

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1993-1994 8672

7825 HOUSE HEALTH EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House committee name

committee on HB 522 , dated 4-1-94 bill/subject

*I support HB 522 -
9 & 10 month employees on seasonal weeks.*

Signed: Cassie L. Gramstad
Testifier

Mat-Su School Dist.
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
 committee name
 committee on # 522, dated 4-15-94
 bill/subject

I believe it is just to allow
 teachers to work during the summer
 unless they have actually been successful
 in finding work. We spend hundreds
 of dollars, even course is on expenses for
 our classes and we need some time
 and help to do it.

Signed: Casey & Seaver
 Testifier

Mat-Su School District
 Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House News
 committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-14-94
 bill/subject

*I support HB 522 because 9+10 month
 people, have a hard time finding jobs
 that only last 2^{or 3} months*

Signed: David K. Bostwick
 Testifier

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 Representing (Optional)

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376-1391 - work 592-6010
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Rules
committee name
committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

I am in favor of HB 522. Summer
employment is hard to get on a consistent
basis.

Signed: DAVID CLAYTON
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

I'm in support of passing this bill so as to be able to make ends meet through the summer.

Signed: Patrick J. Van Nant
Testifier

Mat-Su School District
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

It is hard to make ends meet
in the summer months. It will
help us pay bills...

Signed: Christy Jones
Testifier
mat su School Dist.
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/94
bill/subject

Yes I do support House Bill #522.

Signed: *[Signature]*
Testifier

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Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

*9 month employee, never know what
happening for the other 3 months*

Signed: Steven T Neely
Testifier
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Representing (Optional)
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WASILLA AK 99687
Phone No. 373-7518 mess.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

Yes I fully support HB522

Signed: *Fred Kimpel*
Testifier

Mat-Su-School Dist
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

I am sole support of myself and a 16 yr old Boy. Jobs in our Valley is hard to come by - with school out at the same time our Bills, Rent, and so forth will go on. So by getting to draw unemployment would help all of us greatly.

Signed: Maria a Marks
Testifier

M. S. S. D.
Representing (Optional) wasilla alaska
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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

*Its hard to make it through
the summer months without
a paycheck of some kind.*

Signed: Patricia P. Wilson

Testifier

Mat-Su Borough Sch. Dist.

Representing (Optional)

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Address

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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

*This Bill is important due to lack of employment
in the valley. Jobs that last 2 months are not available.
& we aren't concentrated ~~in~~ for other positions
because we have to quit in Dept.*

Signed: Karen C. Crowley
Testifier

MAT-50 School Dist.
Representing (Optional)

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Address

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
 committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
 bill/subject

*It is very hard to find substantial
 employment for only 2 months.*

Signed: *Kenny Jones*
 Testifier
WAT-SU SCHOOL DIST. CEA
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on 14522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

It will help out other district employees

Signed: Janqueline A Lempley
Testifier

Mat See School Dist. CEA
Representing (Optional)

1551 Little Sasitna Dr. Wasilla AK
Address

373-0123
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____
committee name

committee on _____, dated _____
bill/subject

Signed: _____

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House of Reps
 committee name
 committee on HR 572, dated 4/15/91
 bill/subject

I'm in support of the HB22 bill.
 This would help me to
 support my family? to pay
 bills over the summer.

Signed Elizabeth A Cannon
 Testifier
Mat-Su Borough School Dist
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#746-1188
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HESS
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/94
bill/subject

I AM SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL
HB 522,
IT WILL HELP MY FAMILY DURING
THE SUMMER.

Signed: Carl E. Evers
Testifier

M.S.B.S.D.
Representing (Optional) 1011 AMBER DR.

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Address

907-376-3051
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HESS
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/84
bill/subject

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 522 BECAUSE
IT WILL SUPPORT MY FAMILY OF SIX,
HAVING INCOME DURING THE SUMMER
KEEPS HONEST PEOPLE HONEST.

Signed:

[Signature]
Testifier

MSBO
Representing (Optional)

PO 45 SNOWBODSE DR WASILLA
Address

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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HESS
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-14-94
bill/subject

I am in support in Bill HB-522.

Signed: *Jerry L. Scott*
Testifier

Mat. Sch. - School Dist.
Representing (Optional)

Box 872012 Waukena al. 99687
Address

376-2096
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Bill
committee name
committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

I am in support in Bill HB 522

Signed: Thomas C. Barber
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 874587 Wasilla
Address
376-7575
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HR 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

In support of HB 522

Signed: John C. Madsen
Testifier

Mat Su School Dist
Representing (Optional)

HC 32 Box 6730 Wasilla, AK 99654
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373 1541
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

IT'S HARD TO FIND WORK FOR TWO MONTHS.

Signed: Frederic V. Mow
Testifier

MSBD
Representing (Optional)

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Address

376-6498
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

It's very difficult to get a
 job for 2 months in the summer
 I am in total support of HB522

Signed: Chf Lussan
Testifier
Mat Su Schol District
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Address
892 8070
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Reps
 committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
 bill/subject

I am in favor of HB522. It hard to find
 A summer job and feed my family

Signed: Rudly Trevino
 Testifier
MAT Su School District
 Representing (Optional)
HCO3 8102-F Palmer
 Address

 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House of Representatives
committee name

committee on HR-522, dated 1-18-94
bill/subject

*I am in support of unemployment
insurance and would like to great
benefit to all 44,000 employees*

Signed:

Fredrick Hartney

Testifier

Mat-Su School Dist.

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess Committee
 committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/94
 bill/subject

Unemployment insurance would help all 9 and 10 month employees. I Am in support of this Bill.

Signed: BRIAN SATHERS

Testifier

Midu School Dist (CEA)

Representing (Optional)

HC 30 5420-BD WASILLA ALASKA 99687

Address

373 6247

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS COMM HEE
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/94
bill/subject

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Signed: Matthew Voyle
Testifier

MAS + School Dist (EA)
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House floor
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

It's very difficult to get a job for
2 months out of the year and I am
in total support of HB 522.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier

Matsu School District

Representing (Optional)

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Address

376-4715

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4/14/94
bill/subject

It is difficult to find a job
for 2 months out of the year and
support HB522

Signed: Carole R. Wodge
Testifier

Mat Su School District

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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE HESS
committee name

committee on HR 522, dated 4/14/94
bill/subject

I SUPPORT HB 522 MAKING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WORK FOR 12 MONTHS PER YEAR, BUT ARE LAID OFF WHILE SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION AND ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN OTHER EMPLOYMENT.

Signed:

Damon Vaughn Anty

Testifier

MAT-SU BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I support HB522. I encourage
 you to support this bill.

Signed: Rynn M. Marabow
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HCSS
 committee name
 committee on # 522, dated 4-15-94
 bill/subject

Please
 & support House Bill # 522 —

Because it's hard to find a job for
 2 or 3 months for summer only.
 Employers are unwilling to hire for
 short term.

Signed: Flora Miller
 Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on # 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I support house bill # 522.
 When you are not working for
 2 or 3 months it is hard to
 find short term jobs.

Signed: Margaret Spidal
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name

committee on #522 , dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I support house bill #522.
- Short term employment in the summer is difficult to find. It is also hard on the employers.

Signed: Bob Riddell-Yamble
Testifier

Mat-Jim B.S.D.
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment Insurance as it will help all 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: *John Fial*
Testifier
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Representing (Optional)
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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on HB 522 , dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment
 Insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: My Cooper
Testifier
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907-373-3242
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HCSS
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment Insurance as it will help all 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Heane Rannow
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment
 Insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Loni L Thompson
Testifier
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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in support of Unemployment
 Insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Donald Hecker
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment
 Insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Jane Mc Court
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HR 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment Insurance as it will help all 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier
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Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HRS
committee name
 committee on HB522, dated 4/15/94
bill/subject

Please Pass HB522. I would like to see 9 & 10 month employees have the same opportunity to collect unemployment as other "seasonal" workers (ie. construction, etc) it is extremely difficult to find other employment during our "off months" and even more difficult to go 2 months with no income.

