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Loretta, hated to call you back again when I know your phone is so busy. Can you tell me if SB 270 (dividend to state on capital investment in Corporation) has been scheduled for a hearing in State Affairs? Ms. Barrans would like to make herself available to you or Senator Ward in case you have any questions regarding this bill. If you think it would be helpful for her to meet with you, please let me know.

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Alaska Student Loan Corporation
Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenses
by Fiscal Year

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Interest income on student loans	30,371,736	29,892,946	30,287,823	30,583,561	31,314,503
Provision for loan loss and forgiveness	(6,500,000)	(6,500,000)	(6,500,000)	(6,500,000)	(6,500,000)
Operating expenses and collection fees	(7,900,000)	(7,900,000)	(7,900,000)	(7,900,000)	(7,900,000)
Operating income	<u>15,971,736</u>	<u>15,492,946</u>	<u>15,887,823</u>	<u>16,183,561</u>	<u>16,914,503</u>
Investment interest income	11,480,287	11,190,752	11,280,404	10,777,420	10,507,200
Bond interest expense	(21,601,665)	(22,156,441)	(22,380,074)	(21,983,863)	(21,727,682)
Amort. of bond discounts	(308,000)	(275,000)	(205,000)	(137,000)	(71,000)
Amort. of bond issue costs	(870,000)	(890,000)	(910,000)	(930,000)	(950,000)
Net income	<u>4,672,358</u>	<u>3,362,257</u>	<u>3,673,153</u>	<u>3,910,118</u>	<u>4,673,021</u>
Net income before return of capital (ROC)	<u>4,672,358</u>	<u>3,417,808</u>	<u>3,827,915</u>	<u>4,142,921</u>	<u>4,979,025</u>
Base year net income	-	6,348,663	4,672,358	3,362,257	3,673,153
10% ROC	-	634,866	467,236	336,226	367,315
35% ROC	-	2,222,032	1,635,325	1,176,790	1,285,603
Net equity increase/(decrease) (35% return)	<u>-</u>	<u>4,126,631</u>	<u>3,037,033</u>	<u>2,185,467</u>	<u>2,387,549</u>

** Assumes 8% rate on all new loan fundings.

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF PROJECTED REVENUES AND EXPENSES

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Provision for loan loss is estimated using the 14% default rate less the loan origination fee. A **forgiveness** component of \$650,000 is also included.

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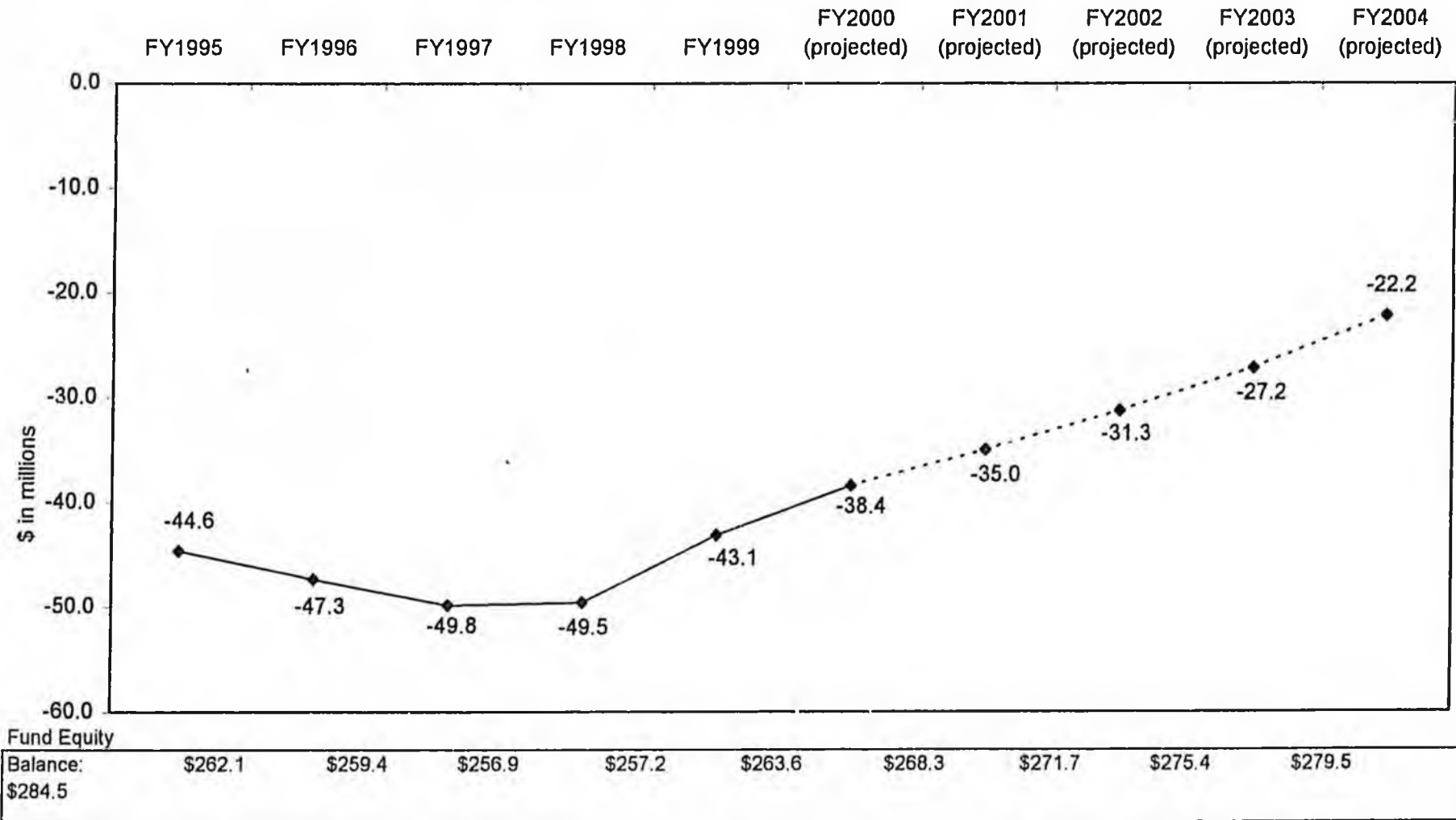
Interest expense on bonds includes the following new issues:

