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AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNN

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 11*

1 Page 7, line 12:

2 Delete "\$5,000"

3 Insert "\$3,000"

4 *Sec 11*

5 Page 7, line 14:

6 Delete "\$5,000"

7 Insert "\$3,000"

AMENDMENT

#6

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

1 Page 1, line 4:

2 Delete "and the limits in lobbyists' campaign contributions to candidates"

3 *Sec 13*

4 Page 7, line 21, through page 8, line 1:

5 Delete all material.

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7 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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9 *Sec 15*  
Page 8, lines 14 - 29:

10 Delete all material and insert:

11 **"\* Sec. 14. AS 15.13.074(g) is amended to read:**

12 (g) An individual required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45 may not  
13 make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature at any time the individual is  
14 subject to the registration requirement under AS 24.45 and for one year after the date  
15 of the individual's initial registration or its renewal. However, the individual may  
16 make a contribution under this section to a candidate for the legislature in a district in  
17 which the individual is eligible to vote or will be eligible to vote on the date of the  
18 election. An individual who is subject to the restrictions of this subsection shall report  
19 to the commission, on a form provided by the commission, each contribution made  
20 while required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45. Upon request of the  
21 commission, the information required under this subsection shall be submitted  
22 electronically. This subsection does not apply to a representational lobbyist as  
23 defined in regulations of the commission."

1           *Sec 35*

2       Page 22, line 24:

3           Delete "sec. 20"

4           Insert "sec. 19"

5           *Sec 36*

6       Page 22, line 29:

7           Delete "sec. 37"

8           Insert "sec. 36"

9           *Sec 37*

10       Page 23, line 5:

11           Delete "sec. 20"

12           Insert "sec. 19"

13           *Sec 37*

14       Page 23, line 6:

15           Delete "sec. 34"

16           Insert "sec. 33"

17           *Sec 38*

18       Page 23, line 8:

19           Delete "Section 36"

20           Insert "Section 35"

21           *Sec 39*

22       Page 23, line 9:

23           Delete "sec. 38"

24           Insert "sec. 37"

# 7  
AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEATON

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

1 Page 1, line 4:

2 Delete "and the limits in lobbyists' campaign contributions to candidates"

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See 15

9 Page 8, lines 14 - 29:

10 Delete all material and insert:

11 **\*\* Sec. ~~15~~ AS 15.13.074(g) is amended to read:**

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13 make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature at any time the individual is  
14 subject to the registration requirement under AS 24.45 and for one year after the date  
15 of the individual's initial registration or its renewal. However, the individual may  
16 make a contribution under this section to a candidate for the legislature in a district in  
17 which the individual is eligible to vote or will be eligible to vote on the date of the  
18 election. An individual who is subject to the restrictions of this subsection shall report  
19 to the commission, on a form provided by the commission, each contribution made  
20 while required to register as a lobbyist under AS 24.45. Upon request of the  
21 commission, the information required under this subsection shall be submitted  
22 electronically. This subsection does not apply to a representational lobbyist as  
23 defined in regulations of the commission."

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AMENDMENT 8

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 16*  
1 Page 8, line 30, through page 9, line 17:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 **"\* Sec. 16.** AS 15.13.078(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit the individual who is a  
5 candidate from lending any amount to the campaign of the candidate. Loans made by  
6 the candidate shall be reported as contributions in accordance with AS 15.13.040 and  
7 15.13.110. However, the candidate may not

8 (1) recover, under this section and AS 15.13.116(a)(4), the amount of a  
9 loan made by the candidate to the candidate's own campaign that exceeds

10 (A) \$25,000, if the candidate ran for governor or lieutenant  
11 governor;

12 (B) \$10,000, if the candidate ran for

13 (i) the legislature; or

14 (ii) delegate to a constitutional convention;

15 (C) \$10,000, if the candidate was a judge seeking retention;

16 (D) \$5,000, if the candidate ran in a municipal election; or

17 (2) repay a loan that the candidate has made to the candidate's own  
18 campaign unless, within 10 [FIVE] days of making the loan, the candidate notifies the  
19 commission, on a form provided by the commission, of the candidate's intention to  
20 repay the loan under AS 15.13.116(a)(4)."

