the department takes exception to audit's recommendation that the board be continued, but for only a period of two (2) years. This board has been reviewed four (4) times since 1985, and each time the only significant issue raised by audit has been the credentialing issue. Each performance report finds audit recommending that the Dental Board be reestablished, because the board has generally conducted itself in a professional, competent, and efficient manner, but each report has also contained a recommendation regarding audit's apparent policy position that the board should provide for licensure by credential.

Audit's current performance report contains no new data indicating that the public continues to be harmed by a cessation of credentialing. Indeed, all that is stated is that failing to admit on credentials "restricts entry into the dental profession in Alaska for out-of-state dentists wishing to practice in the state." Simply because the board does not license every dentist who wishes to practice in Alaska is not sufficient reason to repeatedly recommend a short continuation period for the board.

Given the significant controversy of this issue, and the fact that the Legislature itself is split on it, as evidenced by the Senate debate, it is the department's firm position that the credentialing issue be separated from a sunset review. Certainly the Legislature is not precluded from addressing the credentialing issue at any time. The board should be continued for four years, not two, in light of your admission that the board continues to successfully meet its primary public purposes.

Sincerely,



Jane Angvik
Commissioner

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cc: Board of Dental Examiners

Randall P. Burns, Director
Division of Occupational Licensing

HB

165

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPO

(7)

Date Referred: April 22, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4-30-91

The LABOR AND COMMERCE Committee considered:

HB 165

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING

"An Act extending the Board of Nursing in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ the same title

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do pass

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individual recommendations

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ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

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APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

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<i>W. H. Lee</i>	✓				
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[Signature]
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 165

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
 Title: Extending the Board of Nursing... BRU: Occupational Licensing
 Component: Administration

Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

COMPONENT SERIAL NO.	0	3	5	6
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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
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

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Funding for the Board of Nursing is included in the department's FY 92 operating budget request and, therefore, new funds are not required.

Prepared By: Jennifer Strickler, Admin. Officer Phone: 465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 4-17-91
 Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development Date: 4-18-91

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F. USE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)
Date Referred: February 25, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Labor and Commerce
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4-22-91

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HB 165

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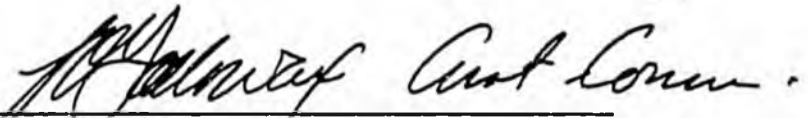

COCHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

HB-165: "An Act extending the Board of Nursing in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

The Board of Nursing is responsible for the regulation and licensing of the nursing profession in the state. Under AS 08.03.010(c)(1), the Board of Nursing is currently scheduled to terminate on June 30, 1991. HB 165 will extend the termination date of the board to June 30, 1995.

There are approximately 6,169 nurses licensed in Alaska. The department concurs with the findings documented in the performance audit conducted by the Division of Legislative Audit; in particular, that the board is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare, therefore, the board should be reestablished.

The department strongly supports continuation of the Board of Nursing and requests favorable support in passage of HB 165.



Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner

Date: 4-18-91

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BOARD: NURSING, BOARD OF

BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 67

TITLE: Board of Nursing

DEPT: Department of Commerce and Economic Development

AUTHORITY: AS 08.60.010

STATUS: June 30, 1991

REQUIREMENTS: LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION

PROHIBITIONS: Cannot serve more than all or part of two consecutive terms.

TERM: 4 years

DESCRIPTION: 7 members appointed by Governor: 5 nurses licensed in Alaska, actively engaged in nursing for four years (refer to statute AS 08.68.060): 1 licensed practical nurse currently involved in institutional nursing, 1 registered nurse engaged in baccalaureate nursing education, 3 registered nurses at large, 2 public members with no direct financial interest in health care industry; board elects chair.

SPECIAL FACTS: Serve at pleasure of the Governor; quorum is majority. Staffed with an executive secretary located in Anchorage. Members serve until a successor is appointed. An appointment to fill a vacancy is for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member who has served all or part of two successive terms may not be reappointed unless four years have elapsed since the person has last served.

FUNCTION: Regulates and controls applications, licenses, and permits of the nursing profession.

COMPENSATION: Standard travel/per diem.

MEETINGS: Usually 4 times per year.

*FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Licensing Examiner, Division of Occupational Licensing, Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, Box D, Juneau, AK 99811 PHONE: 465-2541
(Revised 1/14/91)

NURSING

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Members - State Nursing Board

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
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BOARD OF NURSING

October 11, 1990

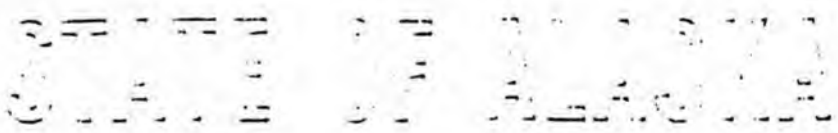


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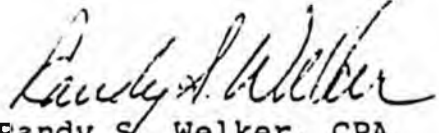
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Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

According to the provisions of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes, the Division of Legislative Audit is required to conduct a "Sunset" review of the Board of Nursing.

