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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Douglas L Rhodes
P.O. Box 110
HC01 Box 1965
Glennallen, AK 99588

Telephone: 822-3663

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

I VERY STRONGLY FEEL THIS BILL SHOULD BE APPROVED. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME IS CONFUSING, WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME.

Entered in GLN on 2/12/99 POMID: 564

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Craig Holmes
4121 Ursa Cir

Telephone: 243-1799

Anchorage, AK 99517

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE DO AWAY WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. IT IS NOT SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED. IT IS BEYOND ITS TIME.

Entered in ANC on 2/12/99 POMID: 550

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Marilyn Redd
POB 871427

Telephone: 376-2799

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

WE HAVE PLENTY OF DAYLIGHT SO WE DON'T NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

Entered in MAT on 2/10/99 POMID: 484

Distribution: 18

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Shirley Johnson
POB 670584

Telephone: 376-5408

Chugiak, AK 99567

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Entered in MAT on 2/09/99 POMID: 441

Distribution: 18

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Ralph Kilbourne
HC 30 Box 5455

Telephone: 376-4434

Wasilla, AK 99654

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Entered in MAT on 2/09/99 POMID: 440

Distribution: 18

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POM for Representative Rokeberg

From: Ms Beverly Trevino
POB 2687

Telephone: 746-4335

Palmer, AK 99645

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 **Title:** ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Entered in MAT on 2/09/99 POMID: 439

Distribution: 18

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Leland Fishback
HC 01 Bx 6050-H

Telephone: 000-0000

Palmer, AK 99645

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Entered in MAT on 2/09/99 POMID: 438

Distribution: 18

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POM for Representative Rokeberg

From: Mr. Louis R Luther
PO Box 210448

Telephone: 337-1114

Anchorage, AK 99521

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

I SUPPORT HB 4 IN CURTAILING THE USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. OTHERS WHO ARE WITH ME ALSO FEEL THE SAME WAY. IT SERVES NO GOOD PURPOSE.

Entered in ANC on 2/08/99 POMID: 398

Distribution: 40

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Ralph Kilbourne
HC 30 Box 5455

Telephone: 376-4434

Wasilla, AK 99654

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

I SUPPORT HB 4. WE DO NOT NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HERE.

Entered in MAT on 2/05/99 POMID: 387

Distribution: 26

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Susan A Miller
18722 Guillemot Cir

Telephone: 345-4444

Anchorage, AK 99518

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

**I'M STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF HB 4 FOR THE REMOVAL OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
IN ALASKA.**

Entered in ANC on 2/05/99 POMID: 367

Distribution: 40

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. John A Gibbons
843 W 11th Ave #105

Telephone: 277-3307

Anchorage, AK 99501

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

I AM IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. WE HAD IT SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ITS BEEN A PAIN IN THE REAR. I SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO IT.

Entered in ANC on 2/05/99 POMID: 355

Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr. Clarence Duncan II
811 Auk St Apt 1

Telephone: 283-3142

Kenai, AK 99611

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

WE WANT YOU TO SUPPORT HB4, REJECTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Entered in SOL on 2/05/99 POMID: 349

Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. Francena G Salvage
18722 Guillemot Cir

Telephone: 345-4444

Anchorage, AK 99516

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

ALASKA ENJOYS THAT EXTRA HOUR ON APRIL 14TH FROM THE MANDATED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME OF APRIL 4TH. OUR MECHANIC CLOCKS AND COMPUTERS WOULD NOT NEED TO BE ADJUSTED. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WAS INSTITUTED DURING WORLD WAR I TO SAVE ENERGY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT CONCEPT IS VIABLE ANYMORE.

Entered in ANC on 2/04/99 POMID: 314

Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms Cheryl Birdsell
PO Box 876535

Telephone: 746-1676

Wasilla, AK 99687

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

I SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

Entered in MAT on 2/03/99 POMID: 280

Distribution: 40

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POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr Leland Fishback
HC01 Box 6050-H

Telephone: 000-0000

Palmer, AK 99645

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Message:

I SUPPORT THIS BILL REJECTING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME USAGE. PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

Entered in MAT on 2/03/99 POMID: 279

Distribution: 40

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Message 4 out of 55.

POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Ms. AKatie OToole
13457 Diggins Dr

Telephone: 345-0872

Anchorage, AK 99515

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Bill: HB 4 Title: ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Message:

I SUPPORT HB 4. IT'S TIME TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS WE NEVER NEEDED IT IN ALASKA.

Entered in ANC on 2/03/99 POMID: 275

Distribution: 60

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Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
Mr. Mark PO Box 1308		Kelso				443-3291	
Nome	AK	99762	60				Y
01/25/1999	N	HB 4	Opposes				

I FAVOR KEEPING ALASKA ON DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE NATION IS ALREADY SOME WHAT MORE DIFFICULT, DUE TO THE TIME ZONE DIFFERENCE. PLACING ALASKA ONE HOUR FURTHER BEHIND THE OTHER 48

CONTIGUOUS STATES WOULD FURTHER EXASPERATE THIS PROBLEM. DO NOT SEPARATE ALASKA ANY MORE TIME WISE FROM THE REST OF THE NATION.

Ms. A Katie 13457 Diggins Dr		OToole				345-0872	
Anchorage	AK	99515	60				Y
02/03/1999	N	HB 4	Supports				

I SUPPORT HB 4. IT'S TIME TO ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS WE NEVER NEEDED IT IN ALASKA.

Mrs Beverly PO Box 879116		Marple				376-2282	
Wasilla	AK	99687	09				Y
02/03/1999	N	HB 4	Supports				

I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION. PLEASE HEAR IT IN COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND MOVE THIS BILL THROUGH THE PROCESS AND GET IT PASSED. PLEASE VOTE FOR IT. THANK YOU.

Ms Ronica Cavanaugh 376-3429
 PO Box 874805

Wasilla AK 99687 09 U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
 02/03/1999 C HB 4 Supports

I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL. PLEASE VOTE FOR ITS' PASSAGE. THANK YOU.

Mr Leland Fishback 000-0000
 HC01 Box 6050-H

Palmer AK 99645 40 Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
 02/03/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I SUPPORT THIS BILL REJECTING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME USAGE. PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

Ms Cheryl Birdsell 746-1676
 PO Box 876535

Wasilla AK 99687 40 Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
 02/03/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

Ms Laurie Scholberg 000-0000
 PO Box 870293

Wasilla AK 99687 11 Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
 02/03/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL WHICH ELIMINATES DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME USE IN ALASKA.

Ms Jo
PO Box 2048

Ehmann

745-8025

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Palmer

AK 99645

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Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/03/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I SUPPORT HB4.

Mr Bob
688 E Eklutna

Muncy

745-3086

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Palmer

AK 99645

11

U

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/03/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. I ALSO REJECT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

Ms. Francena
18722 Guillemot Cir

G Salvage

345-4444

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Anchorage

AK 99516

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

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Subject

02/04/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

ALASKA ENJOYS THAT EXTRA HOUR ON APRIL 14TH FROM THE MANDATED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME OF APRIL 4TH. OUR MECHANIC CLOCKS AND COMPUTERS WOULD NOT NEED TO BE ADJUSTED. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WAS INSTITUTED DURING WORLD WAR I TO

SAVE ENERGY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT CONCEPT IS VIABLE ANYMORE.

Mr. Clarence
811 Auk St Apt 1

Duncan

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283-3142

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Kenai

AK 99611

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/05/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

WE WANT YOU TO SUPPORT HB4, REJECTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Mr. John A Gibbons 277-3307
 843 W 11th Ave #105

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/05/1999	N	HB 4	Supports		60		U

I AM IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. WE HAD IT SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ITS BEEN A PAIN IN THE REAR. I SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO IT.