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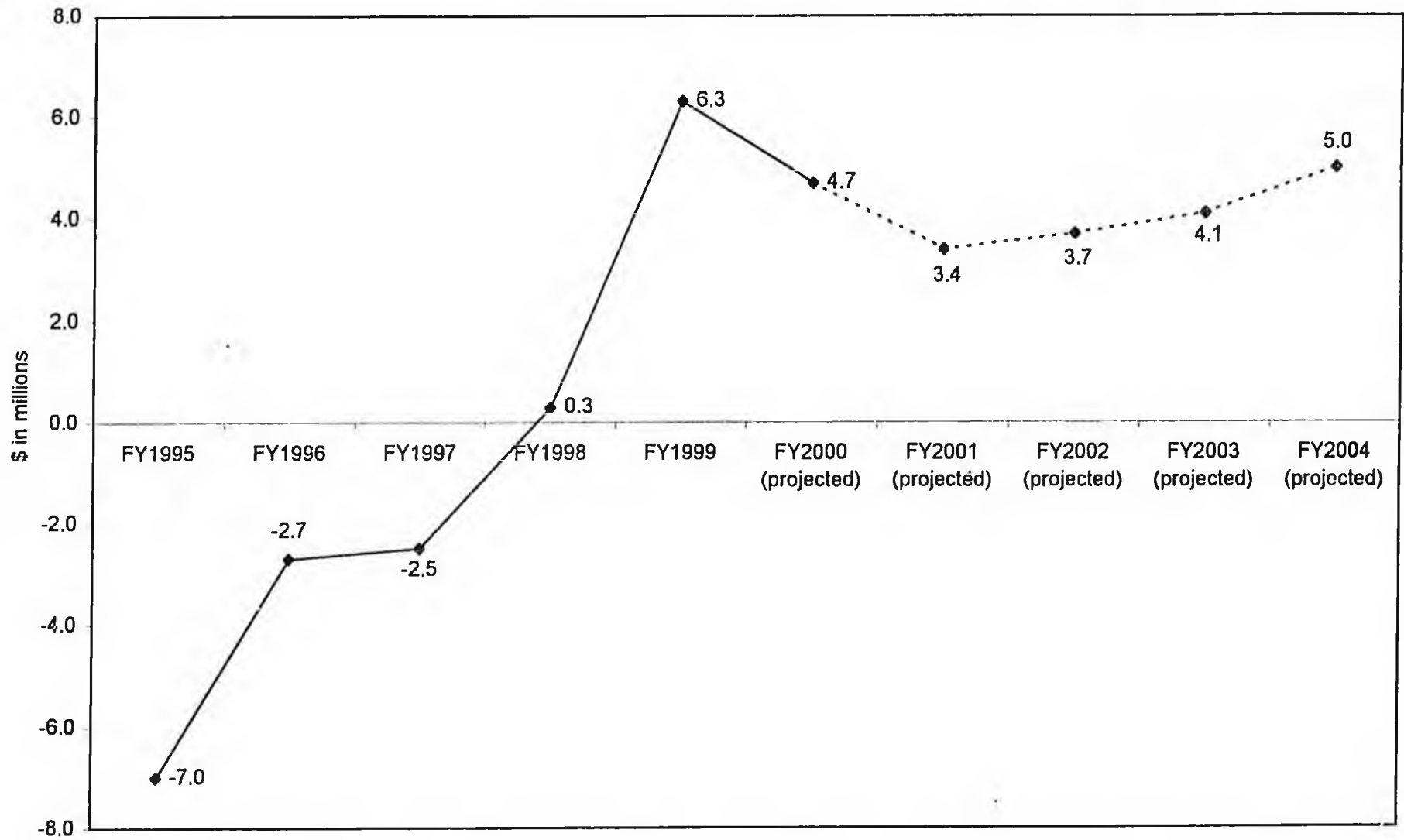
Amortization of bond issue costs is assumed to increase by \$20,000 each year.

Alaska Student Loan Corporation Accumulated Deficit of Fund Equity*



*In 1987, the Legislature transferred assets valued at \$360 million in the form of student loans to the Corporation in order to establish the student loan fund.

Alaska Student Loan Corporation 10-Year Income/Loss Trend



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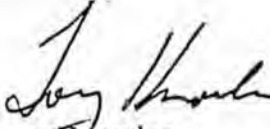
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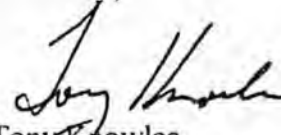
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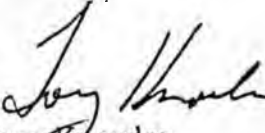
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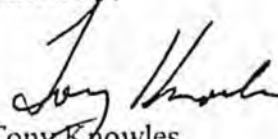
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Alaska students have reaped great benefits from the state's student loan program. Now that the program can repay some of that investment to the state, we should continue to invest it right back into the education of our young adults. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure to receive payments from the Alaska Student Loan Corporation and the intent to use these receipts to fund the Alaska Scholars Program.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