AMENDMENT #9

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 17*

1 Page 10, lines 1 - 2:

2 Delete "(3) 105 [10] days after a [THE] special, municipal, or municipal run-off  
3 election"

4 Insert "(3) 10 days after the election"

AMENDMENT # 10

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

1 Page 1, line 5, following "limits;":

2 Insert "relating to unused campaign contributions;"

3 *Sec 18*

4 Page 10, line 21:

5 Delete "(A) a political party;

6 (B) the state's general fund;

7 (C) a municipality of the state; or

8 (D) the federal government;"

9 Insert "(A) [A POLITICAL PARTY;

10 (B)] the state's general fund;

11 (B) [(C)] a municipality of the state; or

12 (C) [(D)] the federal government;"

AMENDMENT #11

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 19*

- 1 Page 13, line 2:
- 2 Delete "described in"
- 3 Insert "the subject of"

AMENDMENT #12

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 20*

1 Page 15, line 5:

2 Delete "shall"

3 Insert "may"

4 *Sec 20*

5 Page 15, line 6:

6 Delete "shall"

7 Insert "may"

HB 157

Amendment # 13 by APOC

Page 18, Lines 8 – 17, Section 25.

**Sec. 25.** AS 24.45.116 is deleted in its entirety.

Sec. 24.45.116. [DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. A CIVIL LEAGUE OR ORGANIZATION SHALL REPORT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD AND FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION OVER \$100, THE NAME OF THE CONTRIBUTOR AND THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED. THE CIVIL LEAGUE OR ORGANIZATION MAY ESTABLISH A SEPARATE FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ARISING OUT OF ACTIVITIES TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION. REPORTS SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 10, APRIL 25, AND JULY 10 OF EACH YEAR, LISTING CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD THAT ENDED 10 DAYS EARLIER.]

AMENDMENT # 14

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 27*

1 Page 19, lines 7 - 21:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 "§ Sec. 27. AS 24.45.171(8) is amended to read:

4 (8) "lobbyist" means a person who

5 (A) engages [A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED AND  
6 RECEIVES PAYMENTS, OR WHO CONTRACTS FOR ECONOMIC  
7 CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
8 REASONABLE TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES, TO COMMUNICATE  
9 DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE PERSON'S AGENTS WITH ANY  
10 PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING  
11 LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IF A SUBSTANTIAL OR  
12 REGULAR PORTION OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THE PERSON  
13 RECEIVES CONSIDERATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
14 INFLUENCING LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; OR

15 (B) A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS ONESELF AS  
16 ENGAGING] in the [INFLUENCING OF LEGISLATIVE OR  
17 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AS A] business, occupation, or profession of  
18 influencing legislative or administrative action: or

19 (B) receives wages or other economic consideration,  
20 including reimbursement of travel and living expenses, to communicate  
21 directly with any public official

22 (i) for the express purpose of influencing legislative  
23 or administrative action: and

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(ii) during more than four hours in any 30-day

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period in one calendar year;"

AMENDMENT

# 14 A

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
TO CS for HOUSE BILL 157

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(to WORK DRAFT 4/24/2003)

*Sec 27*

1 Page 19, line 7 through line 21:

2 Delete "\*Sec. 27. AS 24.45.171(8) is amended to read:

3 (8) "lobbyist" means

4 (A) a person who, on a full-time or part-time basis, is

5 employed and receives payments, income, or [WHO

6 CONTRACTS FOR] economic consideration, including

7 reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses,

8 to communicate directly or through the person's agents with

9 any public official for the purpose of influencing legislative

10 or administrative action if a substantial or regular portion of

11 the activities for which the person receives consideration is

12 for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative

13 action; in this subparagraph, "substantial or regular" means

14 more than 16 hours in a 30-day period in direct

15 communication with a public official or legislative employees;

16 or

17 (B) a person who engages [REPRESENTS ONESELF AS

18 ENGAGING] in the influencing of legislative or administrative

19 action as a business, occupation, service, or profession;

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AMENDMENT #15

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*Sec 27*

- 1 Page 19, line 17:
- 2 Delete "16"
- 3 Insert "four"

AMENDMENT # 15-A

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

Sec 27

- 1 Page 19, line 17:
- 2 Delete "16"
- 3 Insert "eight"

AMENDMENT

#16

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*See 27*

- 1 Page 19, line 21:
- 2 Delete "service."