Ms. Susan A Miller 345-4444
 18722 Guillemot Cir

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/05/1999	N	HB 4	Supports		40		Y

I'M STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF HB 4 FOR THE REMOVAL OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN ALASKA.

Mr. Ralph Kilbourne 376-4434
 HC 30 Box 5455

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/05/1999	N	HB 4	Supports		26		Y

I SUPPORT HB 4. WE DO NOT NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HERE.

Mr. Louis R Luther 337-1114
 PO Box 210448

Date POM Sent	Constituency	Bill Number	Response	Subject	Distribution	Affiliation	Reg Voter
02/08/1999	N	HB 4	Supports		40		Y

I SUPPORT HB 4 IN CURTAILING THE USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. OTHERS WHO ARE WITH ME ALSO FEEL THE SAME WAY. IT SERVES NO GOOD PURPOSE.

Mr Rudy Trevino 000-0000
PO Box 2687
Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
Palmer AK 99645 11 U
Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/09/1999 N HB 4 Supports
I SUPPORT THIS BILL.

Mr Leland Fishback 000-0000
HC 01 Bx 6050-H
Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
Palmer AK 99645 18 U
Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/09/1999 N HB 4 Supports
ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Ms Beverly Trevino 746-4335
POB 2687
Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
Palmer AK 99645 18 U
Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/09/1999 N HB 4 Supports
ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Mr Ralph Kilbourne 376-4434
HC 30 Box 5455
Distribution Affiliation Reg Voter
Wasilla AK 99654 18 U
Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/09/1999 N HB 4 Supports
ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Ms Shirley
POB 670584

Johnson

376-5408

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Chugiak

AK 99567

18

U

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/09/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

ALASKA HAS NO NEED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Ms Marilyn
POB 871427

Redd

376-2799

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Wasilla

AK 99687

18

U

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/10/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

WE HAVE PLENTY OF DAYLIGHT SO WE DON'T NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

Ms Clarinda
512 Bailey

Wheaton

000-0000

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Palmer

AK 99645

11

U

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/11/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL. I WISH TO SEE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ELIMINATED.

Mr. Craig
4121 Ursa Cir

Holmes

243-1799

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Anchorage

AK 99517

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

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Subject

02/12/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE DO AWAY WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. IT IS NOT SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED. IT IS BEYOND ITS TIME.

Mr. Douglas L Rhodes 822-3663
P.O. Box 110
HC01 Box 1965
Glennallen AK 99588
Distribution 60 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I VERY STRONGLY FEEL THIS BILL SHOULD BE APPROVED. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME IS CONFUSING, WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME.

Mr. John R Midkiff 000-0000
C/O PO Box 110
Glennallen AK 99588
Distribution 60 Affiliation Reg Voter
Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I URGE THE ALASKA CONGRESS TO APPROVE THIS BILL. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME IS A WASTE OF TIME AND RESOURCES. THANK YOU.

Mr Justin Shively 376-9676
POB 876137
Wasilla AK 99687
Distribution 23 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/1999 C HB 4 Supports

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Ms Ardena Mongeau 746-2330
1030 W Beaver
Palmer AK 99645
Distribution 23 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/12/1999 N HB 4 Supports

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 4.

Ms. Mary Ellen Mitchell 274-4459
241 E 23rd Ave
Anchorage Anchorage AK 99503
Distribution 60 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/15/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I SUPPORT THE BILL BECAUSE I OBJECT TO THE EFFECT IT HAS ON OUR BIOLOGICAL CLOCK TWICE A YEAR.

Mr Mike Gurnett 892-8234
POB 940275
Houston AK 99694
Distribution 60 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/15/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 4. WE DO NOT NEED DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IN ALASKA. THE OTHER STATES CAN GET UP AN HOUR OR TWO EARLIER IF THEY WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN ALASKA. IT'S LIKE THE GUY IN ARIZONA WHO GOT COLD. SO HE CUT

THE FOOT OFF OF THE BLANKET AND SEWED IT ON THE OTHER END OF THE BLANKET TO MAKE IT LONGER. THANK YOU.

Ms. Dagmar J. Davis 424-3568
PO Box 192
Cordova AK 99574
Distribution 40 Affiliation Reg Voter
Y

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/16/1999 N HB 4 Supports

I URGE AND APPROVE OF THE PASSAGE OF HB4 BECAUSE IN ALASKA IT IS DAYLIGHT ALL SUMMER AND DARK IN THE WINTER.

Mr. Harry P. Curran 424-3445
PO Box 35
Cordova AK 99574
Distribution 60 Affiliation Reg Voter
U

Date POM Sent Constituency Bill Number Response Subject
02/18/1999 N HB 4 Supports

THIS IS THE SMARTEST BILL I'VE HEARD OF IN A LONG TIME. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DID SOMETHING FOR THE WORKING STIFF. I ALWAYS THOUGHT DST WAS STUPID IN ALASKA.

Ms. Rosanne
PO Box 42

M. Curran

424-7642

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Cordova

AK 99574

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/18/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

WE'D REALLY LIKE TO GET RID OF DST. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS BILL.

Mr. Harry
PO Box 42

D. Curran

424-7642

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Cordova

AK 99574

60

Y

Date POM Sent

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Subject

02/18/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DST REJECTED. IT SERVES NO PURPOSE IN ALASKA.

Mr. Charles
1731 Diomedes St

W Maxson

333-6756

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Anchorage

AK 99504

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/19/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO ABOLISH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. I HAVE MET ONLY FIVE PEOPLE IN MY WHOLE LIFE WHO THOUGHT IT MADE SENSE. MOST PEOPLE HATE IT. LET'S LEAVE THE CLOCKS ALONE AND MAYBE OTHER STATES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

Mr. Jeffrey
1201 Juneau St #3

H Fishback

258-0074

Distribution

Affiliation

Reg Voter

Anchorage

AK 99501

60

Y

Date POM Sent

Constituency

Bill Number

Response

Subject

02/24/1999

N

HB 4

Supports

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL. WE HAVE LONG NIGHTS AND LONG DAYS SO WE DON'T NEED IT UP HERE.

Subject: HB4 Daylight Savings Time Repeal

Date: Tue, 23 Feb 1999 12:05:50 -0500

From: L Willis <102763.2603@compuserve.com>

To: "Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Rep. Kohring,

I support your efforts to repeal daylight savings time. Suggest the argument to repeal include: Safety concern in spring when clocks advance causing daylight to be an hour earlier (safety issue for kids and commuters). Unnecessary stress to people adjusting to time changes. Costs associated with re-calibrating time keeping devices and schedule adjustments. Visitors and business people have to deal with time zone changes anyway. Hawaii and Arizona don't participate in daylight savings time.

Biggest argument is that Northern latitudes gain and lose light rapidly during seasonal changes. Alaska gains 1 hour of daylight in 11 days between April 3rd and 11th, even without daylight savings time. Thanks for your efforts.

L. Willis, Eagle River

Daylight Saving

Subject: Daylight Saving

Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1999 22:16:57 -0000

From: "William Wolter" <wolter@sinbad.net>

Reply-To: "William Wolter" <@sinbad.net>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Thank you very much for House Bill # 4. It's about time the right thing was done.

Subject: Daylight Saving Time

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1999 10:26:06 -0900

From: "Anne Curtis" <acurtis@alaska.net>

To: "Vic Kohring" <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Vic:

My husband, Ralph E. Mann, and I would like you to know that we are in favor of doing away with Daylight Saving Time in Alaska.