Signed: Debra K. Barnhardt
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment Insurance as it will help all 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: *Karen Aon*
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment Insurance as it will help all 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: *Susan Johnson*
Testifier
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in support of unemployment
 insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Linda Perewenko
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House News
committee name

committee on HIB-522, dated 4-18-94
bill/subject

*I am in support of unemployment
insurance as it will help all of our
employees*

Signed: Decky S. Hackney
Testifier

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DATE: April 18, 1994

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for
the House HES Committee teleconference hearing that was
scheduled on 4/18/94 on HB 522.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via fax
on 4/18/94.

Thank you,

Elizabeth A. Sarver
Elizabeth A. Sarver
Information Officer

Enclosures: (3)



Alaska State Legislature

House

Hess

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____ committee name

committee on HB 522, dated 4/18/94
bill/subject

Noncertificated school employees are seeking a move toward equity with other education, state, and seasonal employees through the passage of HB 522.

In the late 1970's ALL noncertificated education employees were eligible for unemployment compensation. By the early 1980's only SOME of us were considered eligible. From then until now, nine (9) and ten (10) month noncertificated school employees have been EXCLUDED from equal access to a benefit all other state and seasonal employees receive.

Noncertificated school employees have been penalized long enough! When there are budget crunches in school districts, we are "selected" as the first to be hit. We have a history of being discriminated against in the areas of benefits, retirement credit in PERS, job security, contracting out, the right to bargain, and this, unemployment compensation. We have NO employment, or unemployment compensation for up to one-fourth (1/4) of each year. Please help to balance the scales of justice and DO PASS HB 522!

We are not asking for charity, but simply a benefit afforded all other state and seasonal employees. Even the most aggressive job-seekers among us can not find an employer who wishes to hire an employee, (no matter how qualified) for a period ending after only two (2) to three (3) months. Any employment that we may find is traditionally filled by students.

As a single mother with two (2) children, I have been forced to take such positions and have then had to pay a babysitter sixty percent (60%) or more of my wages. These circumstances have made me eligible for several forms of "public assistance" which my pride would not allow me to take advantage of. Instead, I have opted to take the first three (3) to four (4) months of each school year to try and "catch up" and repeat this same scenario year after year. The passage of HB 522 would enhance my family's quality of life through an "earned" benefit, not a "hand-out".

I have worked as an Alaskan noncertificated school employee for the past fifteen (15) years. I am a professional, as are my co-workers. I only ask that you treat us as professionals with equal rights under the law. Don't continue this inequity. Let the Eighteenth Legislature be known as a body of fairness and foresight, NOT, one that chooses to continue the inequities of the past.

Please DO PASS HB 522! Thank you for your time.

Signed:

Jackie Nelson - Ligardi
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House HESS
 committee name
 committee on HB 522 , dated 4/18/94
 bill/subject

I am asking for your vote for HB 522. As an educational classified employee I am unable to work at my job during the summer months. Seasonal employees in almost every other occupation have the right to apply for unemployment. Even those who reside outside of Alaska. I fee that we have been discriminated against in many areas including retirement credit for unused sick leave. Please correct this by voting for HB522.

Signed: *Eddy Brown*
 Testifier/

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Hess
committee name
 committee on HB 522, dated 4-15-94
bill/subject

I am in Support of Unemployment
 Insurance as it will help all
 9 + 10 month employees

Signed: Mary J. Wilson
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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred: March 16, 1994

FURTHER REFERRALS:

State Affairs
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/22/94

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered: HB 533

HOUSE BILL NO. 533 ALLOWABLE LOCAL EFFORT FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

"An Act increasing the amount of local contributions that may be made to a city or borough school district under the foundation formula; and providing for an effective date."

- RECOMMENDATIONS: the same title
 be replaced with _____ a new title
- have attached amendments(s)
 do pass
 do not pass
 no recommendations
 individual recommendations
 additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) _____
 fiscal impact _____ fiscal note(s) _____
 zero fiscal note Education zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO PASS</u>	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓	<i>[Signature]</i>		X	
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓	<i>[Signature]</i>	✓		
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓				

[Signature]
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB533

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Education

Title: An act increasing the amount of local contribution that may be made to a city or borough school district under the foundation formula; and providing for an effective date.

BRU: K-12

Component: Foundation Program

Sponsor: House Health, Education and Social Services Committee

Requester: HESS Committee

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 141

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY94) impact: \$ -0-

ANALYSIS: HB533 does not have a fiscal impact on the State. HB533 will amend AS 14.17.025(b)(2) which will increase the additional local revenue cities and boroughs are allowed to contribute for school operations, from 23% to 25% of that district's basic need. Actual local contributions are not known until the audit is complete and the year is closed out. Passage of the proposed legislation may require retroactive return of excess local dollars after the year has ended, if a district exceeds the 25% cap. Districts contributing in excess of the cap may not receive state aid.

Prepared by: Duane F. Guiley Phone: 465-2891
Division: School Finance Date: March 21, 1994

Approved by Commissioner: Jerry Covey
Agency: Education Date: March 21, 1994

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Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION
 AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: 3/22/94

PLACE: Capitol Room 106

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
 * HB 533: ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOL FUNDING
 * HB 521: JUDICIAL REVIEW: TEACHER TENURE DECISIONS
 * HB 514: SUPPORT MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT LEGISLATION
 - BILLS HELD OVER -
 HB 412: COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES
 * INDICATES FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/WHICH BILL?
PAT O'BRIEN	NSS				465-2145	(Y) N	HB 412 Answer Question 1
DUNCAN GUILLEY	DOE	801 WEST 10th ST. STE 201	99501		465-2897	Y N	HB 533 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	
						Y N	



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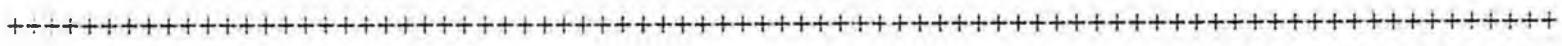
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H/HESS ROLL CALL FORM

BILL HB 533 DATE 3/22/94
 TAPE 94-59, A NUMBER 558
 SUBJECT OF VOTE TO PASS HB 533 OUT OF COMMITTEE
WITH INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING FISCAL NOTE

MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABS
Rep. Cynthia Toohey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

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The amount of money which may be appropriated to a school district to operate is limited by state and federal law. This limit or cap is designed to ensure relative parity among school districts and their educational programs across the state. Under federal law, there shall be no difference in funding greater than 25% between districts.

Alaska law establishes a maximum local contribution of 23% of the instructional unit value in AS 14.17.056. HB 533 raises the cap on voluntary local contributions to 25% of the instructional unit value; there is no change to the minimum requirement.

The intent of this bill is consonant with Alaska's policy of local control of education. Increasing the amount which a municipality MAY contribute to the funding of its school district allows local communities a greater opportunity to create the type of educational programs they desire. This bill thus encourages the concept of local control and responsibility as well as offering a practical remedy for those districts who wish to offset the negative effects of inflation on school funding.

I urge your favorable consideration of this legislation.