APOC / Campaign Finance Changes

House Bill 157 CS

Amendment #

17

*to consider: from  
AK. Cons.  
Voters*

**Financial disclosure**

**by legislators, public members of the committee, and legislative directors.**

Delete changes in Section 28 to the income levels that trigger financial disclosure.

**Section 28**

Page 20, Line 1- delete changes.

Page 20, Line 19- delete changes

**Justification:**

Allowing legislators to receive unreported income up to \$10,000 may lead to backdoor campaign donations through this unreported income. While \$10,000 may not necessarily buy a legislator, the public has the right to know from whom our officials are receiving any income.

Additionally, disclosure of this type of information is important for public information regarding the motivation of legislators and proposed legislation.

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Amendment 17-A

CS HB 157(STA) 4-24-03

sponsored by Rep. Seaton

Financial Disclosure Sections

- Sec 28*  
• Page 20, line 1,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000
- Sec 30*  
• Page 20, line 19,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000
- Sec 30*  
Page 20, line 22,  
Delete \$500 Insert \$250
- Sec 30*  
• Page 21, line 7,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000
- Sec 30*  
• Page 21, line 10,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000
- Sec 30*  
• Page 21, line 14,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000
- Sec 30*  
• Page 21, line 17,  
Delete \$10,000 Insert \$4,000

AMENDMENT

#17-B

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

*See 28*

- 1 Page 20, line 1:
- 2 Delete "\$10,000"
- 3 Insert "\$2,000"

AMENDMENT # 18

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

- Sec 28*
- 1 Page 20, line 8:
  - 2 Delete "\$1,000"
  - 3 Insert "\$2,000 [\$1,000]"

AMENDMENT # 19

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERKOWITZ

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

1 Page 1, line 9, following "officials;":

2 Insert "relating to political activities of certain state officials;"

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4 *Sec 29*  
Page 20, following line 15:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 **"\* Sec. 30.** AS 39.25.160 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (l) A member of an independent quasi-judicial agency of the state may not  
8 take an active part in the management of a political party above the district level."

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10 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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12 *Sec 36*  
Page 22, line 29:

13 Delete "sec. 37"

14 Insert "sec. 38"

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16 *Sec 37*  
Page 23, line 6:

17 Delete "sec. 34"

18 Insert "sec. 35"

19

20 *Sec 38*  
Page 23, line 8:

21 Delete "Section 36"

22 Insert "Section 37"

23

*Sec 39*

- 1 Page 23, line 9:
- 2 Delete "sec. 38"
- 3 Insert "sec. 39"

HB 157

Amendment # 19 by APOC

Page 20, Line 16

New Section 30:

**Sec. 39.50.020. Report of financial and business interests.** (a) A public official other than the governor or the lieutenant governor shall file a statement giving income and business interests, under oath and on penalty of perjury, within 30 days after taking office as a public official. Candidates for state elective office other than a candidate who is subject to AS 24.60 shall file the statement with the director of elections at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition or becoming a candidate by any other means. Candidates for elective municipal office of those municipalities that have voted as provided in AS 39.50.145 to apply the requirements of this chapter to its officers shall file the statement at the time of filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or other required filing for the elective municipal office. Refusal or failure to file within the time prescribed shall require that the candidate's filing fees, if any, and filing for office be refused or that a previously accepted filing fee be returned and the candidate's name removed from the filing records. A statement shall also be filed by public officials no later than March 15 in each following year. Persons who are members of boards or commissions not named in AS 39.50.200(b) are not required to file financial statements.

(b) A public official other than an elected or appointed municipal officer shall file the statement with the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Candidates for the office of

governor and lieutenant governor and, if the candidate is not subject to AS 24.60, the legislature shall file the statement under AS 15.25.030 or 15.25.180. Municipal officers, and candidates for elective municipal offices, **of those municipalities that have voted as provided in AS 39.50.145 to apply the requirements of this chapter to its officers** shall file with the municipal clerk or other municipal official designated to receive their filing for office. All statements required to be filed under this chapter are public records.