We both think you're doing such a great job in Juneau, and if you need support from Wasilla area residents on issues from time to time, just let us know. We'll try to get our sphere of influence on the band wagon when you need us. We really appreciate you!

Anne S. Curtis

MEMPRO

WEDNESDAY February 3, 1999 ☆ ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

B 9 Wednesday, February 3, 1999 FORUM / LETTERS

Reject daylight-saving time

According to the U.S. Naval Observatory and the National Weather Service, on April 3 of this year, Anchorage will enjoy 13 hours and 33 minutes of daylight. Eleven days later, on April 14, we will be blessed with 14 hours and 36 minutes, a gain of 1 hour and 3 minutes. For those who can wait 11 days, Alaska provides daylight-saving time without the jet lag.

On April 3 the sun will be at its highest point at 1:03 p.m. — an hour from noon. However, on April 4, the first day of mandated daylight-saving time, the sun will be highest in the sky at 2:02 p.m., two hours from noon. On April 4, when we “spring forward,” sunrise suddenly comes an hour later, but reveille (for workers and church attendees) suddenly comes an hour earlier, as far as your body is concerned. Similar problems occur in the fall, when the hour of sleep you “get back” is offset by having to change clocks and deal with the self-imposed stress caused when natural daylight suddenly doesn’t match the time of day.

All these blows to your biological clock (as well as your mechanical clocks and computers) are brought to you by daylight-saving time. Daylight-saving time, according Ned Rozell in his Article No. 1278 of the UAF Geophysical Institute, was a time system first used by the Germans in World War I to save energy. I am not sure how much wartime energy is saved in Alaska by use of this ridiculous concept, which Hawaii, Arizona, Puerto Rico and part of Indiana had the good sense to abandon. We should do the same! Please contact your legislator and ask him or her to support House Bill 4, “An act rejecting the use of daylight-saving time.” Thank you.

— Lynn C. Willis
Eagle River

Subject: HB-8

Date: Fri, 5 Feb 1999 21:04:30 -0900

From: "Alan Teel" <acteel@worldnet.att.net>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Vic,

My wife happened to catch a quick item on the news the other night stating that a bill is to be introduced soon in the Alaska House of Representatives and sponsored by you.

It is my understanding that this bill will propose to have the State of Alaska do away with daylight saving time and use only standard time. Hurrah for you and whoever else is supporting this action. I am wholeheartedly in favor of doing this.


For some time now, I have wished to get just such an initiative brought up but had done nothing to achieve that end and in fact did not know how to go about it. I think it is absolutely asinine to mess around with the clocks twice a year.

I hope that you will get the support you need to get this measure passed into law.

If there is something I can do here in the Valley to help achieve that goal, please advise and I will do what I can.

Sincerely, Alan C. Teel

acteel@worldnet.att.net

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cc:Mail for: Representative vic kohring

Subject: Re: Time Change Bill
From: Representative Vic Kohring 4/22/98 9:06 PM
To: cas@alaska.net at CC2MHS1

Cas:

I certainly would consider drafting legislation to eliminate Daylight Savings Time in Alaska. I too think it should go. I'll be sure to give it some further thought.

Sincerely,

Vic Kohring

Subject: Time Change Bill
From: cas@alaska.net at CC2MHS1
Date: 4/20/98 2:09 PM

Vic. . .

Would you introduce, and/or support a bill that would eliminate the yearly time change in Alaska (standard/daylight savings time), which we certainly do not need here?? We would then have the same time all year round, as for instance

Arizona and several states do.

Cas

HB

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Referred to Committee: January 21, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

of Committee Action: Feb 8, 1999

LABOR AND COMMERCE Committee considered:

HB 10

JSE BILL NO. 10

EXTEND CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES BD

Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute [] the same title [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee

[] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[X] zero fiscal note(s) DCEP

[] zero fiscal note(s) _____

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CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

Handwritten signature of the chair.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 10

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Commerce & Econ Dev.
 Title An Act extending the termination of the BRU Occupational Licensing
 Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Component Occupational Licensing
 Sponsor Representative Hudson
 Requester House Health, Education and Social Services Component Serial No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: 12.6

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 HB 10 extends the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives to June 30, 2003. Funding for continuation of the board in the amount of \$12.6 is included in the department's FY 2000 operating budget request; therefore, new funds are not needed. The program is required to cover its costs with licensing fees under AS 08.01.065, and revenue generated by board fees are anticipated to cover its full operating costs.

Prepared by Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone 465-2144
 Division Occupational Licensing Date/Time 2/3/99 1:46 PM
 Approved by Commissioner Deborah B. Sedwick Date 2/3/99
 Agency Commerce & Economic Development

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BOARD COSTS
INFORMATION

HB 10				
DIRECT COSTS			Total	AVG
FY:	97	98	DIRECT	ANNUAL
				COSTS
Personal Services	11.3	6.7	18.0	9.0
Trave;	0.7	2.6	3.3	1.7
Contractual Services	1.6	2.3	3.9	2.0
Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	13.6	11.6	25.2	12.6

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1. House Bill 10
2. Fiscal Note (A fiscal note has been requested but not received at the time packets were delivered).
3. Scheduling Request from Rep. Hudson
4. Sponsor Statement
5. Information from 1999 Boards and Commissions Book
6. "What is a Midwife" pamphlet
7. "Midwives & Birth Outcomes", State Health Notes, June 8, 1998
8. Financial Overview, 1/29/99
9. Budget Report, 12/4/98
10. Correspondence:
 - a. Charlotte Davis, CDM
 - b. Melissa Mayo, CDM, Mat-su Midwifery
 - c. Sharon K. Evans
 - d. Pam Weaver, CDM
 - e. Suzanne Hickel
 - f. Kirsten Gerrish
 - g. Holly Fair
 - h. Prudence Brown
 - i. Melissa ?Jimigo?
 - j. Lucy Viens
 - k. Kay Kanne, CDM, Juneau Family Birth Center
11. Audit Report, Legislative Audit, January 9, 1998

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Norm Rokeberg, Chair, Labor and Commerce Committee
FROM: Representative Bill Hudson *Bill*
SUBJECT: Scheduling, HB 10
DATE: January 27, 1999

I respectfully request that you schedule HB 10, "Extending the termination date of the Board of Certifies Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective date", to be heard before your committee at your earliest convenience.

This legislation was introduced last session by Senator Leman, but unfortunately did not make it through the system before the gavel fell. Since the Board is now in it's wind down year, it is important that this legislation pass this session. An early hearing would help accomplish the bill's abbreviated time schedule.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alaska State Legislature



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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 10: BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES

Ch. 130, SLA 1992 established the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives (CDM's). HB 10, if enacted, would extend the board operation for another 4 years to June 30, 2003.

The duties of this regulating board include; examining applicants and issuing certificates to qualified applicants, issuing permits to apprentice direct entry midwives, reporting annually to the Governor and the Department, and approving curricula and adopting standards for basic education, training and apprentice programs.

Alaska's infant mortality rate is even higher than the national average which ranks 22nd among developed nations. Increasing the use of midwifery services has been shown to improve birth outcomes considerably. The legislature, in a strong move of support last session, moved midwifery services up on the Medicaid eligibility list. This new listing will insure that these important services, which cost less than half of the Medical Model, will be funded.

Alaska is currently among the forerunners in the worldwide movement to establish a Midwifery Model of Care as an alternative choice to the Medical Model. The board is currently in its wind down year, so if this board is to continue its work, HB 10 must pass this session.

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is self-funded by its fees, thereby having a zero fiscal note.