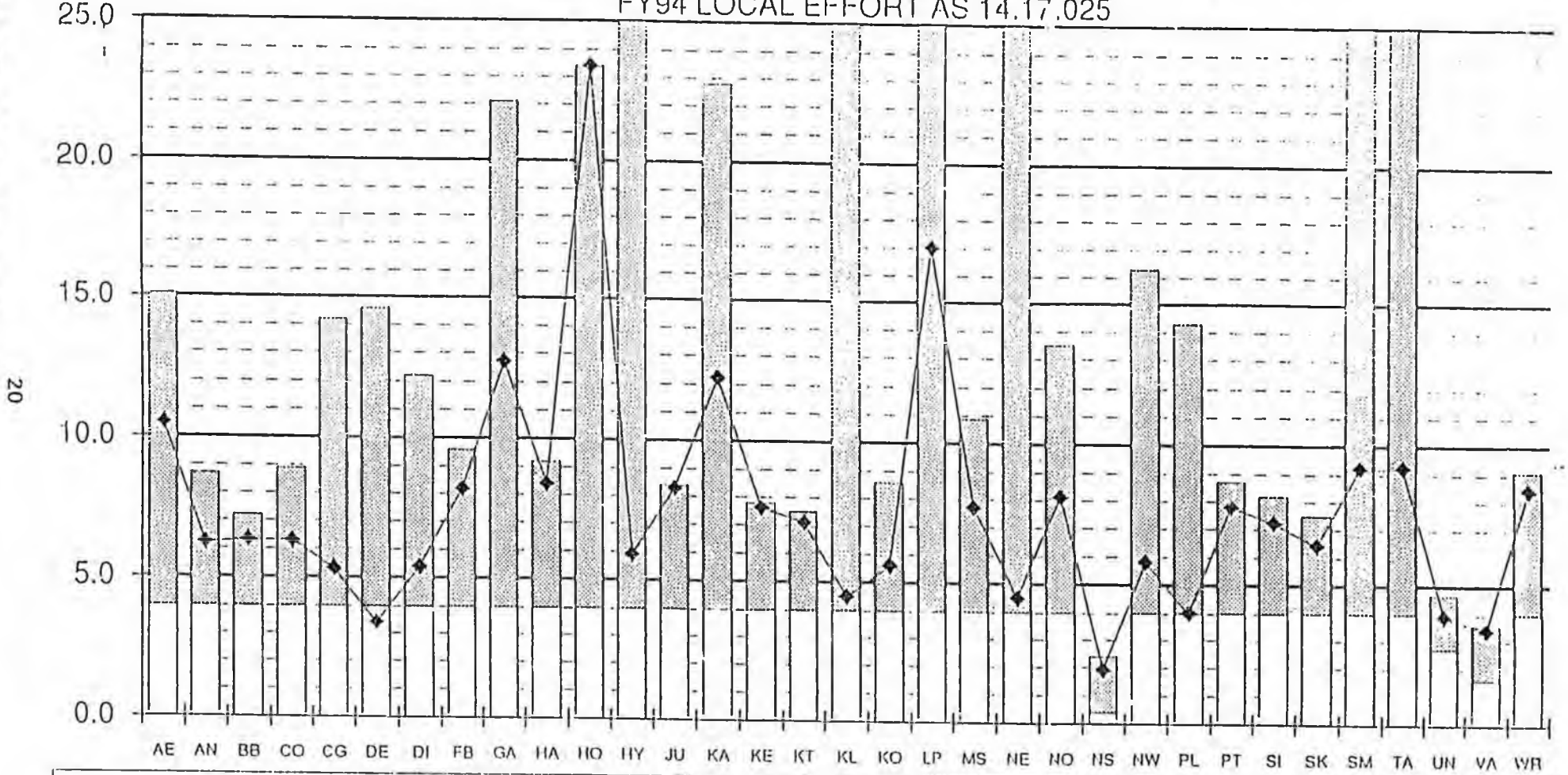
SPONSOR STATEMENT

MILL EQUIVALENT OF TAX EFFORT

FY94 LOCAL EFFORT AS 14.17.025

CHART OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MILL EQUIVALENT



MINIMUM required local effort
 ALLOWABLE EXCESS 23% of Basic Need
 ◆ LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FY94 Budgeted Revenue AS 14.17.250(7)

THIS CHART HAS BEEN LIMITED TO 25 MILLS.

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 FY94 FOUNDATION PROGRAM AS 14.17.025

Abbreviations for chart on page 1.

			(1992 Value) ALLOWABLE		AS 14.17.250(7) BUDGETED MILL EQUIV.	1992 FULL VALUE DETERMINATION BY C&RA	FY94		TOTAL ALLOWABLE LOCAL	AS 14.17.250(7) BUDGETED LOCAL
			REQUIRED MILL EQUIV.	EXCESS MILL EQUIV.			REQUIRED LOCAL	ALLOWABLE EXCESS		
ALEUTIANS EAST	=	AE	4.0	11.1	10.5	\$86,859,000	\$347,436	\$961,476	\$1,308,912	\$914,731
ANCHORAGE	=	AN	4.0	4.7	6.2	11,256,384,640	45,025,539	52,859,428	97,884,967	69,545,000
BRISTOL BAY	=	BB	4.0	3.2	6.3	173,673,500	694,694	562,804	1,257,578	1,093,726
CORDOVA	=	CO	4.0	4.9	6.3	151,877,040	607,508	739,521	1,347,029	964,000
CRAIG	=	CG	4.0	10.2	5.3	50,954,200	203,817	520,373	723,549	271,618
DENALI	=	DE	4.0	10.6	3.4	72,572,400	290,290	770,513	1,060,818	249,756
DILLINGHAM	=	DI	4.0	8.2	5.4	121,235,100	484,940	992,763	1,477,703	655,500
FAIRBANKS	=	FB	4.0	5.6	8.2	3,256,294,590	13,025,178	18,311,956	31,337,134	26,745,000
GALENA	=	GA	4.0	18.1	12.7	19,965,100	79,860	360,711	440,571	253,573
HAINES	=	HA	4.0	5.2	8.4	122,749,700	490,999	636,962	1,127,961	1,033,000
HOONAH	=	HO	4.0	19.4	23.4	22,813,100	91,252	443,208	534,460	534,460
HYDABURG	=	HY	4.0	21.0	5.9	5,736,300	22,945	251,277	274,222	34,000
JUNEAU	=	JU	4.0	4.4	8.3	1,566,985,160	6,267,941	6,916,790	13,184,731	13,046,000
KAKE	=	KA	4.0	18.8	12.2	16,951,200	67,805	318,902	386,707	207,453
KENAI	=	KE	4.0	3.8	7.6	3,465,369,120	13,861,476	13,108,369	26,969,845	26,395,416
KETCHIKAN	=	KT	4.0	3.5	7.1	933,887,400	3,735,550	3,259,731	6,995,280	6,669,993
KLAWOCK	=	KL	4.0	21.0	4.5	14,793,800	59,175	357,344	416,519	67,000
KODIAK	=	KO	4.0	4.6	5.6	879,302,700	3,317,211	3,133,136	7,150,347	4,647,120
LAKE AND PENINSULA	=	LP	4.0	21.0	17.0	68,423,800	273,695	1,526,464	1,800,159	1,166,195
MAT-SU	=	MS	4.0	6.9	7.7	2,020,623,780	8,082,495	13,844,383	21,926,878	15,652,925
NEMANA	=	NE	4.0	21.0	4.5	15,112,200	60,449	382,458	442,907	67,449
NOME	=	NO	4.0	9.5	8.1	126,631,300	506,525	1,205,598	1,712,123	1,025,149
NORTH SLOPE /2	=	NS	0.4	2.0	1.9	12,537,472,080	4,883,599	25,074,944	29,958,543	21,458,705
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	=	NW	4.0	12.3	5.8	326,931,100	1,307,724	4,028,995	5,336,719	1,904,920
PELICAN	=	PL	4.0	10.3	4.0	13,922,600	55,690	143,948	199,638	55,690
PETERSBURG	=	PT	4.0	4.7	7.8	186,577,700	746,311	871,123	1,617,434	1,449,406
SITKA	=	SI	4.0	4.2	7.2	517,476,500	2,069,906	2,166,793	4,236,699	3,729,524
SKAGWAY	=	SK	4.0	3.5	6.4	76,393,200	305,573	266,710	572,283	491,073
ST. MARY'S	=	SM	4.0	21.0	9.2	4,459,300	17,837	337,422	355,259	40,837
TANANA	=	TA	4.0	21.0	9.2	11,245,600	44,982	304,591	349,573	103,000
UNALASKA /2	=	UN	2.7	2.0	3.9	331,802,860	881,542	663,606	1,545,148	1,309,746
VALDEZ /2	=	VA	1.6	2.0	3.4	1,146,257,830	1,799,592	2,292,516	4,092,108	3,845,970
WRANGELL	=	WR	4.0	5.1	8.4	132,997,300	531,989	674,703	1,206,692	1,120,168
YAKUTAT	=	YA	4.0	14.5	12.1	19,957,200	79,829	288,597	368,426	241,484
TOTALS				Average contribution in mills >	7.8	\$39,704,688,400	\$110,321,354	\$159,278,209	\$269,598,922	\$208,989,587