All remaining sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

AMENDMENT # 20

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

TO: CSHB 157(STA), Draft Dated 04/24/03

- Sec 30*
- 1 Page 20, line 19:  
2 Delete "\$10,000"  
3 Insert "\$2,000"
- Sec 30*
- 4  
5 Page 20, line 27:  
6 Delete "\$10,000"  
7 Insert "\$2,000"
- Sec 30*
- 8  
9 Page 21, line 7:  
10 Delete "\$10,000"  
11 Insert "\$2,000"
- Sec 30*
- 12  
13 Page 21, line 10:  
14 Delete "\$10,000"  
15 Insert "\$2,000"
- Sec 30*
- 16  
17 Page 21, line 14:  
18 Delete "\$10,000"  
19 Insert "\$2,000"
- Sec 30*
- 20  
21 Page 21, line 17:  
22 Delete "\$10,000"  
23 Insert "\$2,000"

HB 157

Amendment # 21 by APOC

Page 22, Lines 6 -- 15

Section 32:

**Sec. 39.50.145. Participation by municipalities. The requirements of this chapter apply to municipal officers only [A MUNICIPALITY MAY EXEMPT ITS MUNICIPAL OFFICERS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER] if a majority of the voters of a municipality voting on the question at a regular election, as defined by AS 29.71.800(20), or a special municipality-wide election, vote to apply [EXEMPT ITS MUNICIPAL OFFICERS FROM] the requirements of this chapter to its municipal officers. The question of the application of [EXEMPTION FROM] the requirements of this chapter may be submitted by the city council or borough assembly by ordinance or by initiative election. A municipality with a population of one thousand or less may not elect to have the requirements of this chapter apply to it. ✓**

HB 157

Amendment # 22 by APOC

Page 23, Lines 9

New Section 39:

- **Sec. 39.** Sections 1, 32, and 33 take effect on July 1, 2004.
- **Sec. 40.** Except as provided in secs. 38 and 39 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2003.

Insert the following:

AS 15.40.140 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.40.140. Condition and time of calling special election.** When a vacancy occurs in the office of United States senator or United States representative, the governor shall, by proclamation, call a special election to be held on a date not less than 60, nor more than 90, days after the date the vacancy occurs. However, if the vacancy occurs on a date that is less than 60 days before or is on or after the date of the primary election in the general election year during which a candidate to fill the office is regularly elected [YEARS], the governor may not call a special election.

AS 15.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 15.40.165. Term of elected senator.** At the special election, a United States senator shall be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. The person elected shall take office on the date the United States Senate meets, convenes, or reconvenes following the certification of the results of the special election by the director.

AS 15.40.200 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.40.200. Requirements of party petition.** Petitions for the nomination of candidates of political parties shall state in substance that the party desires and intends to support the named candidate for the office of United States senator or United States representative, as appropriate, at the special election and requests that the name of the candidate nominated be placed on the ballot.

AS 15.40.220 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.40.220. General provisions for conduct of special election.** Unless specifically provided otherwise, all provisions regarding the conduct of the general election shall govern the conduct of the special election of the United States senator or United States representative, including [, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,] provisions concerning voter qualifications; provisions regarding the duties, powers, rights, and obligations of the director, of other election officials, and of municipalities; provision for notification of the election; provision for payment of election expenses; provisions regarding employees being allowed time from work to vote; provisions for the counting, reviewing, and certification of returns; provisions for the determination of the votes and of recounts, contests, and appeal; and provision for absentee voting [SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AS 15.40.130].

AS 15.40.310 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.40.310. General provisions for conduct of special election.** Unless specifically provided otherwise, all provisions regarding the conduct of the general election shall govern the conduct of the special election of the governor and lieutenant governor, including [, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,] provisions concerning voter qualifications; provisions regarding the duties, powers, rights, and obligations of the director, of other election officials, and of municipalities; provision for notification of the election; provision for payment of election expenses; provisions regarding employees being allowed time from work to vote; provisions for the counting, reviewing, and certification of returns; provisions for the determination of the votes and of recounts, contests, and appeal; and provision for absentee voting [SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AS 15.40.130].