STATE OF ALASKA
Boards and Commissions

MIDWIVES

BOARD: Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 172

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY: AS 08.65.010

STATUS: Active

SUNSET DATE: June 30, 1998

REQUIREMENTS: Legislative Confirmation

PROHIBITIONS: A member may serve no more than two complete consecutive terms on the board (AS 08.65.010 (d)).

TERM: 4 years

DESCRIPTION: 5 members appointed by the Governor: 2 certified direct-entry midwives; 1 physician (licensed by the State Medical Board) who has an obstetrical practice or has specialized training in obstetrics; 1 certified nurse midwife (licensed by the Board of Nursing); 1 public member.

FUNCTION: Regulates the policies and procedures for the practice of direct-entry midwifery in Alaska; controls applications, licenses, and appeals in the direct-entry midwifery profession.

CHAIR: Board selects.

SPECIAL FACTS: Members serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Board elects chair and secretary from among members to terms of 1 year. Members serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. A member who has served all or part of two successive terms on a board may not be reappointed to that board unless four years have elapsed since the person has last served on the board (AS 08.01.035).

E-mail: Pat_Park-Fisher@commerce.state.ak.us or License@commerce.state.ak.us

COMPENSATION: Standard Travel and Per Diem.

MEETINGS: Shall meet twice a year. Other mtgs as called by chair or as requested by 2 members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Park-Fisher, Division of Occupational Licensing, DCED, P.O. Box 110806 M/S 0806, Juneau, AK, 99811-0806, Phone: 907-465-2538, Fax: 907-465-2974.

STATE OF ALASKA
Boards and Commissions

Membership Roster
MIDWIVES (172)

Member	Appointed	Reappointed	Term Exp.
Marilyn Holmes Public 969 Goldbelt Avenue Juneau, AK 99801-1633	07/20/95	07/31/98	07/20/02
Kaye Kanne Certified Direct-Entry Midwife P.O. Box 22256 Juneau, AK 99802-2256	07/21/92	08/21/96	07/21/00
Martha J. Linden Certified Nurse Midwife 8331 Majestic Drive Anchorage, AK 99504-4704	11/26/97		07/21/01
Mark E. Richey Physician/OB practice or training 1200 Airport Heights Drive, Suite 205 Anchorage, AK 99508-2969	02/20/97		07/21/99
Pam Weaver Certified Direct-Entry Midwife -- Chair P.O. Box 671427 Chugiak, AK 99567-1427	07/21/92	08/21/96	07/21/00

Midwifery in the United States

Midwives are recognized throughout the world as the most appropriate maternity care provider for most women. Midwifery licensure and scope of practice in the United States is regulated by individual state laws. The following three categories of professional midwives are recognized in the United States:

Direct-Entry Midwives

"Direct-entry" midwives, who are licensed in some states, are not required to become nurses before training to be midwives. The Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) is currently accrediting direct-entry midwifery educational programs and apprenticeships in the United States. Direct-entry midwives' legal status varies according to state, and they practice most often in birth centers and in homes.

Certified Professional Midwives

Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) may gain their midwifery education through a variety of routes. They must have their midwifery skills and experience evaluated through the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) certification process and pass the NARM Written Examination and Skills Assessment. The legal status of these nationally credentialed direct-entry midwives varies from state to state. In some of the states where they are also individually licensed, midwives' services are reimbursable through Medicaid and private insurance carriers.

Certified Nurse-Midwives

Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) are educated in both nursing and midwifery. After attending an educational program accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives Certification Council (ACC), they must pass the ACC examination and can be licensed in the individual states in which they practice. Certified nurse midwives practice most often in hospitals and birth centers.



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What Is A Midwife?



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*A Midwife is
recognized throughout
the world as the most
appropriate maternity
care provider for
most women.*

A Midwife is . . .

. . . a trained professional who offers expert care, education, counseling and support to a woman and her newborn during the childbearing cycle. The midwife works with each woman and her family to identify their unique physical, social, and emotional needs. In addition, many midwives provide well-woman gynecological care and family planning services. Midwives know how to watch for and identify potential or actual complications, and they can provide emergency treatment until additional assistance is available.

What do Midwives do?

Midwives offer:

- prenatal care that promotes informed decision-making;
- choice of birth place;
- education and counseling;
- labor support, birth and postpartum care;
- support for bonding;
- examination and evaluation of the newborn;
- breastfeeding support;
- counseling in early parenting; and
- well-woman care.

Midwifery Care: Division of Expertise

Midwives are experts on normal birth; obstetricians are experts on difficult or surgical births. This division of responsibility between two strong and respected professions creates the best conditions for optimal birth care.

Midwifery care is cost-effective

Midwifery fees are typically one-third less than fees for comparable services provided by physicians; midwifery care saves money without sacrificing quality or safety.

Midwives provide personalized care

Women want more than technological care during pregnancy and birth. Midwives encourage participation by family members and provide continuous support during labor and birth. Midwives trust the birth process and affirm each individual woman's ability to give birth.

Midwives encourage informed choices

Midwives encourage women and their families to take an active part in their own health care. Pregnancy is an ideal time to educate mothers about nutrition, healthful birth practices, breastfeeding, and infant care.



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Midwifery care offers choice of birth places

Midwives practice in homes, birth centers and hospitals. Midwives support the right of parents to choose the birthplace that best suits their needs.

Midwifery care makes a difference

Midwives worldwide have an excellent record of safety with numerous studies associating midwifery care with excellent outcomes. The five nations with the world's lowest infant mortality and lowest rates of technological intervention have midwives attending 70 percent of all births without a physician in the birth room.

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• On May 28 Florida's four gubernatorial candidates took part in a forum on meeting the needs of Baby Boomers and their aging parents and of patients and families facing terminal illness. Sponsored by the Tallahassee-based Commission on Aging with Dignity, the session focused on four key issues: meeting and financing long-term care needs of the early 21st Century; improving the system of care for the seriously ill (hospice, palliative care, pain management, advance directives); helping families care for the elderly at home; and addressing the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia. For details, call (850) 681-2010.

Behavioral Health

.08 "Carrot"

Congressional conferees have scrapped a provision of the \$211 billion highway bill that would have required states to adopt a .08 percent blood alcohol content standard or lose a share of federal highway funds. Reflecting NCSL's argument against using sanctions to exact compliance with a national standard, the compromise agreed to on May 18 instead offers states with the .08 standard (15 already have such laws) a "carrot," in the form of a share of a \$500 million pot for highway construction.

Taking on Hollywood

Arizona's Department of Health Services will take its antismoking message into theaters, with six different "cinema spots" intended "to counter Hollywood's glamorization of tobacco." One spot promotes a tobacco-cessation hotline, while another targets pregnant women; others focus on spit tobacco and cigars. By June, according to a DHS release, the spots will be shown on 401 screens at 50 theaters statewide. Citing research documenting a larger role for tobacco in the movies in the 1990s, particularly among lead actors and actresses, DHS director James Allen said "the silver screen has become a smokescreen, with tobacco users frequently portrayed as powerful, in control, exciting and rebellious." That image is "particularly dangerous," he said, "because of the enormous impact of popular culture on our children."

Psychiatric Patients & Violence

Discharged mental patients who do not show signs of alcohol or drug abuse are about as safe as their nonpatient neighbors, concluded the *MacArthur Violence Risk Assessment Study*. Using data collected from police, psychiatric hospitals, patients themselves and family members, investigators followed 951 patients from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kansas City, Missouri; and Worcester, Massachusetts for a year following their hospital discharge. "There is a strong tendency for the general public to treat all people discharged from psychiatric facilities as if they were the same," study director Henry Steadman of New York-based Policy Research Associates said in a release. But, he added, important distinctions can be made among the patients—including whether they are abusing alcohol or illegal drugs—and can be "very useful in assessing which patients are at an increased risk of committing violent acts against others." For details, call (518) 439-7415.