SB

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 292

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
Title: Relating to public school student immunization

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
BRU: State Health Services

Sponsor: Senate State Affairs
Requestor: Senate State Affairs

Component: Epidemiology
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 296
See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
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TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
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Other (please specify)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \$0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Impossible to implement - therefore no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Peter M. Nakamura, MD, MPH *Kip for* Phone: 465-3090
Division: Division of Public Health Date/Time: 3/30/00 1:51 PM

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 292(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to student immunizations and to information relating to
2 immunizations provided by the commissioner of health and social services."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The department shall

6 (1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state
7 except the University of Alaska;

8 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state,
9 adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate grants to improve school
10 performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement
11 of the public schools;

12 (3) provide advisory and consultative services to all public school
13 governing bodies and personnel;

14 (4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for the public

1 schools; the regulations must provide that if a course in American Sign Language is
2 given, the course shall be given credit as a course in a foreign language;

3 (5) establish, in coordination with the Department of Health and Social
4 Services, a program for the continuing education of children who are held in detention
5 facilities in the state during the period of detention;

6 (6) accredit those public schools that meet accreditation standards
7 prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the
8 department and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular
9 session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the session,
10 whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
11 the members of each house;

12 (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the state fire marshal
13 and the state sanitarian, standards in addition to the requirements of AS 18.15.145 that
14 will assure healthful and safe conditions in the public and private schools of the state
15 including a requirement of physical examinations and immunizations in pre-elementary
16 schools; the standards for private schools may not be more stringent than those for
17 public schools; a regulation adopted under this paragraph may not require a child
18 to receive an immunization if

19 (A) in the opinion of a physician licensed in this state, the
20 child should not receive the immunization; or

21 (B) a parent or legal guardian of the child objects to the
22 immunization based on religious or personal beliefs;

23 (8) exercise general supervision over pre-elementary schools that
24 receive direct state or federal funding;

25 (9) provide accredited elementary and secondary correspondence study
26 programs available to any Alaskan through a centralized office of correspondence
27 study;

28 (10) accredit private schools that request accreditation and that meet
29 accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; nothing in this
30 paragraph authorizes the department to require religious or other private schools to be
31 licensed;

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(11) review plans for construction of new public elementary and secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of existing public elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance with regulations adopted by the department, determine and approve the extent of eligibility for state aid of a school construction or major maintenance project; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans" include educational specifications, schematic designs, and final contract documents;

(12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational education and training, and basic education to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending school;

(13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11;

(14) establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a school bus driver training course.

[(15) REPEALED.]

* Sec. 2. AS 14.30.125 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.30.125. Immunization. If, in the judgment of the commissioner of health and social services, it is necessary for the welfare of the children or the general public in an area, the governing body of the school district shall require the children attending school in that area to be immunized against the diseases the commissioner of health and social services may specify. This section does not require a child to receive an immunization if, in the opinion of a physician licensed in this state, that child should not receive the immunization or if a parent or legal guardian of the child objects to the immunization based on religious or personal beliefs.

* Sec. 3. AS 44.29.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The commissioner of health and social services shall make available to the public a safety and public needs brochure that describes the risks and benefits of vaccines and immunizations that are required for attendance in a licensed day care center, public school, or private school. The brochure described in this subsection must disclose the source of the information used in the brochure.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL J. SB 292

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
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SENATOR JERRY WARD

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SB 292 SPONSOR STATEMENT

“An Act relating to public school student immunizations.”

SB 292 would require the commissioner of health and social services to certify, in writing, the safety of vaccines that are mandated by law for children that attending public and private schools.

“Alaska Statutes Sec. 14.30.125. Immunization.” reads as follows:

“If in the judgment of the commissioner of health and social services it is necessary for the welfare of the children or the general public in an area, the governing body of the school district shall require the children attending school in that area to be immunized against the diseases the commissioner of health and social services may specify.”

SB 292 provides for the parents’ right to make health decisions with their doctor, in regard to immunization requirements for school attendance. Currently, children may be exempt from receiving immunizations based on religious beliefs. A family history of reactions to vaccines, a child’s individual health needs, and parental concerns should also be considered. Parents need to know that their children are being vaccinated with safe vaccines and someone in authority is responsible.

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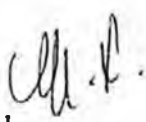
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MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2000

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SB 292.

TO: Senator Jerry Ward
Attn: Loretta

FROM: Michael F. Ford 
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Provides that a regulation of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding immunizations for pre-elementary school students may not require immunization unless the commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services certifies that there is no risk of harm to an individual child or in an individual case if, in the opinion of a physician licensed in this state, the child should not receive the immunization.

Section 2. Provides that a school district board may not require immunizations for school students unless the commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services certifies that there is no risk of harm to an individual child or in an individual case if, in the opinion of a physician licensed in this state, the child should not receive the immunization.