/1 Can not exceed the total allowable local.

/2 Required local effort is limited to 35% of Basic Need of the preceding year. Allowable excess is 2 mills.

PRINT OUT OF CONTRIBUTION

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FY94 FOUNDATION PROGRAM

	1% of Basic Need	2% of Basic Need
ALEUTIANS EAST	40,425	80,850
ANCHORAGE	2,290,764	4,581,528
BRISTOL BAY	24,254	48,508
CORDOVA	32,147	64,294
CRAIG	23,491	46,982
DENALI	33,373	66,746
DILLINGHAM	38,564	77,128
FAIRBANKS	799,631	1,599,262
GALENA	14,756	29,512
HAINES	25,827	51,654
HOONAH	21,350	42,700
HYDABURG	10,114	20,228
JUNEAU	289,957	579,914
KAKE	13,804	27,608
KENAI	567,880	1,135,760
KETCHIKAN	133,791	267,582
KLAWOCK	16,074	32,148
KODIAK	172,545	345,090
LAKE AND PENN.	72,401	144,802
MATSU	608,280	1,216,560
NENANA	16,061	32,122
NOME	53,338	106,676
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	182,250	364,500
PELICAN	6,015	12,030
PETERSBURG	37,881	75,762
SITKA	93,861	187,722
SKAGWAY	11,535	23,070
ST. MARY'S	11,682	23,364
TANANA	12,316	24,632
WRANGELL	30,884	61,768
YAKUTAT	13,408	26,816
TOTALS	\$5,698,659	\$11,397,318

Potential increase of local contributions due to increased cap from 23% of basic need to 24% or 25%.

OTHER ISSUES:

ALASKA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM, AS 14.17 enables the state to meet fiscal equalization criteria outlined in the federal PL 81-874 law, commonly known as the "disparity test." Alaska must meet the guidelines in order to utilize approximately \$44 million in PL 81-874 funds within the state foundation plan as general revenues.

PL 81-874 DISPARITY TEST - The federal PL 81-874 disparity test measures the disparity in local school district revenues. The test takes into consideration designated state and local revenues. Under guidelines of the disparity test, the range of revenues may not vary more than 25 percent between the school district that raises the lowest amount of revenue per instructional unit and the school district that raises the greatest amount. Since federal regulations allow states to eliminate five percent of the weighted instructional units at the top of the scale and five percent at the bottom, Alaska eliminates both of its oil rich school districts, Valdez and North Slope Borough, which contribute considerably more than 25 percent beyond the lowest amount. Since REAAs are not authorized to raise local taxes, five percent of the units at the bottom of the scale can be from any REAA. The disparity test uses \$61,000 per instructional unit as the base.

CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL - The law provides a formula for computing funds for the state Centralized Correspondence School. Instructional units are computed under the same formula used by elementary schools with more than 200 students and multiplied by 0.65.

DECLINING ENROLLMENT - The law contains language that protects districts from losing more than 10 percent of the prior year's K-12 instructional units by phasing in the reduction over four years.

DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES - The Department of Education will make payment of foundation aid through monthly payments to school districts. The payments for the first nine months of each fiscal year will be based on actual instructional units for the prior school year. Payments for the last three months will be adjusted by current year instructional units. Any overpayments or underpayments made during the first nine months will be adjusted in the final three payments of the fiscal year. The first counting period will be during a 20-day period ending on the fourth Friday in each October. An optional 20-day count period ending the second Friday of February may be used to calculate foundation funding, if the February counting period yields more instructional units.

FUND BALANCE LIMITATION - The law prohibits districts from accumulating an unreserved fund balance of more than 10 percent of their operating expenditures and other uses for the year. The Department of Education must deduct the amount exceeding 10 percent from a school district's succeeding year's foundation entitlement.

FULL AND TRUE VALUE - The Department of Community and Regional Affairs will determine the full value of the taxable real and personal property in each city and borough school district for the purpose of calculating a school district's required local effort.

GATHERING/REPORTING STUDENT DATA - The statute requires districts to report to the Department of Education by October 15 of each school year an estimate of its student population for the next school year. The Department of Education will use the estimates to determine the amount of state foundation aid to seek from the Legislature for the following school year.



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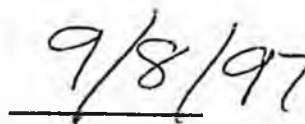


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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred: February 19, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/8/93

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HCR 7

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS AWARENESS

Relating to Alcohol-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week.

RECOMMENDATIONS: the same title
 be replaced with _____ a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note Howu HCSS (12mm)

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Pete Felt</i>	✓				
<i>Al Vozny</i>	✓				
<i>Frank Han</i>	✓				
<i>Paul Bunde</i>	✓				
<i>Scott Lee</i>	✓				
<i>Betty Davis</i>	✓				
<i>Wendy Nicholas</i>	✓				
<i>Tom Brier</i>	✓				
<i>Haley Oberg</i>	✓				

Scott Lee
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 7

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: LAA
 Title: RELATING TO ALCOHOL-RELATED BRU: _____
BIRTH DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK Component: _____
 Sponsor: REP. NICHOLIA
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY94	FY95	FY98	FY97	FY99	FY99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: _____ Phone: 3759
 Division: HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE *Ch. Bunde* Date: 3-5-93
 Approved by Commissioner: REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE CO-CHAIR Date: 3-5-93
 Agency: REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA D. TOOHEY, CO-CHAIR *CT*

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Health, Education and
Social Services Committee
Special Committee on Fisheries

House Concurrent Resolution 7

SPONSOR STATEMENT

HCR 7 relates to the declaration of May 9 - 15, 1993, as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) has been found to be the number one identifiable cause of birth defects accompanied by mental retardation in the United States, and is the only preventable one. Children who are born with FAS suffer disastrous consequences from their mothers' choice to drink alcohol while pregnant. FAS-related birth defects include growth retardation, abnormal facial features, mental retardation, brain deformation, orthopedic and orthodontal problems, and vision loss. All of these effects are devastating to a child; all of them are preventable.

The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is planning a statewide FAS Awareness campaign for Mother's Day Week, 1993. HCR 7 will assist the Division in its efforts to increase consciousness in Alaskan communities about FAS and how to prevent it.