Study on Health Benefits

The cost of behavioral health care benefits has been slashed 670 percent compared to costs for general health benefits over the past ten years, according to *Health Care Plan Design and Cost Trends: 1988 Through 1997* by the Hay Group, a Washington, D.C.-based benefits consulting firm. Commissioned by groups including the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the study also found that the value of behavioral health benefits has declined by 54 percent, compared to 7 percent for general care. According to Clarke Ross, executive director of the American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association, however, more than 20 studies contradict the Hay Group findings. In the Nov. 12, 1997 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, for example, the California-based RAND Corp. concluded that costs for 24 carve out plans "are lower [due to] reduced hospitalization rates, a relative shift to outpatient care and reduced payments per service ... [while] access to mental health specialty care increased" to 7 percent of enrollees, compared with 6.5 percent under fee-for-service plans.

Primary Care

Overworked Residents

Physicians-in-training in New York hospitals work hours that far exceed the limits set by the state Health Department, according to survey results released by the department on May 18. Despite regulations limiting working hours to no more than 80 hours per week over a four-week period, unannounced inspections of 12 teaching hospitals found that 37 percent of all residents exceeded the regulatory limits. Among surgical residents, 77 percent in New York City hospitals and 32 percent upstate worked more than 95 hours per week. "We have sent a copy of our findings to all hospitals in the state and put them on notice that unannounced state inspections will continue," Health Commissioner Barbara DeBuono said in a release. "Prompt action will be taken against any hospital found out of compliance," she promised. For more, call (518) 474-7354.

Midwives & Birth Outcomes

Certified nurse midwives have an "excellent" track record for birth outcomes—even better than physicians—and "provide a safe and viability alternative to maternity care, particularly for low- and moderate-risk women," according to a study published in the *May Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. After adjusting for a variety of social and medical risk factors, the study—conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics—found that the risk of infant death was 19 percent lower when a certified nurse midwife attended the birth than when a doctor was in attendance; in addition, neonatal mortality (deaths occurring during the first 28 days of life) was 33 percent lower and the risk of delivering a low birthweight infant was 31 percent lower when a midwife attended the delivery. The study looked at 3.9 million single vaginal births at 35 to 43 weeks gestation; higher-risk Caesarian deliveries and multiple births were not included. Overall, 94.7 percent of births in the U.S. in 1991 (the study year) were attended by physicians, compared with 4.1 percent by certified nurse midwives.

CERTIFIED DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
FY 96 - FY 99

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Certified Direct Entry Midwives		(PJ 28009/LC 08000153/154/155)					
Based on CURRENT FEES							
COST OVERVIEW:		FY 97	FY 98	FY 97/98 Total	FY 98/99 PROJECTION	FY 98/99 Projection	
OCCUPATION Direct Expenses		4,194	2,598	6,792	Total FY 97 + FY 98	6,792	
PROGRAM Direct Expenses		9,470	8,797	18,267	Total FY 97 + FY 98	18,267	
DIVISION Indirect Expenses		1,222	938	2,160	FY 98 x 2 years	1,876	
Sub-Total Expenses:		14,886	12,333	27,219		26,935	
Cost Savings Adjustments		(See below for explanation)				-262	
Expense Adjustments		AS/CO Misc. Costs (\$66.8) x 2 years			133,200	0.06%	80
Direct Program Increment Expenses	FY 95-FY 98				0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES:		14,886	12,333	27,219	Projected Expenses:	26,753	
TOTAL REVENUE:		22,790	5,025	27,815	Projected Revenue:	30,550	
EXPENSES Less REVENUE:		7,904	-7,308	596	Projected Exp less Rev:	3,797	
Roll-Forward Tracking:	0	7,904	-7,308	596	0% Roll Forward Applied:	0	
					PROJECTED BALANCE:	3,797	
					PROJECTED ROLL FORWARD:	3,797	
A) Cost Savings Adjustments consists of:							
- Reduce One-time Computer Equipment Purchase							
\$185,479.65 x program percentage 0.06%, x 2 yrs	222.58	111.29	yr.				
- INDIRECT CLEAR Registration fees (FY 97)							
\$8,100 x pgm percentage 0.06%, x 2 yrs	9.72	4.86	yr.				
- Hearing Examiner cost savings (FY 96/97)							
\$50,263.00 x program percentage 0.06%	30.16						
	\$ 262.46						

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

BUDGET REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES

As of December 4, 1998

Direct Entry Midwives (In Thousands)		FISCAL YEAR 1995	FISCAL YEAR 1996	FISCAL YEAR 1997	FISCAL YEAR 1998
PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENSES (71000)	Direct	18.7	15.5	11.0	8.7
	Indirect	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
	Total:	\$17.2	\$16.0	\$11.7	\$7.4
Personal service expenses are employee salaries and benefits. In Fiscal Year 1994 the Division began using detailed time sheets to record actual time spent on the various licensing areas.					
TRAVEL EXPENSES (72000)	Direct	1.4	2.3	0.7	2.6
	Indirect	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total:	\$1.4	\$2.3	\$0.7	\$2.6
Travel expenses include transportation, food and lodging for board meetings, complaint investigations, disciplinary hearings and national meetings.					
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES EXPENSES (73000)	Direct	19.4	1.1	1.1	2.3
	Indirect	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
	Total:	\$19.6	\$1.2	\$1.4	\$2.5
Contractual services are services purchased from sources outside the Division and include telephone calls, postage, expert witnesses and Department of Law legal work, and other costs.					
SUPPLIES EXPENSES (74000)	Direct	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Indirect	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total:	\$0.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Supply expenses include paper, envelopes, cassette tapes, and other office supplies.					
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES(75000)	Direct	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Indirect	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
	Total:	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.1
Equipment expenses include purchase and repair of computers, software, copy machines, telephones and other office equipment.					
Total Direct:		\$37.8	\$18.9	\$12.8	\$11.6
Total Indirect:		\$0.7	\$0.6	\$1.1	\$1.0
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$38.5	\$19.5	\$13.9	\$12.6
TOTAL REVENUE:		12.0	4.2	22.8	5.0
BALANCE (Revenue - Expenses) :		(\$26.5)	(\$15.3)	\$8.9	(\$7.6)

This chart shows the figures in the state accounting system on the day the chart was prepared.

Some bills are not received and entered in the system for several months after the expense occurs.

Direct costs are expenditures which can be specifically attributed to distinct occupations. Indirect costs are collective expenses which are shared equally by all division license holders on a per capita basis.

Fiscal Years for Alaska's state government begin July 1 and end June 30.

Figures are in thousands of dollars and are rounded to the nearest hundred. For example, \$1.3 means \$1,300.00.

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Dear legislators

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I support the Bill to retain the midwifery board. They are a necessary representation for direct entry midwives. I support our licensing fees so we can have a board that is headed. Thank you!
Charlotte M. Davis DM

FROM _____

FAX _____ PHONE _____

FAX

FEB 03 1999

Mat-Su Midwifery
2650 Broadview Ave., Wasilla, AK 99654
907-373-3420 fax 907-376-7847

February 2, 1999

Dear Representative Hudson:

I support continuing the Midwifery Licensing Board. I am a licensed midwife and believe midwifery is profession that is growing. I believe the Board is a viable and-effective means of governing the profession. Even though our licensing fees are high the Board is self supporting.