At the request of the Chairman, during Fiscal Year 1988 budget deliberations, the Finance and Audit Divisions' budgets were revised to reflect certain changes in the organizations of the Committee's two Divisions. The revised budget of the Audit Division reflected efficiencies that might be obtained by utilizing the staff of the Legislative Finance Division on selected audit assignments during the interim.

As a result, the audit of the Board of Nursing was conducted and this report has been prepared by the Legislative Finance Division. We feel this report discharges our responsibility under Titles 24 and 44. The report is submitted for your review.


Randy S. Welker, CPA
Legislative Auditor
Division of Legislative Audit

THE LEGISLATURE

BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

FINANCE DIVISION
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PHONE: (907) 465-3795

October 5, 1990

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

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

A REPORT ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF NURSING
October 11, 1990

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Mike Greany, Director
Division of Legislative Finance

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Purpose

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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The health care industry is in the midst of a period of significant changes. Major problems faced by providers include rapidly rising health care costs, the implementation of sophisticated medical technologies, compliance with the provisions of public and private insurance programs, changing Federal regulations, the special treatment needs of the aged population, and the unique problems created by substance abuse among practitioners. Against this backdrop the responsibilities of the practicing nurse have increased as physicians and patients rely more heavily on the assistance of the nursing profession.

The seven member Board of Nursing determines the minimum quality of nursing care in Alaska. Under AS 08.68 the Board is able to:

1. Establish or amend rules and regulations necessary and desirable to enforce State statutes.
2. Approve curricula, adopt standards for basic and continuing education programs that prepare persons for licensure and insure the maintenance of competency.
3. Issue licenses on the basis of examination or endorsement to qualified applicants.
4. Conduct investigations and hold hearings in order to revoke, suspend, or take other action on the license of a person violating the nursing statutes and regulations.

The Board carries out its statutorily mandated responsibilities with support from the Division of Occupational Licensing. The Division employs an Executive Secretary who is responsible for performing administrative duties and assists the Board in its conduct of examinations and educational programs. The Executive Secretary also coordinates programs which treat and monitor impaired nurses. The Division of Occupational Licensing processes applications, prepares license files, provides investigative services in the event of consumer or other professional complaints, and provides other administrative assistance to the Board.

Most licensing requirements are established by statute. Nurses are either licensed by examination or endorsement. Examinations are administered according to a contract with the National Council State Boards of Nursing. Licenses by endorsement are issued to nurses licensed in other states that have licensing requirements acceptable to the board.

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Current statutes, AS 08.03.010, specify that the sunset review period for the Board of Nursing shall be four years.

Based upon the Board of Nursing performance for the past 4 reviews, extending from 1978 to 1990, it is recommended that the review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years. The next statutory termination date subject to sunset review would be June 30, 1999.

The Board of Nursing has consistently been found to satisfy a public purpose and has demonstrated its ability to conduct its business in a satisfactory manner.

In prior sunset reviews, deficiencies found have been relatively minor, and for the most part, "housekeeping" in nature.

The Board of Nursing statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures are current. The Board's business is generally viewed as conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner.

The Board's membership has been dedicated and responsible to its mission; its representation has been well balanced in serving its purpose.

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Limited Analysis

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- I. The extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.
 - A. The Board has been diligent in assuring that only qualified applicants are licensed. Regulations provide necessary safeguards without being overly restrictive on entry into the profession. Continuing competency requirements provide an incentive to assure that practitioners stay current with their profession.

- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
 - A. The operation of the Board is enhanced by employment of an Executive Secretary. This improves the efficiency of dealing with licensure and regulation of nearly 6000 licensed nurses. The Division of Occupational Licensing's budget funds a full time professional nurse whose duties include administration of an impaired nurses program. This is a program of treatment and controlled, monitored aftercare to both protect the public interest and to return nurses to productive, professional lives.
 - B. One instance was found in 1987 where the Office of the Governor did not appoint a Board member in a timely manner. However, recent appointments have been prompt.

- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.
 - A. The Board submitted legislation (SB 156) which would have given it the authority to regulate nurse's aides. That bill did not pass the Legislature. This legislation was in response to a Federal law, PL 100-203, often referred to as the "Nursing Reform Act". That act requires certification of nurse aide education, written and clinical competency testing, and state registration of nurse's aides. Compliance with

VIII. The extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

A. No evidence of problems were found in this area.

IX. The extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

A. The Commission has complied with the criteria enumerated in this subsection. We found no instance where changes are necessary to enable the Commission to better serve the interests of the public.

CORRECTION

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The following analyses indicate both positive and negative factors as they relate to the public need as defined in the "sunset" law. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but to address those areas pertinent to our review.