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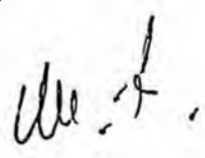
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MEMORANDUM

March 28, 2000

SUBJECT: Civil liability of the state - (SB 292)

TO: Senator Drue Pearce
Attn: Kristopher

FROM: Michael F. Ford 
Legislative Counsel

You have asked if the state faces potential civil liability as a result of the provision in SB 292, that requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services to certify that an immunization required for attending public school is not harmful to an individual child. I think that in this situation the state has statutory immunity against claims for civil liability. Under AS 09.50.250, the state is not civilly liable when the claim results from this type of act or omission of an employee of the state, if the commissioner has exercised reasonable care in making the certification. Assuming the commissioner was acting as a reasonable person would, the state would be protected even if it turns out that an individual child was harmed by the immunization. This of course does not mean there wouldn't be litigation over the question. One way to avoid the question entirely would be to add a provision to SB 292 that expressly makes the state and the commissioner immune from civil suits for making the judgment required in SB 292. Short of this, there is no way to ensure that a court would not find the state liable for making a mistake in applying the certification requirements of SB 292.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

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Municipality of Anchorage
Department of Health & Human Services
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Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

Fax Cover Sheet

DATE: 4/6/00

TO: Senator Jerry Ward

FAX: 907-465-3766

FROM: Colleen Drake Wilke, PHN
Community Health Services

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RE: Testimony submitted 4/6/00

Number of pages including cover sheet: 3

Message

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April 7, 2000

To: Senators Jerry Ward, Lyda Green, Gary Wilken, Randy Phillips, Kim Elton:

From: Colleen Drake Wilke, RN, MS

Public Health Nurse

Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health & Human Services

My name is Colleen Drake Wilke and I work as a Public Health Nurse for the Municipality of Anchorage in Disease Prevention and Control. I work with four other nurses whose job include providing immunizations, tuberculosis control, and the investigation of reportable diseases in Anchorage. Last week, I had the difficult task of explaining to a young couple why their first child, a three week old infant, had died of pertussis or whooping cough. We were in the home culturing all household members who had contact with the child and ensuring that they would receive two weeks of antibiotics for protection. Two months earlier, we also investigated another case of pertussis in a one month-old child who survived. No connection was found between cases other than they lived in Anchorage. These two children were too young to be immunized and susceptible to disease.

The immunization goal in a community is to develop what is called "herd immunity." One immunizes as many individuals as possible to decrease disease so that those who can't benefit from vaccines at sometime in their lives (the very young and the immune deficient) are protected by lack of infectious disease in the community. By adopting Senate Bill No. 292, we will allow our small pool of unprotected individuals to increase. Like a pool of standing water in breakup, this quiet little puddle will soon enlarge to include all children whose parents are in opposition to vaccines. As the sun beats down, and parents listen to fast-breaking stories on the news, Internet, or neighborhood rumor about the latest unsubstantiated vaccine scare story, the puddle swells to a tiny lake in the road. Finally, the lake engulfs the road as more children become unprotected due to parental indifference, lack of knowledge about vaccines, and the influx of susceptible foreign immigrants who many times are not immunized. Quietly, underneath this smooth lake, a large pothole has grown. All it takes is one individual, i.e. an ill four year old Japanese boy traveling to see the wonders of Alaska, one susceptible aspiring athlete on the race circuit flying from one country to another, or one under-immunized foreign worker trying to get ahead in the Alaskan fishing industry, to drop into that great big pothole and shatter the health of our community, starting an epidemic unseen since the huge polio outbreaks in the 1950s.

Voices from the community will be heard – just like when residents have tires shredded by hitting potholes on poorly maintained roads. These voices will be those of the young pregnant mother who has isolated herself in her home because she fears for the safety of her unborn child. The tearful voices of young couples whose first born die of pertussis. Agitated voices of parents who are angered that their medically exempt children have to be excluded from school because of the risk of exposure to disease. The voices of the crying mom and her young child with leukemia as they struggle to endure the large injections of immune globulin that are needed for measles protection. The inquiring cautious voices of elderly tourists calling from out of state to see if it is safe to travel to Alaska. Finally, the irate voices of Alaskans who are concerned about the high rate of taxes and insurance costs that will skyrocket as disease rates and hospitalizations increase.

Questions:

1. Has there been any long or even short term studies on the toxic effects of all the heavy metals and other preservatives on the developing human brain and immune system?
2. Has there been any long term studies on the interactions of multiple vaccines?
3. Have there been any long term studies on the strength of the immune system after multiple vaccines?
4. Have there been any long term studies on psychological effects of multiple vaccines (epidemic escalation of ADD/hyperactivity, autism, violence, depression etc)?
5. **MOST IMPORTANT- Has there been even one study looking at the ALL CAUSE illness, morbidity, and mortality rates in a reasonable size population of multiple vaccinated children vs. unvaccinated over at least the 18 years of their minority? (asthma, eczema, allergies, immune dysfunction, autism, autoimmune disease, chronic fatigue, and more). If not, the scientific method CANNOT certify these agents as safe.**
6. If not, how can you say these are safe? If not, where is the intelligence in mandating them?
7. For the medical doctor skeptics: The Medical profession laughed at Ignas Schimmelweiss in the early 1800s for advocating hand washing between cadaver dissection and delivering babies. They did not know better at the time. Can you show that you know better in this case with at least some hard data?????? Has the profession not learned its lesson yet after almost 200 years?

For Sen Ward
from Doc Rowen

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Senate State Affairs

March 30, 2000

Peter Nakamura, M.D., M.P.H., Director
Division of Public Health
PO Box 110610
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Dear Dr. Nakamura:

I would like to thank you for attending the March 23rd Senate State Affairs committee meeting and testifying on SB 292. It is always good to get as much information as possible so we can make informed decisions. I look forward to seeing the written response to the questions the committee asked that you address.

SB 292 is scheduled for hearing again on April 6th at 3:30 p.m. in Senate State Affairs. It would be helpful to have your responses to the questions sent to my office in advance so they can be included in Thursday's committee packets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Ward".

Senator Jerry Ward

QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel there any deficiencies in this bill?
2. Has there been any long or even short term studies on the toxic effects of all the heavy metals and other preservatives on the developing human brain and immune system?
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Subject: Fiscal Note for SB 292

Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 11:42:44 -0900

From: Loretta Brown <Loretta_Brown@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: "shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us" <shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us>

Shari -

I need a fiscal note for SB 292, "An Act relating to public school student immunizations." Bill is scheduled for hearing in Senate State Affairs on Thursday, March 23, 2000.