This piece of legislation has the power to help halt the incidence of FAS by raising the awareness of health care providers, schools, and ultimately pregnant mothers. I strongly urge you to support HCR 7.

Sponsor Statement

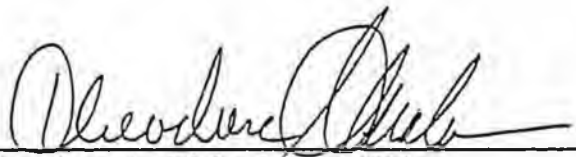
HCR 7

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the nation's leading known cause of preventable birth defects. FAS is a combination of permanent physical and mental birth defects that result from alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

May 9, 1993 is Mother's Day, and marks the beginning of the National Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week. In addition to honoring women in our lives, we can take this opportunity to bring an important message to the members of our community. In an effort to educate the public regarding the impact of alcohol on the fetus, the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is sponsoring a Fetal alcohol Syndrome Awareness Campaign May 9-15, 1993.

The Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse strongly supports HCR 7 relating to Alcohol and Birth Defects Awareness Week. No costs will be incurred by the division as a result of this resolution.

Information regarding Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) will be presented to the HESS Committee at your request, Monday March 8, 1993.



Theodore A. Mala, MD, MPH

3/4/93
Date

MY TURN

Alaska leads the nation in fetal alcohol syndrome

By ERMALEE HICKEL

Did you know that Alaska ranks No. 1 in the nation in the number of babies born each year with fetal alcohol syndrome? It is deeply troubling to me that this tragic problem has reached a crisis level in Alaska, as well as across the nation.

Fetal alcohol syndrome is the No. 1 cause of mental retardation in the western world, and it is also one of the three leading causes of birth defects. Many fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects children have developmental delays, learning disabilities, hyperactivity, attention and behavior problems, physical deformities and severe health problems. These birth defects simply will never go away, and a boy born with FAS or FAE never catches up mentally or physically to normal children.

Drinking any amount of alcohol while a woman is pregnant puts her unborn baby at risk of having FAS or FAE. Why? Because when a woman drinks alcohol, her baby drinks too, because the alcohol passes directly through the placenta to her baby.

Both FAS and FAE are 100 percent preventable. When a woman doesn't drink any alcohol (beer, wine, hard liquor or wine coolers) during pregnancy, her baby will not be at risk for FAS or FAE.

There is no known safe amount of alcohol for a pregnant woman, so she should just not drink alcohol at all.

For women who are planning a pregnancy, the best defense against FAS and FAE is to stop drinking alcohol before trying to conceive. When women who drink and have an unplanned pregnancy should quit drinking as soon as they suspect they are pregnant. It is never too late to stop drinking and get help for you and your baby.

Heavy drinkers should avoid pregnancy until they think they can stay away from alcohol for the nine months from conception to birth, and longer if they plan to breastfeed their babies.

There is no known safe amount of alcohol for a pregnant woman, so she should just not drink alcohol at all. I'd like to suggest that because of the tragic consequences of FAS and FAE, that woman should be free of drinking any alcohol for a year prior to conception in order to give the child the best chance at life.

Researchers are showing that many women inadvertently drink during the first three months of

pregnancy because they don't know they are pregnant, and this is very dangerous to the unborn baby.

I know this may be quite a sacrifice, but FAS and FAE are irreversible conditions. Although FAS is totally preventable, once a child has FAS or FAE, they don't grow out of it or get better. They will always have it - the damage is permanent. Babies with FAS or FAE have the disabilities they are born with throughout their lives.

What can we do as a community? One thing that is so important is public awareness. It's not reasonable to wait until women start prenatal care to advise them against drinking alcohol during pregnancy. A woman must be reached before she becomes pregnant and be taught that if she stays away from alcohol entirely during her pregnancy, her baby will not have FAS or FAE.

We can win this battle against FAS and FAE through education, and also by family, friends and communities standing alongside

expectant mothers who are struggling with alcohol. A woman battling alcohol can be helped to maintain abstinence through the caring of others.

We must use all of our means to reach women at risk of having babies with FAS and encourage them to believe in themselves and their own worth.

If you need help or know someone who does, please call the Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 1-800-478-PREV. They can refer you to good programs that can help, or you can contact your local alcohol program or health care provider.

Also you may want to contact the Dena A-Coy pre-maternal home in Anchorage at 333-6677. They offer both residential and outpatient treatment programs for pregnant women across the state who are suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. It is a pilot federal/state program that has helped many women have healthy babies.

FAS and FAE can be a thing of the past in just one generation if women just don't drink any alcohol during pregnancy. The choices women make for their lives will affect their babies' lives forever. We must each play our part in encouraging women to have strong, healthy babies.

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ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE)

CRITERIA FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME



- Prenatal or postnatal growth retardation in weight, height and/or head circumference
- AND
- Altered morphogenesis, especially a characteristic facial dysmorphism
- AND
- Central nervous system involvement, often with mental retardation