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 - A. The Board has been diligent in assuring that only qualified applicants are licensed. Regulations provide necessary safeguards without being overly restrictive on entry into the profession. Continuing competency requirements provide an incentive to assure that practitioners stay current with their profession.
- II. The extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices which it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.
 - A. The operation of the Board is enhanced by employment of an Executive Secretary. This improves the efficiency of dealing with licensure and regulation of nearly 6000 licensed nurses. The Division of Occupational Licensing's budget funds a full time professional nurse whose duties include administration of an impaired nurses program. This is a program of treatment and controlled, monitored aftercare to both protect the public interest and to return nurses to productive, professional lives.
 - B. One instance was found in 1987 where the Office of the Governor did not appoint a Board member in a timely manner. However, recent appointments have been prompt.
- III. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes which are generally of benefit to the public interest.
 - A. The Board submitted legislation (SB 156) which would have given it the authority to regulate nurse's aides. That bill did not pass the Legislature. This legislation was in response to a Federal law, PL 100-203, often referred to as the "Nursing Reform Act". That act requires certification of nurse aide education, written and clinical competency testing, and state registration of nurse's aides. Compliance with

registration of nurse's aides. Compliance with Federal requirements is currently being managed as a project within the Division of Occupational Licensing under the authority of Administrative Order No. 115.

- IV. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service which it has provided.
- A. All formal proceedings are properly and timely noticed and open to the public. The Board holds meetings in the major Alaskan cities. The Board also uses teleconferences as an economy measure.
- V. The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.
- A. Notice of all formal proceedings are given and open to the public. Interested persons have opportunity to comment in the proceedings. The Board uses committees comprised of members of the nursing community to provide additional input into projects and regulations affecting the profession.
- VI. The efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the Office of the Ombudsman have been processed and resolved.
- A. During the period FY87-90 four complaints against the Board of Nursing were filed with the Ombudsman. Two of the complaints involved Board actions on nursing licenses, one concerned a delay in licensing and one concerned failure to investigate a case of alleged substance abuse. All complaints were resolved directly or were submitted to administrative procedures.
- VII. The extent to which a board or commission which regulated entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.
- A. Statistics through June 30, 1990 show 5,216 Registered Nurses and 863 Licensed Practical Nurses with active licenses. In addition, there are currently 159 Advanced Nurse Practitioners and 71 Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

VIII. The extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

A. No evidence of problems were found in this area.

IX. The extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

A. The Commission has complied with the criteria enumerated in this subsection. We found no instance where changes are necessary to enable the Commission to better serve the interests of the public.

APPENDIX A

BOARD OF NURSING
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED WITH EXPENDITURES
For Fiscal Year 1990
(Unaudited)
(Note 1)

Revenues (Note 2)		\$250,105
Expenditures (Note 3)		
Personal Services	\$317,453	
Travel	21,086	
Contractual	75,644	
Supplies	11,294	
Equipment	<u>39,185</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$464,662
Revenues Compared to Expenditures		<u><\$214,557></u>

SCHEDULE 1
TYPES OF REVENUES

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Collection Time</u>
Application Fee-Initial Nurse License or Authorization	\$30	With Application
National Council License Exam	40	With Application (Chg. from \$25)
License Fee-All or Part of Initial Biennial License Period	90	With Application
Biennial Nursing License Renewal Fee	90	Every Two Years
Temporary Permit Fee	20	With Application
Prescriptive Authority Application Fee	30	With Application
Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse Anesthetist Initial Biennial Authorization	25	With Application
Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse Anesthetist Biennial Renewal Fee	25	Every Two Years

Note 1

The Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures was prepared by the Division of Occupational Licensing personnel. The records

were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the Board's Schedule of Revenues Compared with Expenditures.

Note 2

A significant portion of revenues is composed of license renewal fees. Licenses are renewed biennially. Because of the renewals, revenues vary substantially every year. Therefore, we combined revenues collected in fiscal year 1989 and 1990, and calculated an average in order to obtain a representative amount of annualized revenues collected. Fees were raised in June 1990. Under this new fee structure annual average revenues for fiscal years 1991 and 1992 are estimated at \$352,440.

Note 3

This amount does not include expenditures for efforts of other departments assisting the Board.

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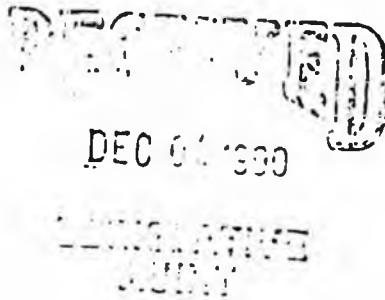
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December 4, 1990

Mr. Randy S. Welker
Legislative Auditor
Audit Division
Legislative Budget and
Audit Committee
P.O. Box W
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Dear Mr. Welker:

This letter is written in combined response to the preliminary audit reports on the State Medical Board, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, and the Real Estate Commission.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Development is pleased that the audit reports found that the business of these three boards and one commission has been "conducted in a professional, competent, and efficient manner," and that the Audit Division is recommending that the sunset performance "review interval be extended from 4 to 8 years."

Given that the department itself also believes that these boards have consistently satisfied the public purposes for which they were created and have demonstrated their ability to competently and with care conduct their business, the department not only concurs in but wholeheartedly endorses the Audit Division's recommendation that these four agencies be continued until June 30, 1999.