AS 15.40.470 is amended to read:

**Sec. 15.40.470. General provision for conduct of special election.** Unless specifically provided otherwise, all provisions regarding the conduct of the general election shall govern the conduct of the special election of state senators, including [, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE] provisions concerning voter qualifications; provisions regarding the duties, powers, rights, and obligations of the director, of other election officials, and of municipalities; provision for notification of the election; provision for payment of election expenses; provisions regarding employees being allowed time from work to vote; provisions for the counting, reviewing, and certification of returns; provisions for the determination of the votes and of recounts, contests, and appeal; and provision for absentee voting [SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AS 15.40.130].

AS 15.40.010, 15.40.050, 15.40.060, 15.40.070, 15.40.075, 15.40.130, and 13 15.40.135 are repealed.

AMENDMENT # 24

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

TO:

1 Page \_\_\_\_, line \_\_\_\_:

2 Insert "amending the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the legislative standards of  
3 conduct to allow a lobbyist to give persons covered by the legislative standards of  
4 conduct tickets to a legislative charity event and donations for the event and to allow a  
5 person covered by the legislative standards of conduct to accept tickets to a legislative  
6 charity event and donations for a legislative charity event during a legislative session;"

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8 Page \_\_\_\_, following line \_\_\_\_:

9 Insert new bill sections to read:

10 **\*\* Sec. \_\_\_\_.** AS 24.45.121(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) A lobbyist may not

12 (1) engage in any activity as a lobbyist before registering under  
13 AS 24.45.041;

14 (2) do anything with the intent of placing a public official under  
15 personal obligation to the lobbyist or to the lobbyist's employer;

16 (3) intentionally deceive or attempt to deceive any public official with  
17 regard to any material fact pertinent to pending or proposed legislative or  
18 administrative action;

19 (4) cause or influence the introduction of a legislative measure solely  
20 for the purpose of thereafter being employed to secure its passage or its defeat;

21 (5) cause a communication to be sent to a public official in the name of  
22 any fictitious person or in the name of any real person, except with the consent of that  
23 person;

1 (6) accept or agree to accept any payment in any way contingent upon  
2 the defeat, enactment, or outcome of any proposed legislative or administrative action;

3 (7) serve as a member of a state board, or commission, if the lobbyist's  
4 employer may receive direct economic benefit from a decision of that board or  
5 commission;

6 (8) serve as a campaign manager or director, serve as a campaign  
7 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer on a finance or fund-raising committee, host a  
8 fund-raising event, directly or indirectly collect contributions for, or deliver  
9 contributions to, a candidate, or otherwise engage in the fund-raising activity of a  
10 legislative campaign or campaign for governor or lieutenant governor if the lobbyist  
11 has registered, or is required to register as a lobbyist, under this chapter, during the  
12 calendar year; this paragraph does not apply to a representational lobbyist as defined  
13 in the regulations of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and does not prohibit a  
14 lobbyist from making personal contributions to a candidate as authorized by AS 15.13  
15 or personally advocating on behalf of a candidate;

16 (9) offer, solicit, initiate, facilitate, or provide to or on behalf of a  
17 person covered by AS 24.60, during a legislative session, a gift, other than food or  
18 beverage for immediate consumption, except for tickets to a legislative charity  
19 event described in AS 24.60.080(c)(10) or donations for a legislative charity event  
20 described in AS 24.60.080(l);

21 (10) make or offer a gift or a campaign contribution whose acceptance  
22 by the person to whom it is offered would violate AS 24.60.

23 \* Sec. \_\_\_\_ AS 24.60.080(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (10) a ticket from a lobbyist for a legislative charity event during a  
25 legislative session; the ticket may entitle the bearer to admission to the event, to  
26 entertainment, to food or beverages, or to other gifts or services involved in the charity  
27 event.