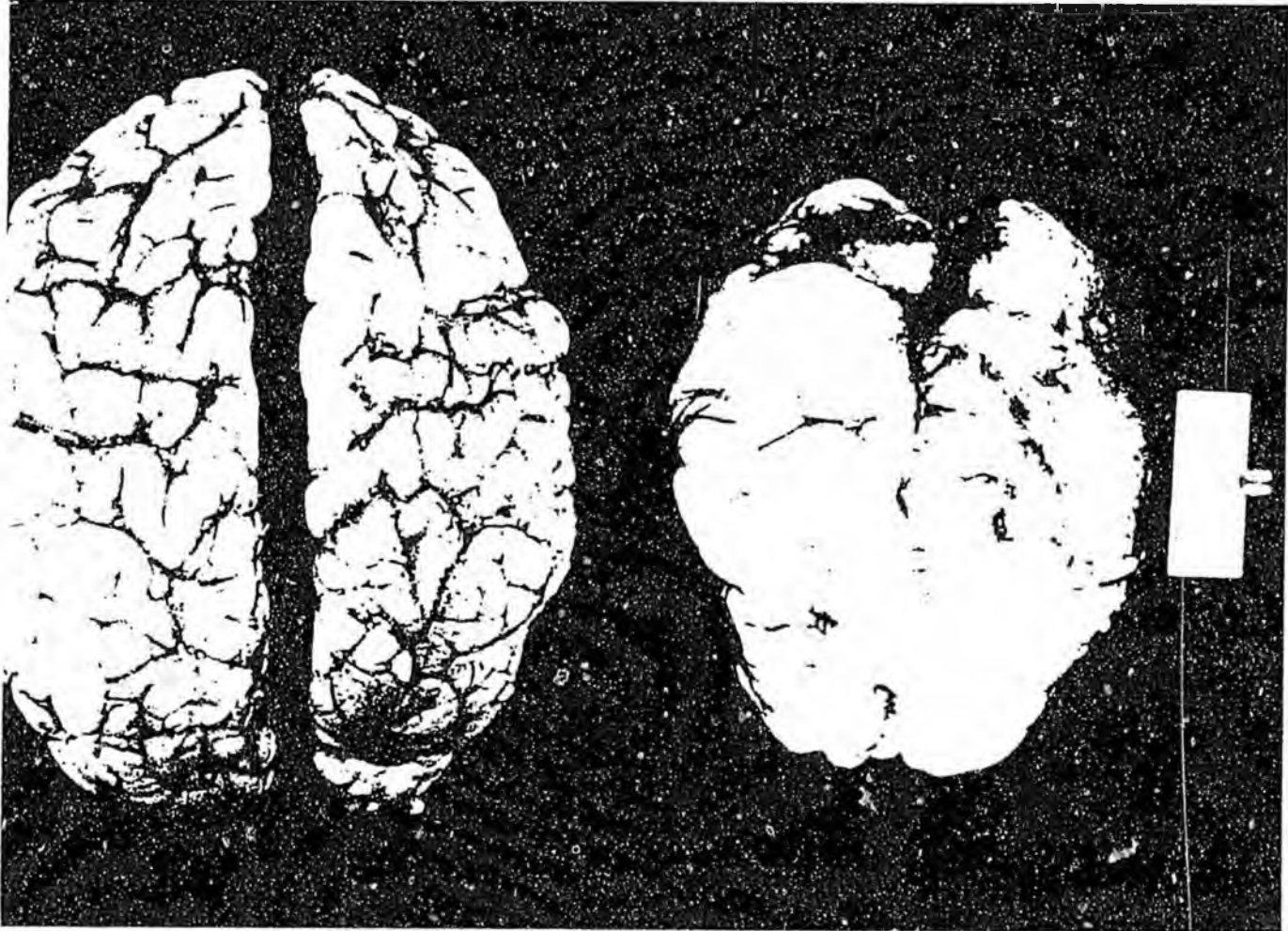
Criteria for FAS

- *growth retardation* • *abnormal facial features* • *mental retardation*

FAS Background

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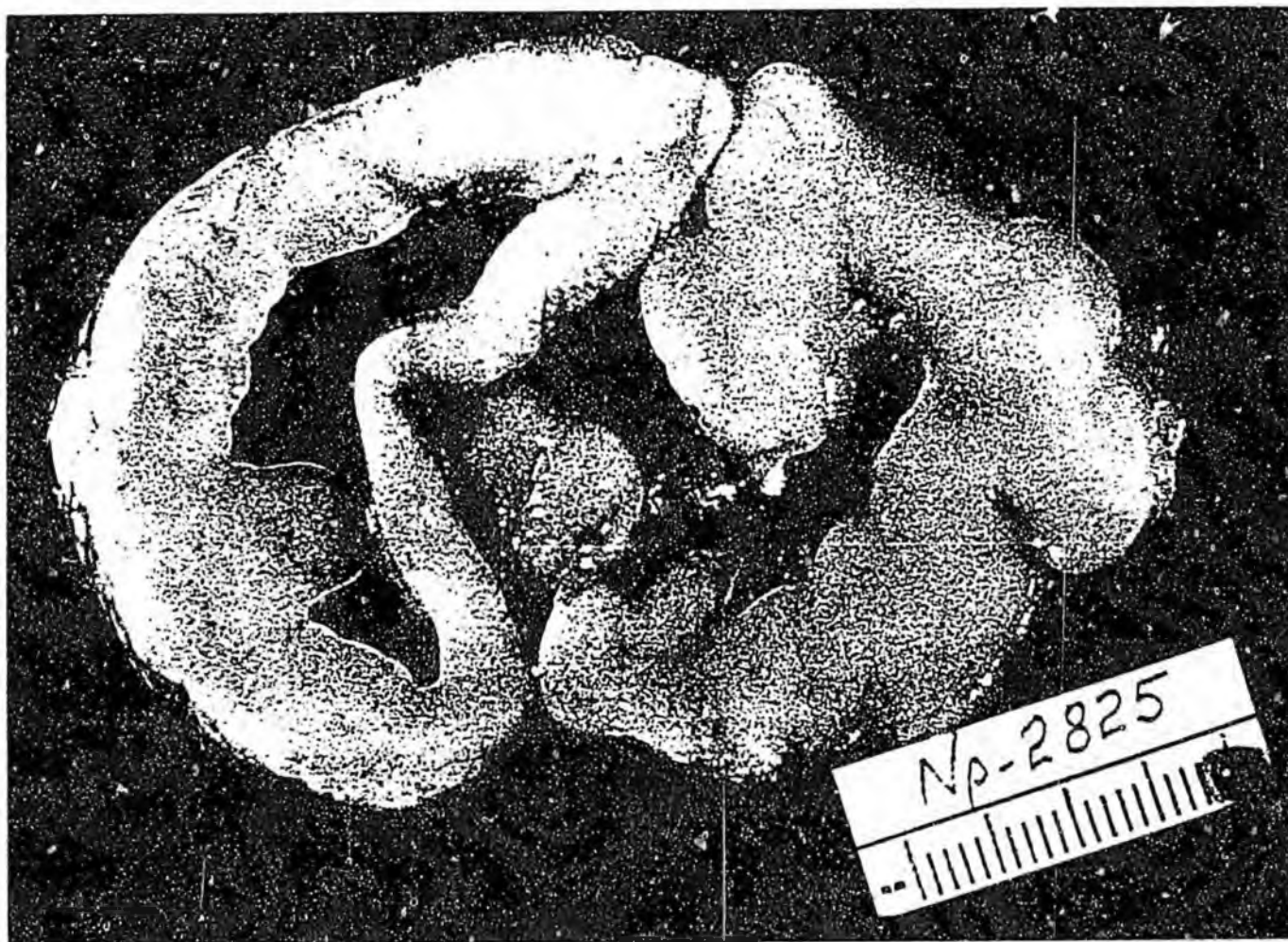


*Brains from two infants who died at 5 days.
One brain is normal, the other FAS damaged.*

The FAS brain is smaller, and deformed.

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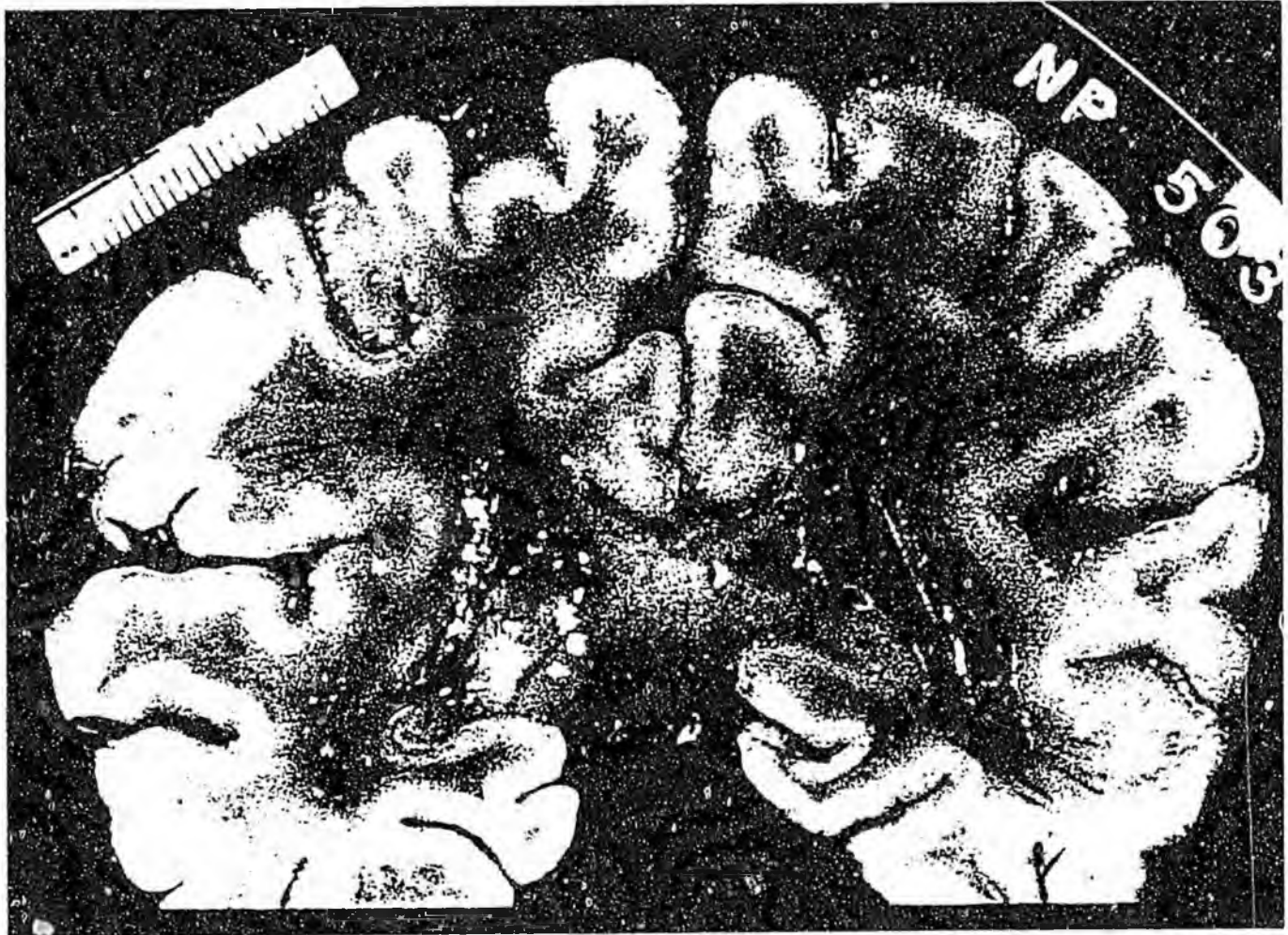
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
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A cross section of the FAS brain.