Both the boards and the department take great pride in the audit reports' findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jane Angvik
Commissioner

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cc: Randall Burns, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing

HB

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STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. H.B. 166

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Corrections
 Title: "An Act continuing the corr, industries program; and...effective date" BRU: _____
 Component: _____

Sponsor: _____
 Requestor: Governor COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Tom Sutton, Director *TS 3/22/91* Phone: (907)465-3376
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 03-22-91

Approved by Commissioner: _____
 Agency: Department of Corrections Date: 03-22-91

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A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
TO: HB 166

Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

Insert "expanding the Correctional Industries Commission;"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Section 1. AS 33.32.070(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Correctional Industries Commission is established to provide general policy direction to the correctional industries program through the commissioner of corrections. The Commission consists of nine [EIGHT] members, seven [SIX] of whom shall be appointed by the governor to serve staggered terms of four years. The appointed members must include one representative each from manufacturing, retail and wholesale marketing [PRIVATE INDUSTRY], agriculture, and the general public; one ex-offender; and two representatives from organized labor, one of whom must be from the building trades and one of whom must be from the service industries. ~~The representatives of manufacturing and retail and wholesale marketing must be associated with businesses that are affected by the correctional industries program.~~ The commissioner of administration is also a member, as is the commissioner of corrections who shall serve as chairperson."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "Section 1"

Insert "Sec. 2"

Page 1, following line 6:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Sec. 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect on the date of the expiration of the term of the current

member of the Correctional Industries Commission who represents private industry under AS 33.32.070(a). The commissioner of corrections shall notify the lieutenant governor and the revisor of statutes of that date."

Page 1, line 7:

Delete "* Sec. 2. This"

Insert "* Sec. 4. Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this"

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 166

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Page 1, line 1:

Delete "continuing"

Insert "relating to"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Section 1. AS 33.32.080(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Correctional Industries Commission shall hold public hearings to provide an opportunity for persons or organizations who may be affected by the plans of the correctional industries program to appear and present testimony concerning those plans. The Correctional Industries Commission shall hold a hearing under this section when the correctional industries program proposes either entering into a new area of industry or expanding the scope of an existing area of industry beyond the scope considered at a previous hearing.

The Correctional Industries Commission shall adopt rules governing the conduct of those hearings, including provisions to assure that adequate public notice of the hearing is given before the hearing. The Correctional Industries Commission may also hold public hearings under these rules on any matter within its jurisdiction. Rules adopted under this subsection are not subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "Section 1"

Insert "Sec. 2"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Corrections
LEGISLATIVE POSITION PAPER
Lloyd Hames, Commissioner

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Carl Niemi, Legislative Liaison

HOUSE BILL NO. 166
ALASKA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES
"SUNSET" LEGISLATION

The Alaska Correctional Industries (ACI) is dedicated to the rehabilitation of prisoners by providing employment in realistic work experiences. The jobs provide prisoners a chance to develop good work habits through a monetary reward for a job well done. The realistic work experience allows for an acquisition of skills and a sense of self-worth. Also important is the fact that ACI provides a strong management tool for providing meaningful activity thus reducing inmate idleness.

Currently, all 50 states, the federal government and Canada operate correctional industries programs. Nationwide, correctional industries has expanded into a \$600+ million industry, employing 57,400 inmates. Approximately 10% of the nation's incarcerated population is actively involved in a industries program.

An average of 150 Alaska prisoners are involved in ACI within its eight industrial operations. This is roughly 6% of the total prison population.

The products and services produced by ACI are available to local, state, federal government, school districts, non-profit organizations and designated wholesalers. In FY 90, ACI generated approximately \$2 million in gross sales. To accomplish this, ACI purchased \$1,352,907.00 from 262 Alaskan Vendors; this represents 83% of ACI purchases.

As of February, ACI has generated \$1.2 million this fiscal year and projects gross sales of \$2.3 million.

Besides becoming a viable program, ACI is addressed in the Cleary Suit. It states the Department shall maintain industries in as many sentenced facilities as possible.

In summary, ACI has become a major factor in keeping State dollars at home. The main value, however, is ACI has been returning productive citizens to society. By providing greater numbers of prisoners work opportunities and teaching a positive work ethic, ACI has reduced recidivism and the cost of incarceration.

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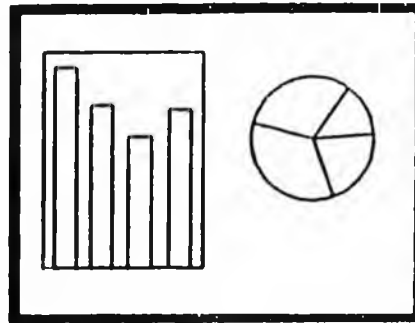
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APPROVED: Lloyd F. Hames
Commissioner

DATE: 4/6/91

HOUSE BILL 166

ALASKA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES Presentation



to the
17th Legislature

Lloyd Hames, Commissioner
Rich Bentson, Director
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FY 92