Please support our efforts to extend the Licensing Board. Please support House Bill 10, not only in behalf of the profession, but for the sake of the families choosing to use midwives for their pregnancy and childbearing care.

Sincerely,

Mejissa A. Mayo, CDM

FEB 03 1999

Sharon K. Evans
PO Box 140028, Anchorage, AK 99514
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February 2, 1999

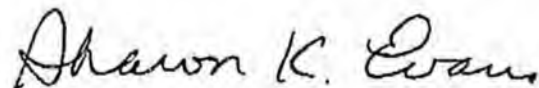
Dear Representative Hudson:

I am writing in support of the continuance of the Midwifery Licensing Board. As a licensed midwife, I believe having a Licensing Board is a viable, cost-effective means of governing our profession. Even though our licensing fees are high, I feel it is worth it to have a Board that is self-supporting.

As a parent and grandmother, I see the importance of midwives continuing to be held accountable to the Licensing Board as well as to one another. This is extremely important for the protection of the Alaskan public.

Please support our efforts to extend the Licensing Board. Please support House Bill 10, not only in behalf of the profession, but for the sake of the families choosing to use midwives for their pregnancy and childbearing care.

Sincerely,



Sharon K. Evans
Midwife

FEB 03 1999

POB 671427
Chugiak, Alaska 99567

February 2, 1999

Dear Representative Hudson,

Thank you on behalf of the Alaska Certified Direct-entry Midwives (CDMs) for introducing HB 10. We sincerely appreciate your efforts and those of your staff.

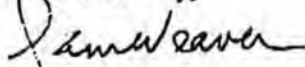
As a practicing midwife, I surely hope the board continues to govern the profession. As a member of the licensing board since its inception, I would like to point to the auditors' report which recommends that the board be extended for 6 years.

I also serve as a member of the North American Registry of Midwives (the national certification board), as liaison to state agencies and legislatures around the country. From this position, it's easy to compare Alaska's regulation of direct-entry with other states. The states with licensing boards with composition comparable to ours are the states where midwifery flourishes as a mainstream, cost-effective healthcare alternative for thousands of low risk women. The Midwifery Model of Care in out-of-hospital settings is a rising trend nationally as well as here in Alaska. The best means of addressing the issue of public safety for birth centers and homebirth is for the profession to continue to be governed by the licensing board established by AS 08.65.010.

There is concern by some for the CDM licensure fees. While the fees are high, the midwives understand that the board must be selfsufficient and are willing to pay the price as the cost of sustaining the profession, understanding that the fees will drop as the number of midwives increases. Further, I understand from discussions with Catherine Reardon, Director of Occupational Licensing, that eliminating the board would have little impact on reducing the licensure fees.

Again, thank you for your efforts with HB 10. I would welcome a call from you or your staff if I can be of any assistance.

Most sincerely,



Pam Weaver, CDM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucy Davis

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I am an Alaska Certified Direct-Entry Midwife (CDM) practicing here in Juneau. I have served on the CDM licensing board since it was created in 1992. I have practiced midwifery in Juneau for 15 years and last April opened a free standing, non-profit birth center in Juneau.

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Sincerely,

Kaye Karne
Kaye Karne, CDM

Certified Direct-Entry Midwives & Apprentices

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February 8, 1999

Dear Representative Hudson:

I am writing to communicate my concerns regarding HB 10 and the sunset clause on the State Midwifery Board. Since the Board's inception in 1992 it has made a significant contribution to midwifery care resulting in high standards in the profession. We don't want to lose the representation of the State Licensing Board.

We realize the licensing fees are high but we are not complaining. We need our board and are willing to continue paying these fees, it is worth it to the midwives and our profession. The midwifery profession is growing in the State of Alaska and the demand for midwifery care is increasing. Because we are now able to bill for Medicaid we can reach even more people.

It is the desire of the Midwives Association of Alaska that the State Midwifery Board continue.

Sincerely,

Dana Brown, President
Midwives Association of Alaska

Kaye Kanne, CDM
Juneau Family Birth Center
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Testimony for House Labor and Commerce Committee regarding HB10

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Audit Report

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
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DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF CERTIFIED
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Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 of the Alaska Statutes, the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES

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The objective of the audit was to determine whether the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives should continue its existence. Currently Alaska Statute 08.03.010(c)(8) has the board scheduled for termination on June 30, 1998. If no action is taken by the legislature, the board has one year in which to conclude its affairs and will be dissolved on June 30, 1999. We recommend that the legislature extend the board's termination date to June 30, 2004.

This report does not include a response from the state agency responsible for the program's administration. This is an exception to generally accepted government auditing standards.

With the exception noted in the previous paragraph, the audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and recommendations presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology section of this report.

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Pat Davidson, CPA
Acting Legislative Auditor

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

In accordance with the intent of Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives to determine if it should continue in existence.

As required by statute, the legislative committee of reference is to consider this report as part of the oversight process in determining whether the board should be reestablished. The law currently specifies that the board will terminate on June 30, 1998 and will have one year from that date to conclude its affairs.

The major areas of our review were board proceedings, examination, licensing, investigations, and licensing/fee structure as it relates to financial self-sufficiency of the board. We reviewed and evaluated the following:

1. Applicable statutes and proposed regulations.
2. Tests of files and documents of licensees.
3. Interviews with employees of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing.
4. Interviews with research staff at the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services.
5. Minutes of board meetings, annual reports, and budget documents.
6. Complaints filed with the Division of Occupational Licensing, the Ombudsman's Office closed case files, and the Department of Law.
7. Discussions with board members and licensees.

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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

Chapter 130, SLA 1992 established the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives effective June 26, 1992. While there was no intent statement attached to the legislation, the prime sponsor of the bill testified during committee meetings as to his intention in sponsoring the legislation. He stated the legislation was intended to protect the health and safety of the public by separating midwives who choose to take training and become licensed from those who choose not to meet the stricter qualifications.

According to the sponsor, insurance companies will pay for midwife services only if they are properly licensed and certified. He testified that a board is needed to "*develop strict regulations and monitor professional practice by peer review and education. Certified, licensed, high-quality care would be available to Alaskans who either prefer home births or are denied financial or geographic access to physicians' care.*" The sponsor also identified midwife care as one way to reduce health care costs and related health insurance premiums.

The board promotes the public's health, safety, and welfare by establishing educational, experience, and continuing education requirements for licensed midwives. These requirements are intended to provide assurance that licensed individuals provide a minimum standard of care. However, the statutes allow for midwife services to be provided by unlicensed individuals. As stated in AS 08.65.150 the differentiation is that those not certified under Chapter 65 (Direct-Entry Midwives) "*may not practice midwifery for compensation.*"

Membership on board

As set out in AS 08.65.010, the board is composed of five members (see inset at right). By statute, board membership consists of two direct-entry midwives certified in Alaska, one physician who has an obstetrical practice or has specialized training in obstetrics and is licensed by the State Medical Board in Alaska, one certified nurse midwife licensed by the Board of Nursing in Alaska, and one public member. The members are appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the legislature in joint session. Once appointed, the members serve staggered terms of four years.