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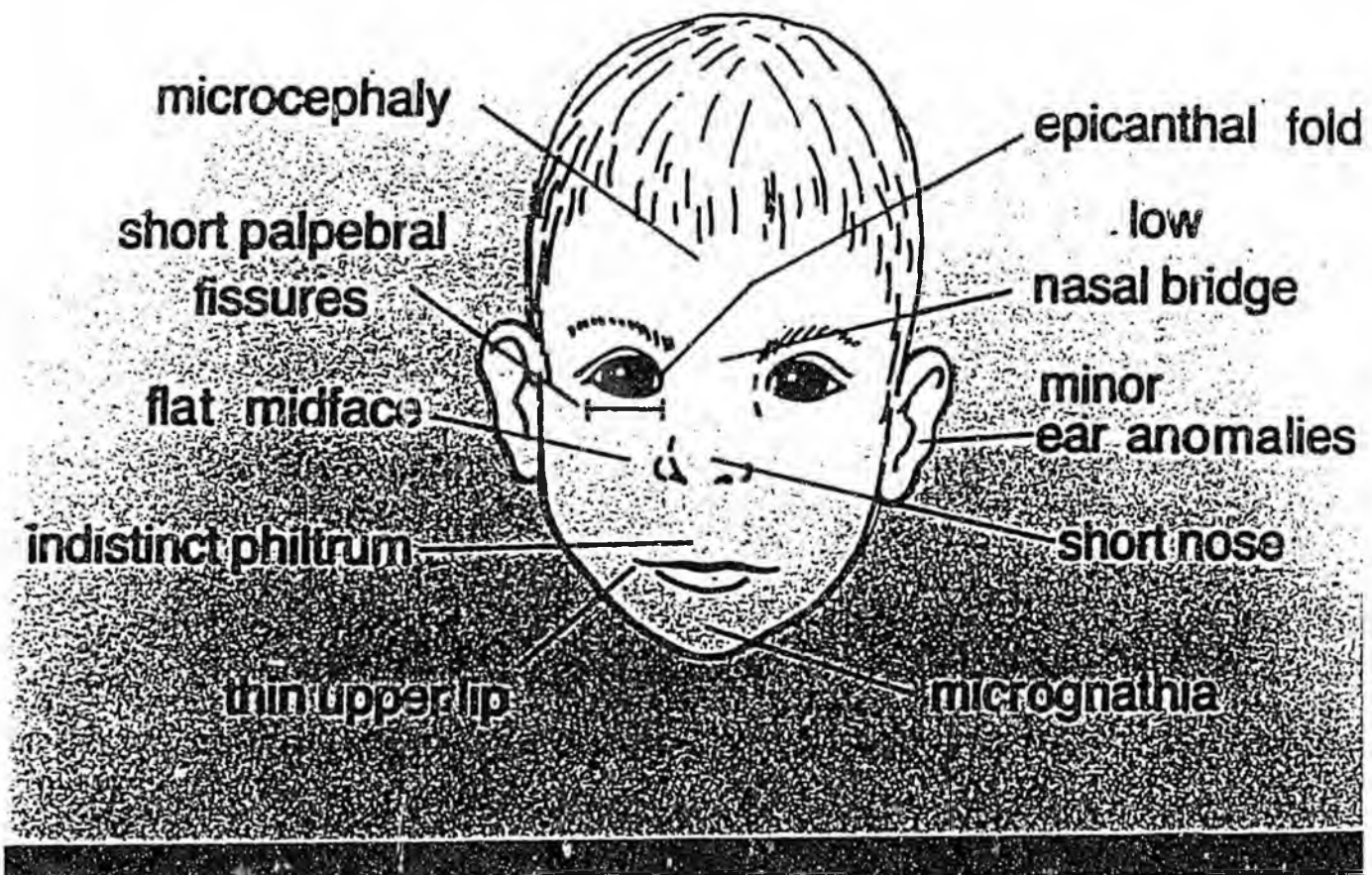
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
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A cross section of a normal brain.

ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE)



Common facial characteristics of a child with FAS.

Not all children have all abnormalities.

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ETHANOL ENTERS BREAST MILK

Concentration of ETOH in milk
 \approx concentration in maternal blood



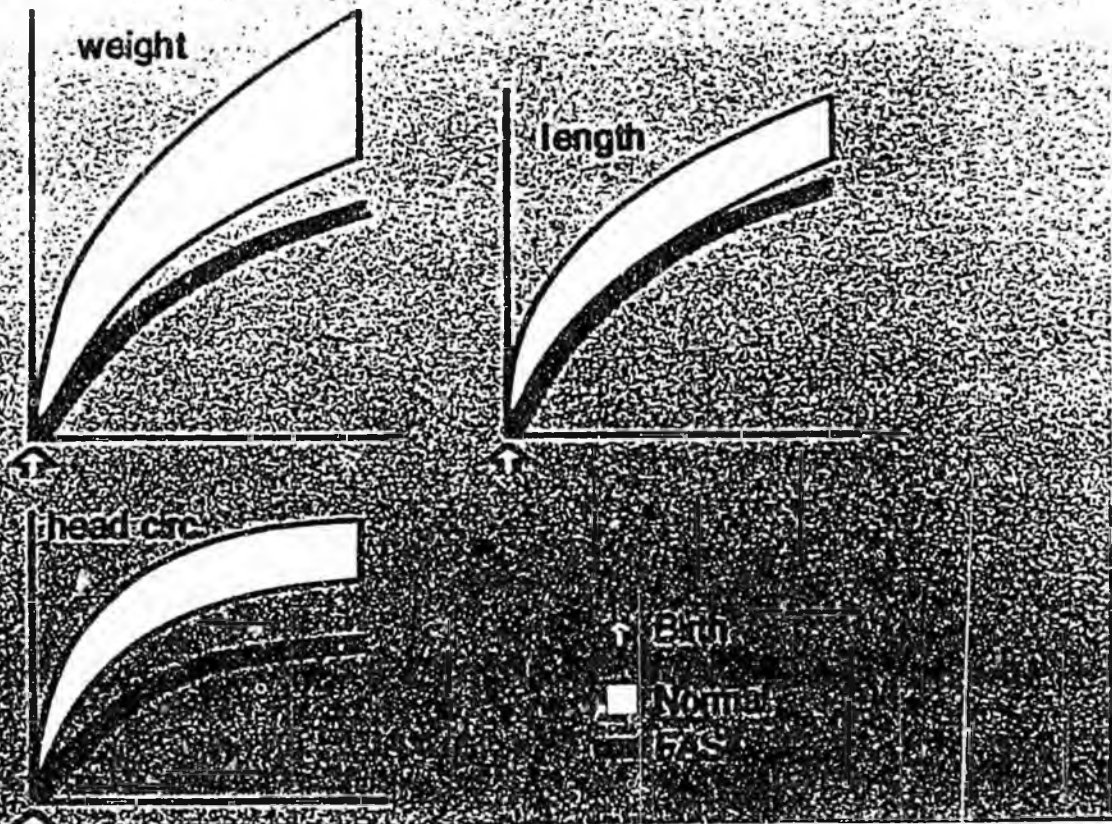
A nursing mother who drinks can also cause growth retardation and brain damage in her baby.