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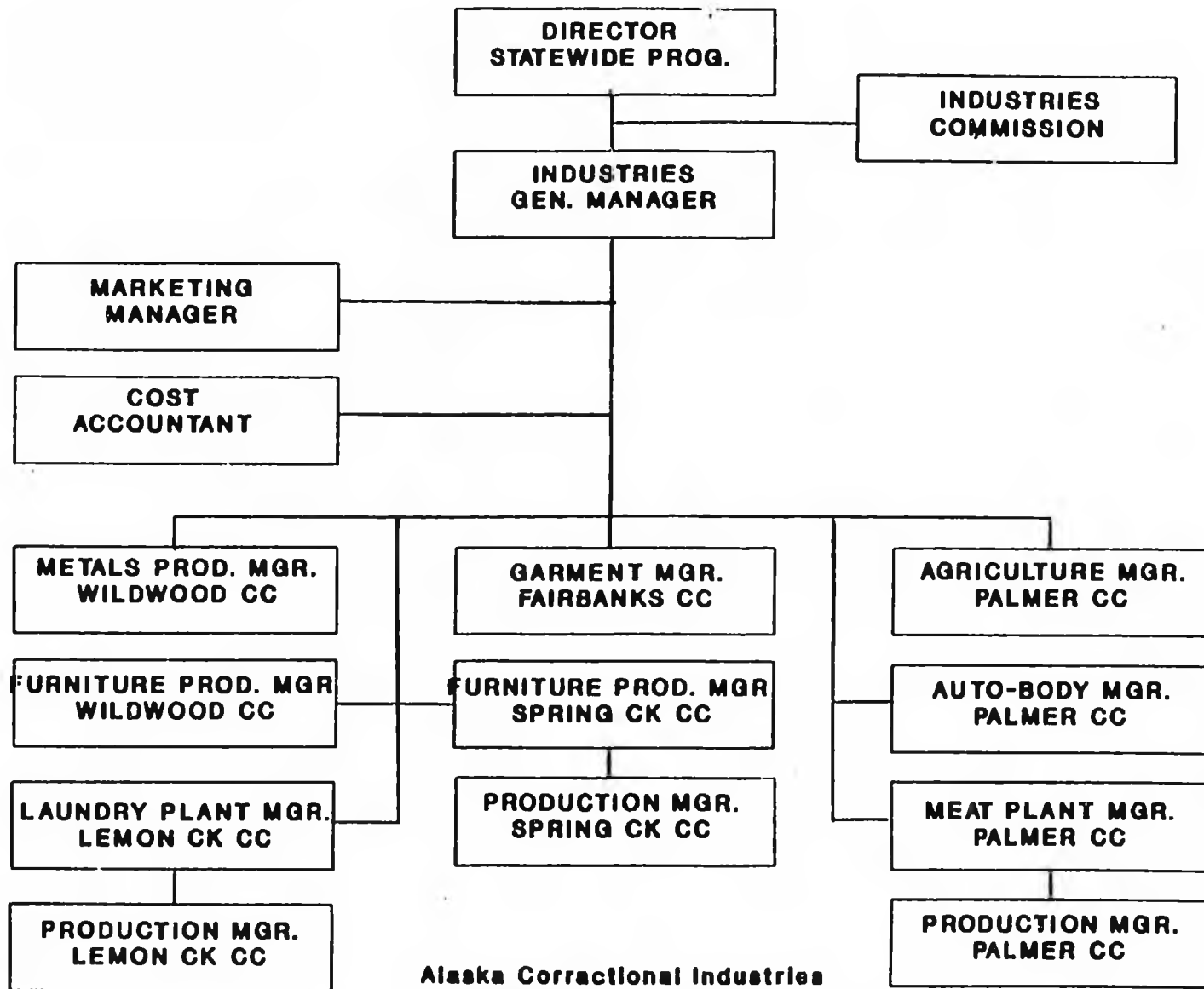
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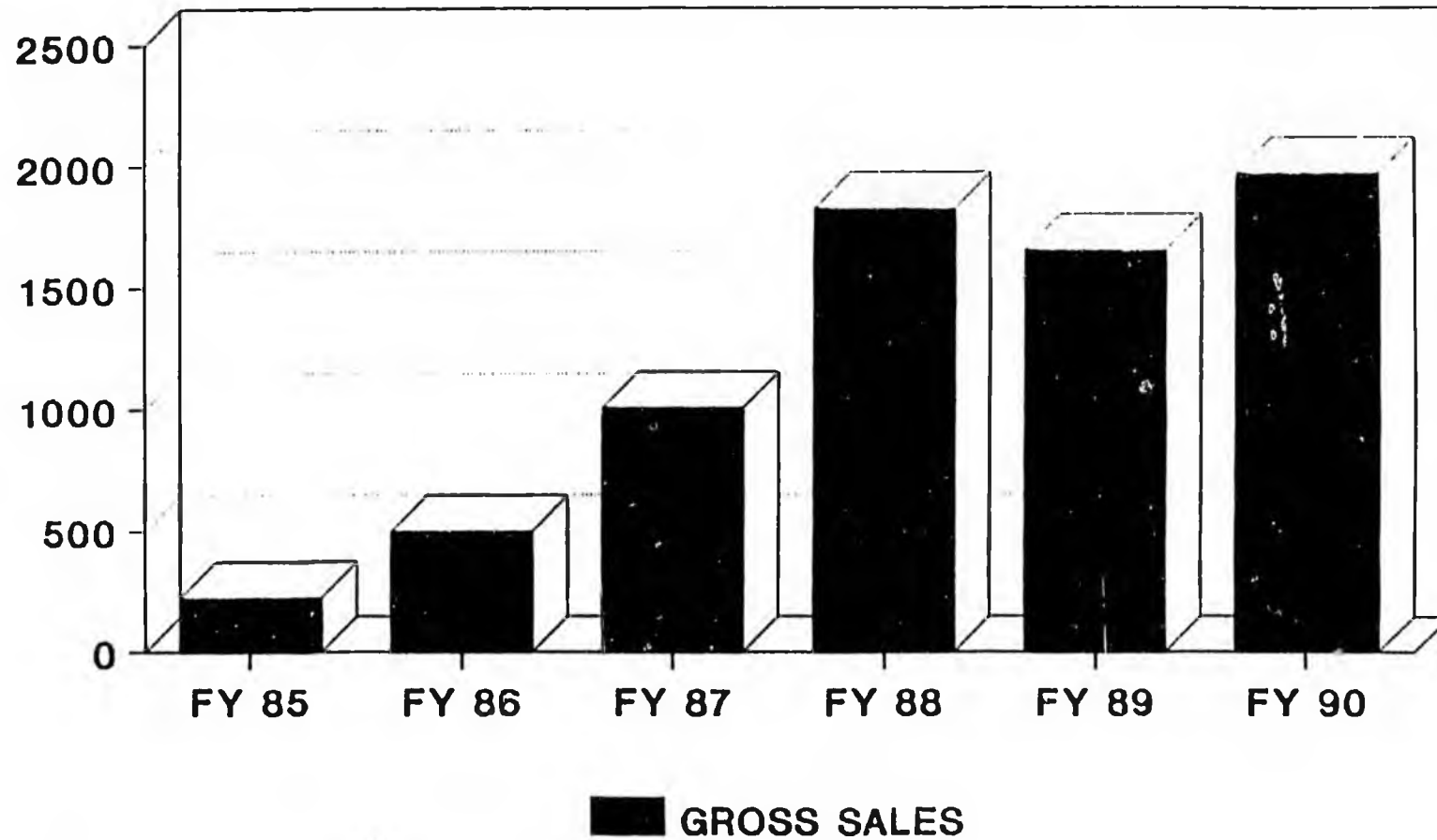
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Alaska Correctional Industries
Organizational Chart
Statewide Programs