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Members

Pam Weaver, Certified Direct-Entry Midwife,
Chairperson
Marilyn Holmes, Secretary, Public Member
Kaye Kanne, Certified Direct-Entry Midwife
Martha J. Linden, Certified Nurse Midwife
Dr. Mark E. Richey, Physician

Duties of the board

The board responsibilities under AS 08.65.030 include:

1. Examining applicants and issuing certificates to those applicants it finds qualified;
2. Adopting regulations establishing certification and certificate renewal requirements;
3. Issuing permits to apprentice direct-entry midwives;
4. Holding hearings and ordering the disciplinary sanction of a person who violates statute or regulation regarding direct-entry midwives;
5. Supplying forms for applications, licenses, permits, certificates, and other papers and records;
6. Reporting annually to the governor and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) on the board's proceedings during the year;
7. Approving curricula and adopting standards for basic education, training, and apprentice programs; and
8. Approving education, training, and apprentice programs that meet the requirements of statute and the board, and denying, revoking, or suspending approval of programs that fail to meet the requirements.

Duties of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development

DCED provides administrative and investigative assistance to the board (AS 08.01.050). This assistance is funded by licensing and application fees as appropriated by the legislature. Administrative assistance includes budgetary services and functions such as: collecting fees, maintaining files, receiving and issuing application forms, and publishing notice of examinations and meetings. On its own initiative, or in response to a complaint, DCED may conduct an investigation if it appears a person has engaged in or is about to engage in a practice over which DCED has authority. DCED can issue an order that the person stop the practice, bring an action in Superior Court to enjoin the act, examine the books and records of a person, and issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and records.

REPORT CONCLUSION

As set out in AS 08.03.010(c)(8), the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is presently scheduled for termination on June 30, 1998. The board has one year in which to conclude its affairs if the legislature does not enact legislation for the continuance of the board.

The regulation and licensing of qualified professionals is necessary to promote the public's health, safety, and welfare. The board provides this service by establishing minimum educational, experience, and continuing education requirements that provide reasonable assurance that licensed individuals provide a minimum standard of care. Active investigation of complaints and revocation or suspension of licenses assure licensed professionals act in a competent manner.

Creation of the board has served as a means to make people practicing midwifery aware of the level of experience and education expected of them. Also, by having a board, individuals in the midwifery practice can now be held accountable to an established standard of care. Elimination of the board would likely result in the same lack of oversight that existed prior to the creation of the board in 1992. The board has displayed an ability to conduct its business in a professional, competent, and efficient manner. The board continues to propose changes to statute and regulation to improve its effectiveness.

In our view, the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is operating in an efficient and effective manner and should continue. We believe the board is safeguarding the public interest by promoting the competence and integrity of those who hold themselves out as licensed midwives or midwife apprentices. We recommend that the legislature extend the board's termination until June 30, 2004.

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AUDITORS COMMENTS

High fees a barrier to entry

Due to the fees charged for licensure, continued licensing of Direct-Entry midwives is problematic over the long term. The licensing fees required of midwives are higher than those of any other licensed profession, except one.¹ Licensure costs have increased from an original two-year fee of \$350 to \$1,000 for the current biennial period. Additionally, prospective license fees due at the end of 1998 for the next biennial licensing period, will probably be even higher since the number of new midwife applicants to date have been less than expected. The fees are relatively higher because of the limited number of licensed midwives, and the statutory requirement that licensing fees be set at a level sufficient to cover the regulatory costs for the occupation.

As of July 1997, there were only 15 licensed Certified Direct-Entry Midwives (CDMs), and 5 apprentice midwives. These 20 licensed individuals were required to cover estimated biennial operating costs of almost \$31,000 — a relatively modest operational cost for a licensing board. AS 08.01.065 requires the licensed CDMs, like all professions, to cover these operational costs.

There is some concern given the market situation for many CDMs, that high licensing fees serve as a barrier to entry into the profession. The fees may be required to be set so high, that they prove to be a significant disincentive for qualified individuals to seek licensure as a CDM. As a result, the public policy benefits that were attributed to developing a licensure process for midwives when the board was created in 1992, may be compromised in total or in part if the already high fees continue to increase.

In July 1997 the director of the Division of Occupational Licensing wrote all licensed midwives soliciting their perspective on alternatives to the high fee structure faced by CDMs. These options, presented in full in the inset on the following page, ranged from disbanding the board altogether, to seeking a general fund appropriation to subsidize the operations of the board. From our review of the options, we could not identify any particular choice that we believe more advantageous than the other. Further, no preference or other suggestions were expressed or offered in discussions with selected board members nor were written comments received from licensees.

¹ The Board of Marine Pilots charges \$4,500 for a biennial license, and had 84 license holders at the end of FY 97. The board has a full time licensing supervisor to support its activities. Because of the structure of the market for marine pilot services, this large fee has not appeared to be too onerous of a charge for most marine pilots. By way of further comparison, biennial renewal fees for physicians and dentists are \$180 and \$250 respectively.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER SETS OUT EIGHT OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD AND ALL LICENSED CDMs

In a July 7, 1997 letter to all licensed Certified Direct-Entry Midwives (CDMs), the director of Occupational Licensing set out eight options for consideration and discussion. Presented below is an excerpt of the letter. The director, before presenting the following discussion did write, "I am not advocating any of these changes, but am simply setting them out for discussion."

1. Eliminate state licensing of CDM's by repealing the licensing law. All licenses fees would be eliminated . The results could be danger to public health from untrained midwives, elimination of insurance coverage for midwifery services, or the determination that lay midwifery for compensation is an illegal practice of medicine.
2. Eliminate the board and transfer all responsibility for regulation to the Division of Occupational Licensing. The cost of travel to board meetings (\$1,500—\$2,500/year) and staff work-related to meetings would be eliminated. Department staff would write regulations instead of experienced CDM's. . . . Overall savings may be minimal.
3. Create a board which licenses several health care professions to increase the number of board licensees. The medical and nursing boards may not be comfortable locations for CDM's. Professions such as naturopathy and acupuncture do not currently have boards, so their fees would increase if they shared board meeting costs with CDM's. CDM's could see a slight decline in fees related to board meeting travel and meeting staff work as these costs would be spread among all board license holders. An increase in the membership, number, or length of board meetings could offset that savings. . . .
4. Base fees on the number of babies delivered by a specific midwife instead of charging all midwives the same license fee. Overall expenses and revenue would remains the same, but fees would vary substantially depending on the amount of activity/income of each CDM. Since the number of births was known, the Division and Board would face the challenge of dealing with CDM's who fail to pay.
5. Pay some costs of regulating midwives with General Fund money from the state treasury instead of license fees. The Governor and the Legislature would have to cut other state programs or increase the state budget deficit. This is very difficult in a time of oil revenue decline and budget reduction.
6. License CDM's annually instead of biennially. This would increase the amount of staff time spent on license renewal, but would all CDM's to pay half the fee each year.
7. Reduce employee costs. The CDM program is staffed by a licensing examiner and investigator who bill midwives only for those hours they spend on regulation [of] your profession. Division salaries and benefits are set in union contracts. If staff duties remain the same, personnel costs will not decrease
8. Increase the number of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives. While the Division cannot contribute a great deal to this goal, license fees would be lower if there were more people to split the costs of regulation.

Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement was a factor behind creating the board — however, services continue to be nonreimbursable

Prior to establishment of a CDM board, midwives registered with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). This registration function did not satisfy the federal regulatory requirements requiring licensure of practice in accord within a "scope of practice." Creation of the board, and subsequent adoption of licensing regulations satisfied this requirement. As such, midwife services could now be covered under the Medicaid program, which was part of the motivation for originally establishing the board.

Circumstances brought on by funding decisions by the legislature have served to deny Medicaid reimbursement for midwife services.² An estimated 40% of the births in the State are covered by Medicaid. This excludes independently operating CDMs from providing services for payment to a significant number of individuals. In the view of board members we interviewed, this exclusion from Medicaid reimbursement is a central factor in limiting the number of individuals seeking licensure as CDMs.