Thanks, Loretta

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SENATOR LYDA GREEN SENATE DISTRICT N

SPONSOR STATEMENT SCR16

Alaska is avalanche country. Each year Alaskans lose their lives as a result of avalanches. One of the worst years was 1999, when 14 people were killed by avalanches in Alaska. While often little or nothing can be done to prevent the occurrence of an avalanche, much can be done to prevent the loss of life from avalanches.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 would proclaim November as "Avalanche Awareness Month." This proclamation would raise public awareness of the hazards associated with avalanches, and the opportunities to participate in avalanche safety training at the beginning of the winter recreation season. It is hoped that public participation in avalanche safety programs would be increased and that this increased participation would result in saved lives during the winter.

The need for this resolution was brought to our attention by the Backcountry Avalanche Awareness Response Team (BAART).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCR 16

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected _____
 Title "Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month." BRU _____
 Sponsor Senate State Affairs Com. Component _____
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Brown - Senate State Affairs Phone 465-4940
 Division _____ Date/Time _____
 Approved by Commissioner [Signature] Date 3-28-00
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AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION REQUESTED

In 1999 fourteen lives were lost in avalanches in Alaska; by February 6, 2000, two more lives were taken by avalanches. In memory of these loved ones, we encourage the governor and Alaska State Legislature to declare November as AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH in support of efforts to educate Alaskans about avalanche awareness and safety measures.

RATIONALE

This declaration/resolution would support the efforts of educators, recreation groups, and concerned Alaskan citizens to educate Alaskans of all ages on the subjects of avalanche awareness, safety measures, proper equipment and how to use it, and how to initiate immediate emergency response in avalanche situations. November is an optimum time to emphasize awareness and safety equipment as this is when Alaskans' thoughts turn to winter activities and many begin purchasing outdoor equipment. Emphasizing these topics in November would allow time for people to think about purchasing safety equipment (such as probes, shovels, avalanche beacons, etc.) as Christmas gifts.

November is also a prime time for the presentation of awareness and safety classes in schools and community school classes, by recreation groups, and other related organizations. Many response teams also begin practicing at this time; by raising public awareness of the importance of these groups, perhaps even more members of the public will become trained to help in emergency situations.

If these combined efforts help to save one Alaskan life, then the loss of loved ones in recent Alaskan avalanches would have had at least one positive outcome.

5 ~~to~~ From Mat Su Valley
4 from Anch ~~Mat Su~~ Eagle River
2 Cordova
2 Juneau
Sitka, Healy

✓ NEA - Alaska New Business Item
✓ Governor
✓ snow machine distributors

media event
in November

George and Mildred Schmalzried (parents)
Georgia (sister) and Tom Flood
Richard, Ryan, Randon, Robert
Rhonda (sister) and Bob Koski
Christopher, Robin, Brittany, Curtis
David Schmalzried (brother)

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JoAnn Warren
Jane and Pete Guzialck
Glenn and Carol Kooly
Paula Smith
Kent and Carol Seibert
Pam, Corbin, Darre.

K.J. Haves

Angel (wife) and son David

Gina Moreno (sister)
Jessica
Richard and Sophie (sister) Dickman
Eric and Nevera, Andrew
Dakota
Mark Moreno (brother)
Travis, Joshua, Alex, Justine

(Angel wanted the communities of Cantwell, Healy, and Denali National Park to be added as family who grieve the loss of K.J.)

Keith Coyne

Heidi (wife) and children Gregory and Amanda

Robert R and Patricia G. Coyne (parents)
Cleve Z. Coyne (brother)
Angela (sister) and Ed Reavis
Nathan, Jeremy, Heather, Edward

David Devries
Rocky and Barbara Morin
John Devries
Marie Keene

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(The Arthur family added that there are hundreds of family/friends who also mourn Aaron's death from the communities of Tanana, Ruby, New Stuyahok, Dillingham, Anchorage, and the Mat-Su Valley)

Jodi Combs

Lisa Combs (wife) and daughter Korah

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Richard and Nancy Combs (parents)
Sherri, Brenda, and Theresa (sisters)
Shantelle, Dianna, Alexis (nieces)
Malen and Adella Combs (grandparents)
Robert and Madonna Combs
Ralph and Kathy Combs
Tracy, Todd, Amanda, Evan, Melissa, Ken

Vic Jones

Dawn (wife) and Sarah (daughter)

Chris Scott

Ed and Linda Scott (parents)
Brian (brother)

Odman Schmalzried

Kelli (wife)

Karen ; Shawn and Cheyanne (son and daughter)

**SOME OF THE
ALASKAN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE LOSS OF LOVED
ONES IN RECENT AVALANCHES**

Aaron Joseph Arthur

Trina (Devries) Arthur (wife)

Jerry and Aedcne Arthur (parents)

Beth Arthur (sister) and Medzit Limani

Brenna Arthur

Tana Arthur-Blum (sister) and Charles Blum

Zaya Arthur-Gunton and Aaron Arthur Blum

Burton and Delta Jensen (grandparents)

(70)

*4 generations
of Alaskans
in Aaron's family
as well as wife's
family*

Families by Marriage

Lee and Maralyn Hartley

Sig and Mike Wellman

Clare and Kevin McClure

Brenda Hartley

Eric and Tamara Moffitt

Jessie, Maralyn, Kassi, Jeanie

Krystal Moffitt

Chloe, Travis, Tyler

Randy Moffitt

Cory, Levi

Denise and Lloyd Hubbard

Holly, Tara, Heidi, Willow, Lukas, Naomi

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Hannah, Jeffrey

Andrea Dunnigan

Nicole, Jasmine, Reuben

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Kerry Brookman (age 53), Wasilla 1