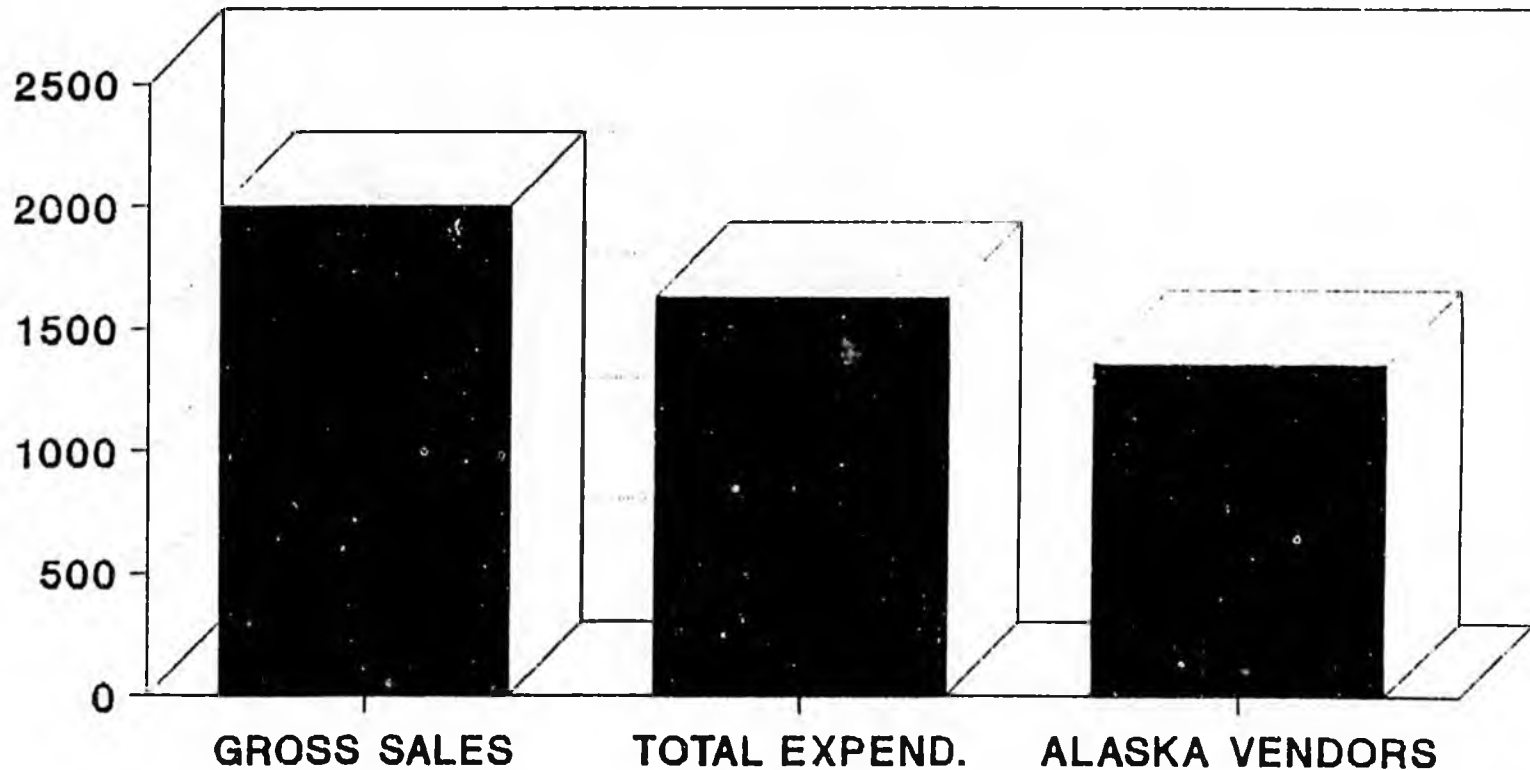
CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