At the request of DHSS Commissioner Perdue, Division of Medical Assistance personnel and representatives from the Midwives Association of Alaska met to discuss the options and obstacles in obtaining Medicaid reimbursement for midwives. Five Medicaid coverage options and the estimated cost of each were discussed. A synopsis of this analysis may be obtained from DHSS.

Concluding observations and comment

In 1992, the legislature approved establishment of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives without a dissenting vote. Such a vote suggests the legislature accepted and was in full agreement regarding the prospective public policy benefits that such a board licensing structure would provide. However, since the board was established, circumstances have developed that have limited realization of those perceived public policy benefits.

In order to better accomplish the public policy benefits of the board or licensure of midwives, the legislature should consider the various policy options related to both license fee costs and Medicaid reimbursement. Such consideration may require a reevaluation of the established self-sufficiency policy for occupational boards in addition to developing an avenue to allow Medicaid reimbursement for midwifery services. While each of these options has a varying fiscal impact, such actions may be necessary in order to provide greater opportunity and incentive for individuals to become a member of the direct-entry midwife profession.

² Under federal regulations a state can offer reimbursement under Medicaid for medical or other remedial care provided by licensed practitioners within the scope of practice defined under state law. In Alaska, the legislature retains control over what optional groups of people and services are covered under Medicaid. The legislature has chosen to prioritize optional groups of people and services within state law so that the Department of Health and Social Services is given specific guidance over what groups and services are to be excluded from coverage when Medicaid funding is insufficient to cover the full program costs. In 1993 CDM services were made eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

The legislature added the services to the optional service provider list set out in AS 47.07.030 for the Medicaid program. Because of federal requirements, midwives were delayed in fully qualifying for Medicaid reimbursement until May 1994. However, for the FY 95 budget, midwives through legislative intent, were eliminated from receiving Medicaid reimbursement. In FY 98, the legislature provided funding for a limited number of optional services, however, midwifery services remain unfunded.

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ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

Limited Analysis

The following analyses of board activities relate to the public need factors defined in the "sunset" law, Alaska Statute (AS) 44.66.050. These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but address those areas we were able to cover within the scope of our review.

The extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives (CDM) has served the public by examining and licensing qualified applicants, and by proposing changes to statute and regulation in order to enhance the quality of midwifery care in Alaska.

The board developed regulations to establish a peer review committee to review birth summaries and other required medical records to determine if the midwife acted in accordance with regulations and statutes governing CDMs.

The board is currently developing a handbook for applicants, licensees, new board members, and other interested individuals. The handbook will outline the functions of the board as well as clarify licensing requirements, costs and deadlines of the review, and licensing process.

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.

General licensing statutes require that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development adopt regulations that establish the amount of fees to be charged to licensees of an occupation. The department must adopt fees that provide for financial self-sufficiency. Additionally, the department must perform an annual review to determine whether the financial self-sufficiency requirement has been met.

The licensing fees for the midwifery profession have increased twice since the inception of the board and it is facing another potential increase. The biennial licensing fee has increased from \$350 to \$850 to \$1,550 over the course of four years. The current number of licensed midwives is fifteen. The most recent budget documents were based on optimistic estimates that a small increase in licensees would occur; however, to date this increase has not materialized.

Appointment of the physician board member was not made in a timely manner. This seat was vacant from April 1995 through February 1997. The original physician appointed board member was absent from three meetings immediately preceding his resignation. The newly appointed physician board member was unable to attend the first meeting after his appointment. These circumstances resulted in eight consecutive board meetings being conducted, over a four year period, without benefit of physician representation on the board, as required by statute.

The board failed to meet twice annually as required by AS 08.65.020. In FY 96 the board cancelled their second regularly scheduled meeting due to a lack of pressing business and in an effort to be financially prudent. This cancellation had no significant impact to the board.

Submission of the FY 95 annual report was untimely. The board is required to submit their annual report to the department by August 1; however, the department did not receive the FY 95 annual report until mid-November. Due to the untimely submission, the report was excluded from the department's *Boards, Commissions, and Licensing Programs Annual Performance Reports* publication.

The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes that are generally of benefit to the public interest.

The board has proposed that CDMs be added to the definition of "health care provider" as used at AS 18.23.070(3). This statute assures the confidentiality of client records reviewed in the course of a professional peer review process. Currently, peer review regulation does not provide for confidentiality of client records. Alaska Statute 18.23.070(3) defines "health care provider" and applies to confidentiality of records of review organizations. Inclusion of CDMs to the definition of "health care provider" under AS 18.23.070(3) will ensure the necessary confidentiality of client records.

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 that it has provided.

The location, date and time of board meetings and examinations are published in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau newspapers so that interested public members can attend or make written comment. The department has established a policy and procedure regarding public notices that defines adequate public notice for each specific event such as regularly scheduled meetings, examinations, and unplanned teleconferences. We reviewed advertising orders for the period under review and determined that two exam dates failed to be published timely in any of the three newspapers.

As discussed in the Auditor Comments section of the report, the Director of Occupational Licensing wrote all licensed CDMs in July 1997 to solicit feedback regarding the various options for addressing concerns over the relatively high CDM license fees. The letter, presented in part on page 8 discussed eight prospective options for consideration and discussion by licensees.

The extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

Public notices of proposed regulations are published in major newspapers. As previously mentioned, regularly scheduled meetings and exams were adequately advertised except as noted above, and time was set aside for public testimony.

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.

Overall, the investigation of complaints against licensees received by the Division of Occupational Licensing is effective; however, timeliness is a concern. Factors contributing to lengthy closure times include case load and priority assignment. For the period under review, three investigative cases were opened. Two cases involved allegations of unprofessional conduct; one involved allegations of practicing without a license. Two cases were closed without a formal hearing and without license action. One case remains open as of the date of this report.

There were no complaints filed with the Office of the Ombudsman for the period under review.

The extent to which the board or commission which regulates entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

Overall, the application process for certified direct-entry midwife licensure appears reasonable and appropriate. The licensing process is neither unduly restrictive nor too lax.

At the end of FY 97, the board had issued a total of 23 CDM licenses (currently 15 active) and 15 CDM-Apprentice permits (currently 5 active). We reviewed twelve license applications; seven CDM and five CDM-Apprentice. We found no errors during our review. We believe that the licensing criteria established by the board is reasonable and appropriate.

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.

We found no evidence that the board was not complying with state personnel practices, including affirmative action, in qualifying applicants. The application for CDM licensure requires a photograph of the applicant. We determined that the photograph is not available for viewing when the board review an application for licensure. Each time the board has denied an applicant a license the reason has been based on experience requirements and not personal attributes of the applicant.

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.

See Auditor Comments section of this report.

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APPENDIX A
Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
Application, License, and Other Fees³

Application and Other Fees⁴

Type of Fee	Amount
Application	\$400
Examination fee	\$300

License Fees

License Category	Initial and Biennial Renewal Fee ⁵
Direct-Entry Midwife Certification	\$1,550
Apprentice Direct-Entry Midwife Permit	\$300

³The licensing fees charged by the Division of Occupational Licensing for the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives are set out in the Alaska Administrative Code at § 12 AAC 02.145. The current fees for this licensing board became effective November 15, 1996.

⁴The Division of Occupational Licensing is also authorized to charge administrative fees (12 AAC 02.105). Administrative fees include: duplicate license fee, photocopying fee, and penalty for reinstatement of a registration, license, permit or certificate which remains lapsed for more than 60 days.

⁵The biennial renewal period for the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives is December 31, 1998.