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Jerry and Aedene Arthur, IICO 2 Box 7300, Palmer, Alaska 99645
907-745-5374 email address: brennaool@hotmail.com

Dear Helena -

Thanks for routing to Rosemary's office & Hyda's. I will be checking to see how it is going. Perhaps Hyda might want to ask people, senators from the area / Towns where people have been lost in avalanches for help to get through. Legne family, Wilbur, and others have journal Backcountry Avalanche Awareness Awareness Response Team

for avalanche education and Training to respond to emergencies. Next meeting March 7 - 6pm. Arctic Out in Uaville. Come if you want!

Thanks!

Debra

BAART
 Carol would
 love this.
 he loves Best Simpson



Senate Rules:

DATE: 4/7/2000

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for the SCR 16
for the Senate State Affairs teleconference hearing that was scheduled on
4-6-2000.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your ^{SSA}committee via fax on 4-6-2000.

Thank you,

Mat-Su Legislative Information Office



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs
committee name

committee on SCR 16, dated April 6, 2000
bill/subject

see attached

Signed: Audene L. Arthur

Testifier

BAART Backcountry Avalanche Awareness
Representing (Optional) and Response Team

1102 Box 7300, Palmer, AK 99645

Address

745-5374

Phone No.

3 minute time

AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION REQUESTED

In 1999 fourteen lives were lost in avalanches in Alaska; by February 6, 2000, two more lives were taken by avalanches. In memory of these loved ones, we encourage the governor and Alaska State Legislature to declare November as AVALANCHE AWARENESS MONTH in support of efforts to educate Alaskans about avalanche awareness and safety measures.

RATIONALE

This declaration/resolution would support the efforts of educators, recreation groups, and concerned Alaskan citizens to educate Alaskans of all ages on the subjects of avalanche awareness, safety measures, proper equipment and how to use it, and how to initiate immediate emergency response in avalanche situations. November is an optimum time to emphasize awareness and safety equipment as this is when Alaskans' thoughts turn to winter activities and many begin purchasing outdoor equipment. Emphasizing these topics in November would allow time for people to think about purchasing safety equipment (such as probes, shovels, avalanche beacons, etc.) as Christmas gifts.

November is also a prime time for the presentation of awareness and safety classes in schools and community school classes, by recreation groups, and other related organizations. Many response teams also begin practicing at this time; by raising public awareness of the importance of these groups, perhaps even more members of the public will become trained to help in emergency situations.

If these combined efforts help to save one Alaskan life, then the loss of loved ones in recent Alaskan avalanches would have had at least one positive outcome.

- 5 ~~is~~ from Mat Su Valley
- 4 from Anch ~~Mat Su~~ Eagle River
- 2 Cordova
- 2 Juneau
- Sitka, Healy

- ✓ NEA - Alaska New Business Item
- ✓ Governor
- ✓ snow machine distributors

media event in November

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**SOME OF THE
ALASKAN FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE LOSS OF LOVED
ONES IN RECENT AVALANCHES**

Aaron Joseph Arthur

Trina (Devries) Arthur (wife)

Jerry and Aedene Arthur (parents)

Beth Arthur (sister) and Medzit Limani

Brenna Arthur

Tana Arthur-Blum (sister) and Charles Blum

Zaya Arthur-Gunton and Aaron Arthur Blum

Burton and Delta Jensen (grandparents)

Families by Marriage

Lee and Maralyn Hartley

Sig and Mike Wellman

Clare and Kevin McClure

Brenda Hartley

Eric and Tamara Moffitt

Jessie, Maralyn, Kassi, Jeanie

Krystal Moffitt

Chloe, Travis, Tyler

Randy Moffitt

Cory, Levi

Denise and Lloyd Hubbard

Holly, Tara, Heidi, Willow, Lukas, Naomi

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(10)

*4 generations
of Alaskans
in Aaron's family
as well as wife's
family*

David Devries
Rocky and Barbara Morin
John Devries
Marie Keene

(70)

(The Arthur family added that there are hundreds of family/friends who also mourn Aaron's death from the communities of Tanana, Ruby, New Stuyahok, Dillingham, Anchorage, and the Mat-Su Valley)

Jodi Combs

Lisa Combs (wife) and daughter Korah

(77)

Richard and Nancy Combs (parents)
Sherri, Brenda, and Theresa (sisters)
Shantelle, Dianna, Alexis (nieces)

Malen and Adella Combs (grandparents)
Robert and Madonna Combs
Ralph and Kathy Combs
Tracy, Todd, Amanda, Evan, Melissa, Ken

Vic Jones

Dawn (wife) and Sarah (daughter)

Chris Scott

Ed and Linda Scott (parents)
Brian (brother)

Odman Schmalzried

Kelli (wife)

Karen ; Shawn and Cheyanne (son and daughter)

George and Mildred Schmalzried (parents)
Georgia (sister) and Tom Flood
Richard, Ryan, Randon, Robert
Rhonda (sister) and Bob Koski
Christopher, Robin, Brittany, Curtis
David Schmalzried (brother)

30

JoAnn Warren
Jane and Pete Guzialek
Glenn and Carol Kooly
Paula Smith
Kent and Carol Seibert
Pam, Corbin, Darre.