Annual Sales



In Thousands

CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES FY 90 SALES



262 ALASKAN VENDORS USED
OR
83% OF ALL
PURCHASES

■ ACI ACTIVITY

IN THOUSANDS

ALASKA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

March 12, 1991

INDUSTRIES OPERATIONS:

The Alaska Correctional Industries program had an active operation by the end of February, 1991 in the following industries:

1. Juneau Commercial Laundry
2. Kenai Metals Plant
3. Kenai Furniture/Office Systems Panels Plant
4. Palmer Farm/Green House Operation
5. Palmer Auto-Body Repair Shop
6. Palmer Mt. McKinley Meat Plant
7. Fairbanks Garment/Flat Goods Shop
8. Seward Furniture Plant

The employment of 160 inmates at the end of February, 1991 represents an increase of 6.6% over the prior year's employment level. This represents employment of approximately 6% of the state's incarcerated inmate population. Since our programs inception in 1982, the program has continued to expand and now in fiscal year 1991 is operating eight industries in six separate locations. Year-to-date in January, the Correctional Industries Program had provided 157,410 hours of inmate labor in the production of its services and products.

REVENUE SALES:

FY-88	\$1,827,000
FY-89	\$1,655,000
FY-90	\$1,970,154

The products and services produced by Alaska Correctional Industries are available to local, state, and federal government, school districts, non-profit organizations, and approved designated wholesalers. This year's year to date gross sales as of January was established at approximately \$1.2 million. projections for this fiscal year's gross sales is anticipated to approach \$2.3 million.

LEMON CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER:

The Juneau Commercial Laundry Operation continues doing excellent work for the Alaska Marine Highway system, as well as meeting the correctional center's needs at the Lemon Creek and the Johnson Youth facilities. The Juneau Recovery Unit and the Shrine of St. Teresa are also active customers. Approximately 97% of this operation's business are receipts from the Alaska Marine Highway system who formerly had its laundry serviced in Seattle, Washington and Prince Rupert, Canada. The total operation's FY-90 Gross Sales of \$270,531 surpassed the FY-89 sales volume of \$243,789. The

Laundry's projection for FY-91 indicates a slight increase in gross sales. Due to labor intensity, the Commercial Laundry operation will remain as one of the mainstays of the Industries program.

Staffing: Two production managers and 29 inmate staff

WILDWOOD CORRECTIONAL CENTER:

The Kenai Metal Fabrication Plant came on line in 1986, but did not receive a large production order until 1987. At that time, the plant turned out the metal cell furniture order for the new Spring Creek Correctional Center at Seward, Alaska. The order was originally to be placed with a firm in Hayward, California, but the order was changed so that the correctional industries metal plant could produce the job. Steel was bought from local vendors, the finished products were trucked to the site by local vendors, and the local economy enjoyed an additional \$150,000 of purchases that would otherwise have gone to a California vendor. The plant currently has a small standard product line and will provide custom work for all qualified markets. In FY-90, the shop produced \$60,000 in fish incubator (Kotoi) boxes for the Department of Fish and Game that had previously been awarded to out of state vendors. This shop attained \$145,677 in gross sales which was a large increase over its FY-89 sales level of \$68,536 primarily due to the Fish and Game order.