The alcohol level in breast milk is the same as the mother's blood alcohol level.

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GROWTH DEFICIENCY IN FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

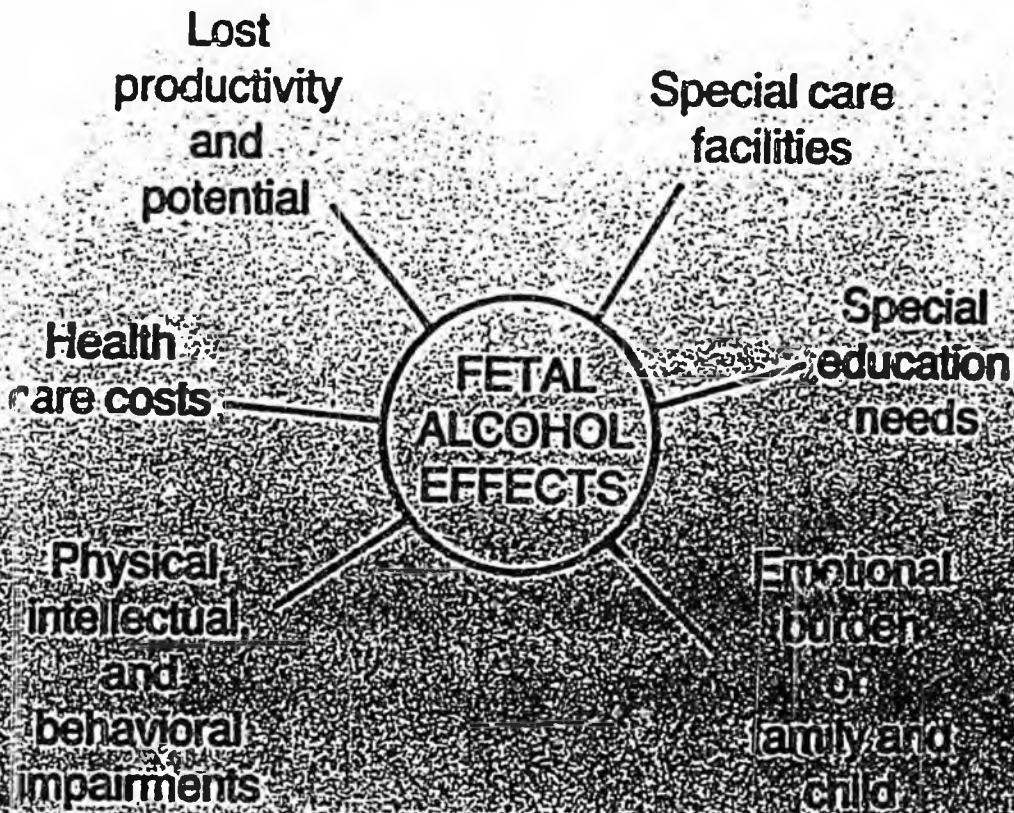


FAS children never catch up to normal children.

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TOTAL COSTS TO SOCIETY OF FETAL ALCOHOL EFFECTS



Fetal Alcohol Effects

FAE is more difficult to identify, but the effects of alcohol on these children also takes its toll.

How do you measure quality of life?

**Economic Impact of
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: February 17, 1989

SUBJECT: Economic impact of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; IR # 89-100015

An estimated 29 babies with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) are born in Alaska annually; of these 26 survive the first year. Two to 15 times this many babies are born with a lesser set of symptoms known as Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE). Babies exposed to alcohol before birth may be too small when they are born. Just ten years ago almost all low birthweight babies died at birth. Today, increasingly expensive medical technology saves the lives of four out of five but cannot correct many defects already caused by alcohol. Fifty-eight percent of both FAS and FAE patients have IQ's below 70 (classified as Developmentally Disabled). Conservatively estimated, the lifetime cost per Alaska FAS birth is \$1.4 million. Lifetime cost for Alaska FAS babies born each year is \$39.8 million.

These are selected medical and social costs only; they do not include, among other things, costs of welfare, the justice system, mild physical problems, mild learning disabilities or loss of a useful member of society.¹

A table of costs associated with FAS and FAE follows page 18 of this report.

I. BACKGROUND.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is caused when the alcohol which a pregnant woman drinks damages the brain and body of the fetus as it develops. Until 1973, alcohol was not suspected as toxic to an unborn baby. Respected medical authorities told pregnant women that the placenta protected their fetuses from harmful substances. Today we know these authorities were wrong. Babies who are exposed to alcohol before they are born can be irreversibly harmed for the rest of their lives.

The damage done by alcohol has profound implications for the victim and society. The harmful effects of alcohol on the fetus last a lifetime. A common problem is mental retardation. The average IQ of FAS patients is 66. Almost every child

¹ Harwood and Napolitano estimate direct average lifetime costs at \$405,000 per person and indirect costs at \$191,000, in 1980 dollars. Adjustment for inflation and cost of living differences (3 percent per year and 30 percent) yields direct costs of \$528,000 and indirect costs of \$249,000, for a total of \$1,010,000/person, Alaska 1989. Total costs for 29 Alaska FAS births would be \$29,290,000. (A 30 percent increase is conservative; the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that medical services increased by 83.5 percent in Anchorage between 1980 and 1988.) It should be noted that some costs in the Harwood study are much less than Alaska costs. For example, intensive care hospitalization is estimated nationwide at \$2,500 per infant v. \$120,000/year per infant in Alaska; institutionalization is estimated at \$25,000/year nationwide v. \$109,000 in Alaska.

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or adult with FAS needs lifelong care, supervision or support from family and society. Those most severely affected may spend their lives in institutions. Some suffer physical anomalies such as heart problems, cleft palate, kidney problems, blindness and deafness.

Few, if any, families can pay the enormous costs of supporting an FAS child or adult. Babies born with FAS may need intensive hospital care at birth at an average cost of \$2,400 a day. One in eight children born with FAS have cleft palates, requiring surgeries costing up to \$75,000 and long term speech therapy twice or three times a week at \$96 an hour. Fifty-eight percent of patients with FAS have IQ's below 70 and as such are classified as developmentally disabled. Cost of special education for a severely retarded child is \$20,000 a year. Average annual cost for each FAS patient in an institution is \$109,000.

Two national studies of the economic impact of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome have been published since the syndrome was discovered in 1973. Harwood and Napolitano in 1985 found the U.S. spends up to \$108.8 million a year on FAS births; Abel and Sokol in 1986 found annual costs of \$321 million a year. This report adapts the more conservative Harwood and Napolitano study to Alaska.