K.J. Hayes

Angel (wife) and son David

Gina Moreno (sister)
Jessica
Richard and Sophie (sister) Dickman
Eric and Nevera, Andrew
Dakota
Mark Moreno (brother)
Travis, Joshua, Alex, Justine

(Angel wanted the communities of Cantwell, Healy, and Denali National Park to be added as family who grieve the loss of K.J.)

Keith Coyne

Heidi (wife) and children Gregory and Amanda

Robert R and Patricia G. Coyne (parents)
Cleve Z. Coyne (brother)
Angela (sister) and Ed Reavis
Nathan, Jeremy, Heather, Edward

Wesley (brother) and Michelle Coyne
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Alaska State Legislature

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465-3756

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee
committee name

committee on SCR-116, dated March 30, 2000
bill/subject

My name is Wes Coyne and I'm with the organization BAART (Back Country Avalanche Awareness Response Team) I'm also a brother to Keith Coyne who was lost in the Dec. 26, 1999 Avalanche at Halchen Pass. Having gone through the pain and loss of my brother, I want to educate and make people aware of conditions so they may be able to avoid what my family has gone through. If November were State wide Avalanche Awareness month, this resolution will reach schools, churches, scouts and other public + private agencies. From snowboarders to hikers and snowmobilers people need to be aware. Please pass this resolution, so that BAART would be allowed to use its resources and educate. I myself am an avid rider and want everyone to be aware.

Signed: Wesley R Coyne
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee
committee name

committee on SCRIB, dated April 6, 2000.
bill/subject

I would like to see November become Avalanche Awareness month because it could make snow machiners, skiers and snow boarders aware of avalanches before the snow season really begins. This way more people can practise ~~avalane~~ snow safety. By doing this, ~~ava~~ the amount of people dying in avalanches can be reduced. Also, other people will not have to go through the heart break of losing a loved one to an avalanche, such as my family and I have. Also, Avalanche Awareness month can be used to tell the common person how to practise snow safety. This can all make the difference between life and death. Now America in general is sorry for causing so many deaths. Does the ~~stater~~ State of Alaska really want to ^{be} guilty and responsible for causing the deaths of innocent people? Well, if it doesn't then making November the Avalanche Awareness Month is the solution because then the common person will be told how to prevent themselves from dying or getting caught in an avalanche. ~~Don't state this~~ Don't prevent Alaska from receiving ~~Avata~~ Avalanche education!!!

Signed: Buenna Outley
Testifier

BAART
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 Senate State Affairs Committee
 committee name
 committee on SCR-110, dated March 30, 2000
 bill/subject

Please make November Avalanche Awareness Month.
 My name is Michelle Coyne with BAAART (Back
 Country Avalanche Awareness Response Team) I feel
 if Nov. were a State-wide month dedicated to the
 education and awareness of Avalanche's we may be
 able to help people to better understand the importance
 of proper safety equipment and assesing conditions. Many
 people would buy beacons + probes as Christmas gifts for
 their loved ones if they were fully aware of the importance
 & help us to help others in this matter. Please support
 November, 2000 as Avalanche Awareness month. Thank
 You & God Bless.

Signed: Michelle A. Coyne
 Testifier

 Representing (Optional)

 Address

 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate, State Affairs
committee name Committee
committee on SCR 16, dated April 6, 2000.
bill/subject

This ^{community} ~~Committee~~ - really needs
awareness around avalanches.
Especially children, our young
people in this community go
out on their own and need
to know how to protect them-
selves

Signed: Lois Ziefelkamp
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 874243 Wasilla, AK 99687
Address.
(907) 745-1901
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Comm.
committee name
 committee on SCR #16, dated April 6th 2000.
bill/subject

*I Support Avalanche Awareness Month
 for (November)*

Signed: *D. Neal P. Corpe*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
HC-30 Box 100 I. Isilla, AK 99654-
Address 9755
(907) 373-1233
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Comm.
committee name
 committee on SCR# 16, dated 04/06/00
bill/subject

I support Avalanche Awareness
 Month. (November).

Signed: Wendy Coyne
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Address

(907) 373-1233
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee
 committee name
 committee on JCR 16, dated April 6, 2000
 bill/subject

I support Avalanche Awareness Month,

Signed: John Jacobson
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Big Lake

Address

892-8828

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs Committee
 committee name
 committee on SCR16, dated April 6, 2000.
 bill/subject

My name is Chris Nooka and I'm president and one of the founders of B.A.A.R.T. which stands for Backcountry Avalanche Awareness & Response Team. I'm here to ask for your help in passing resolution SCR16 to make November "Avalanche Awareness Month".

The state no longer has an avalanche warning system in place even though federal law mandates that we have one, and we've had 16 people die in avalanches in the last year. One being one of my best friends.

Signed: Chris Nooka

Testifier

B.A.A.R.T

Representing (Optional)

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Address

907-892-7073

Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Senate State Affairs

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

SRC #16

committee name

committee on

Avulanche Awareness Month
bill/subject

4/6/00

*Please have the month of
November a avalanche awareness
month as it needed to help
save lives*

Signed:

Charles E. Shaver, C. Shaver

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

327 S. Vetter Way

Address

Fairbanks, AK 99705

Phone No.

907 745-3505



Alaska State Legislature

Senate State Affairs
SCR #16

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

committee on Aviation Business Month dated 4/5/00
bill/subject

PLEASE MAKE NOVEMBER AVIATION
BUSINESS MONTH PEOPLE NEED
TO BE AWARE OF TWO EXTREME
DANGERS & SAVE A FEW LIVES!
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6

Signed: Charles W. Eagle
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

HC-03 Box 8300 Palmer, Alaska
Address

1-907-745-4515
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate State Affairs
S.C.R. #16
 committee name
 committee on Avalanche Suppression Month dated 4/5/00
 bill/subject

I would like to see November as
 Avalanche Awareness Month, as we
 all need to be educated! We need
 to protect lives!