Staffing: One production manager and 10 inmate staff

The Kenai Furniture Plant began limited operations in 1986 and came fully on line in 1987. Quality control measures have been improved and sales to the State of Alaska agencies have been successful. There are no wholesale sales to the private sector, although several inquiries from private vendors have been received and this market is under analysis for development. The standard products include the more institutional line of couches, chairs, end tables, data tables, conference tables, dorm furniture, and book cases. In January of 1991, the program received the necessary approvals to develop a product line of office panels systems furniture. This product line will replace a majority of products made at the Kenai facility. The current product line will be transferred to the new furniture facility in Seward. The Kenai furniture operation attained a FY-90 gross sales level of \$455,319. \$343,636 was expended to attain this level of sales with 73.5% or \$252,421 of total expenditures through Alaskan vendors.

Staffing: One production manager and 34 inmate staff

PALMER CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Palmer Farm Operation was instituted as a correctional industry in 1984, and has made slow steady progress over the ensuing time. Additional acreage has been prepared to increase the harvest size to meet the needs of the Department of Corrections. The farm continued in FY-90 and FY-91 in selling potatoes and vegetables to Southcentral Correctional Facilities and other State Institutions

as well as flowers which are utilized by the Anchorage International Airport and for various state beautification projects. The very favorable growing conditions during last summer allowed a banner crop of 330 tons of potatoes to be harvested in FY-90. The very favorable crop success and available sales volume of \$66,753 allowed a modest profit for FY-90.

Staffing: one production manager and 10 inmate staff

The Palmer Auto-Body Repair Shop began as a correctional industry in 1984 with the purchase of new equipment that allowed the shop to produce repairs of commercially acceptable quality. The Auto-Body Shop continues to do all auto-body repair on state vehicles primarily in the Southcentral region of Alaska, providing fast turnaround and high quality work. During FY-90, this operation attained \$71,130 in gross sales. The program is currently working in conjunction with the DOT State Equipment Fleet staff to identify heavy equipment that could be refurbished by this operation to expand the capabilities of this industry.

Staffing: One production manager and 6 inmate staff

The Mt. McKinley Meat and Sausage Company operates in conjunction with the Palmer Correctional Center but is located within the town of Palmer. This operation was acquired under a lease agreement with the Division of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources in 1987 and was brought back on line after sitting dormant for one year. The original private sector owner of the plant was losing in excess of \$1,000,000 per year due to high labor costs and too low a level of production. While the correctional industry operation has lost money in FY-87, 88, 89, and 90, the operation has continued to improve in its goal to be self-sufficient. Due to increased market demands involving the processing of reindeer, and the ability to sell wholesale to private sector entities, this plant should be able to break even during FY-91. The operation experienced \$910,795 in gross sales in FY-90 and it is estimated it will exceed \$1,000,000 in gross sales during FY-91. Mt. McKinley Meats has been well received by the Alaska Farmers and Stockgrowers Association and the association supports its continuation in providing a stable wholesale market for Alaskan meat products.

Staffing: Two production managers and 28 inmate staff

FAIRBANKS CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Fairbanks Garment/Flat Goods Operation was approved for implementation in FY-90 and began operations in FY-91. This industry is now in operation and is providing products to the Department of Corrections only. This is due to the concerns of negatively impacting existing private sector businesses. Any additional markets for this operation will be opened only after evaluation by the Correctional Industries Commission and review by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The operation currently produces inmate clothing and flat goods for institutional use. All capital expenditures to open this industry were financed through revenues from the correctional industries program. Year-to-date FY91 sales in January attained the level of \$41,929.

Staffing: One production manager and 15 inmate staff

SPRING CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Seward Furniture Plant was developed in FY-90 and became fully operational in FY-91. As noted, this industry will manufacture the program's line of oak furniture that was previously produced at the Kenai Furniture Plant. The new facility will provide additional space and is more conducive to the manufacturing of wood furniture products.

Staffing: Two production managers and a current inmate staff level of 24

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

A Correctional Industries General Manager, Marketing Representative, and Accountant perform the day to day administrative functions of managing and coordinating the Correctional Industries Program. 3 inmates provide assistance in the clerical, marketing, and accounting functions.

OVERVIEW

The entire staffing (14 staff positions) of the correctional industries program is comprised of 11 production managers, 1 accountant, 1 marketing representative, and 1 general manager. The program operates under the supervision of the Director of Statewide Programs, Department of Corrections.

The Correctional Industries program operates under Chapter 32, Section 33 of the Alaska Statutes as approved by the legislature in 1982.

Alaska Correctional Industries has become a major resource to the State of Alaska by keeping tax dollars at home and by providing needed products at affordable prices. However, to an even greater extent, the value of the ACI program lies in its ability to return productive citizens to our society. By providing greater numbers of prisoners with work opportunities to learn employable skills and a positive work ethic, ACI helps to reduce recidivism and reduce the cost of incarceration.



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April 18, 1991

The Honorable David Finkelstein, Chairman
 House Labor & Commerce Committee
 P.O. Box V
 Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Finkelstein:

You will find enclosed a copy of an approved resolution which was formally passed at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Reindeer Herders Association on March 15, 1991.

The resolution, 91-01, supports the continuation of the correctional industries program, as proposed by SB 227 and HB 166.

Please feel free to contact me for more information at 443-5231.

Sincerely,

REINDEER HERDERS ASSOCIATION

Rose Atuk Fosdick
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 Director

Enclosure