Signed: Darlene R. Boyle
 Testifier

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 Address
1-907-745-4516
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SCR #16
 committee name
 committee on Avalanche Awareness Mentored
 bill/subject 417100

I would love to see an avalanche awareness program started.

Signed: *Delmarie K. Rush*
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 12602 Palmer, AK 99645
 Address
746-5170
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SCR #16
committee name

committee on Tanana/Chitina/Quadronea Month, dated _____
bill/subject

I am all for this and think it is very important.

Signed: *Lillian J. DeFrost*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

PO Box 1110 Chickaloon, AK 99674

Address

745-1022 cell 863-1022

Phone No.

[Fwd: SJR 16]

Subject: [Fwd: SJR 16]

Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 18:14:30 -0800

From: Senator Jerry Ward <Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Loretta_Brown@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: SJR 16

Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 14:54:36 -0900

From: "Lance & Marie Stevens" <gizmofj40@gci.net>

To: "Senator Lyda Green" <Senator_Lyda_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>

Senators, I request your support of Avalanche Awareness Month. This issue will continue to increase with population turnover and winter tourism growth.

Lance Stevens
17419 Kantishna
Eagle River, AK 99577

Subject: [Fwd: support for SCR 13]

Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 18:13:26 -0800

From: Senator Jerry Ward <Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Loretta_Brown@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: support for SCR 13

Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 19:27:41 -0900

From: seakaval <seakaval@alaska.net>

Organization: Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center/Alaska Environmental Solutions

To: Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us

Hello Senator Ward,

Please note that the Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center enthusiastically supports SCR 13's call for establishing Avalanche Awareness month.

The rising toll of deaths, injuries, and property damage in Alaska this and last year is ample evidence of the need for support of avalanche readiness and prevention. Avalanches in Alaska have affected our houses, highways, & powerlines; and people doing such ordinary everyday activities as snowmachining. They are clearly a concern for many Alaskans, not just the concern of a few extreme adventurers.

Avalanche education, prevention, and forecasting can save far more than they cost. The cost of even a minor backcountry search exceeds half the annual budget of our nonprofit organization, which aims to prevent much of the need for such rescue work. A resolution is a great start, and we thank you for sponsoring it; but how about following it up with some real commitment in the form of funding?

thank you
Bill Glude, director
Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center
PO Box 22316
Juneau, AK 99802

Subject: [Fwd: Support Avalanche Awareness Month]
Date: Tue, 04 Apr 2000 18:15:10 -0800
From: Senator Jerry Ward <Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>
Organization: Alaska State Legislature
To: Loretta_Brown@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Support Avalanche Awareness Month
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 14:02:14 -0900
From: westfall <westfalia_werke@yahoo.com>
To: Senator_Lyda_Green@legis.state.ak.us, Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us

Ms. Green, Mr. Ward >>

Sheila Westfall and Joe Westfall both support avalanche awareness month. Please help rally support for this proclamation. We are the certified state safety instructors and we provide free awareness briefings to the local areas and to the elementary through high school kids (an example you may be familiar with is the Big Lake Safety Seminar (both afternoon and evening) held each fall at Big Lake Elementary School). We also do the safety public service television announcements on the Alaska Superstation (KIMO-13). We do this as a volunteer service through both the Alaska State Snowmobile Association (ASSA) and the Alaska Snowmachine Search Rescue and Recovery Team (ASSRRT).

We believe there are future lives to save if the state promotes and supports this proclamation.

Best Regards.
WJoe Westfall CSP/ICCP
Alaska Snowmachine Search Rescue & Recovery Team
907-333-0739
westfalia_werke@yahoo.com

WJoe Westfall (yahoo) <westfalia_werke@yahoo.com>



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the 50R-16
 committee name
 committee on Avalanche Awareness dated 4/14/00
 bill/subject

Signed: Gale E. Elstad
 Testifier
self
 Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 81 Sutton, Ak. 99674
 Address
907-446-4247
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SCR-16
committee name
committee on Avalanche Awareness, dated 7-14-00
bill/subject

Signed: _____

Testifier

Self
Representing (Optional)

3447 E 28th Anchorage AK 99507
Address

907-344-5816
Phone No.

SJR

26



SENATOR JERRY WARD

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

SJR 26 SPONSOR STATEMENT

A Resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to education.

This legislation offer's a common-sense approach to funding and improving Alaska's educational system. SJR26 establishes a land trust for funding education and allowing for the funding of private as well as public schools by establishing a voucher system that favors school choice. Goals of the voucher system are to enhance educational opportunities and to promote more competition and quality in the delivery of educational services.

SJR26 creates an endowment trust to ensure adequate future funding for education. It will provide for the use of revenues from the land trust to pay operational costs of education from K through University. The trust would be entitled to 100 percent of any income derived from land sales, leases, contracts, licenses or other uses of the granted land.

Not only would SJR26 secure the financial future of Alaska's schools and provide for school choice, but it would also create new jobs and stimulate economic development as the resources of the trust are developed.

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Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee • Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SJR26

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Office of the Governor
 Title Constitutional Amendment: Relating to the BRU Elective Operations
education Component Elections
 Sponsor Senator Ward
 Requester Senate State Affairs Committee Component No. 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	1.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	1.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58. However, only six measures can be printed on an 8-1/2 by 14 inch ballot. If this measure requires printing an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase by \$22.0.

Prepared by: Gail Fenurina Phone 465-3935
 Division Division of Elections Date/Time 1/24/00 9:33 AM
 Approved by: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer Date 01/24/2000
 Agency Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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