28 \* Sec. \_\_\_\_ AS 24.60.080(k) is amended to read:

29 (k) In this section,

30 (1) "immediate family" or "family member" means

31 (A) [(1)] the spouse of the person;

1                    **(B)** [(2)] the person's spousal equivalent;

2                    **(C)** [(3)] a child, including a stepchild and an adoptive child, of  
3 the person or of the person's spousal equivalent;

4                    **(D)** [(4)] a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the  
5 person;

6                    **(E)** [(5)] a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the  
7 person's spouse or the person's spousal equivalent; and

8                    **(F)** [(6)] a stepparent, stepsister, stepbrother, step-grandparent,  
9 step-aunt, or step-uncle of the person, the person's spouse, or the person's  
10 spousal equivalent;

11                    **(2) "legislative charity event" means an event sponsored by or**  
12 **primarily involving the legislature. the proceeds of which go to a charitable**  
13 **organization with tax-free status under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).**

14 \* Sec. \_\_\_\_ . AS 24.60.080 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15                    (l) A legislator or legislative employee may, during a legislative session,  
16 solicit, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, a donation from a lobbyist of goods or  
17 services for a legislative charity event."

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## A move against openness

Gov. Frank Murkowski's plan to eliminate the Alaska Public Offices Commission and transfer its functions to the Division of Elections has undergone several changes, one of which has received comparatively little attention: the removal of municipal elections from state oversight.

The idea, put forward by APOC as a way to save its skin and save some money, is unacceptable in two ways: It is yet another example of the state trying to shift costs to local government, and it raises the prospect that, should local governments decline to assume the job of campaign watchdog, the public will have little information about the finances of those running for mayor, borough assembly, city council and school board.

Senate Bill 119, which this week moved to the Senate Finance Committee, contains a provision to remove local elections from state oversight but would not prohibit municipal governments from taking up the task if they chose to.

But if the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly declines to have the borough clerk handle candidate disclosure filings and campaign regulation enforcement, and if the state has decided not to provide those functions, candidates in this October's mayoral race would not have to tell us who is contributing to their campaigns. There would be no limit to how much money an individual or business could give.

Yet if the assembly does order the clerk's office to conduct these functions, how much will it cost? And could a system be implemented in time?

In the House, a work draft of a substitute for House Bill 157 similarly drops municipal elections but allows them to come under state oversight if a local election is held to decide the matter. If voters agree to the state supervision, APOC would then charge the local government a fee, which has not yet been disclosed.

But if the idea isn't put to a vote, Fairbanks again faces an election with few rules and little disclosure.

It's not worth the risk.

APOC provides uniform filing, contributor and expense forms to municipalities, ensures that forms are filled out correctly and enforces campaign regulations. Whether APOC succeeds in that function or has become slow and unreasonable is a matter of some debate and is not the point here.

The point, rather, is that the immediate outlook for local elections is unsettling under either APOC reform bill.

For example, each bill has an effective date of July 1 of this year, just four weeks before the filing period opens for borough mayor, assembly and school board races. Borough officials are only beginning to become aware of what is being considered in Juneau and would have little time to put a disclosure and regulation system in place for the October vote.

Under the House bill, the borough clerk's office would have virtually no time to conduct a special election--at a cost of about \$30,000--if the assembly were to choose to seek state oversight. And whether the assembly would find the money to also pay for that oversight isn't clear.

Also disturbing is that, although the idea of dropping municipal elections from APOC supervision has been moving through the Legislature, no one seems to have discussed



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this with the local governments. The municipal clerk of the Fairbanks North Star Borough has had to research the issue herself; the clerk of the municipality of Anchorage did not know until Friday.

And what about even smaller governments such as the Denali Borough? Will they be able to afford overseeing campaign regulations for their local races?

The APOC bills have proved controversial in their own right. Attaching provisions that affect what the public is told about its candidates for local office deserves a full debate not obscured by the argument over APOC's future. Too many questions remain to proceed.

With only a few weeks remaining in this year's legislative session, the House and Senate should restore local elections to APOC's purview and consider the matter of local elections as a separate bill when the second session convenes in January.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION 03-03**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB 157 and SB 119:  
Elimination of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC)**

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters of Alaska supports the citizens' right to know through public disclosure of political campaign contributions, the financial interests of public officials and the financial affairs of lobbyists and their employers,

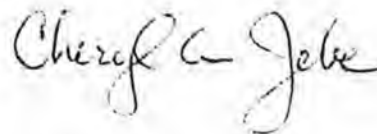
**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters of Alaska believes that all disclosure reports should be received, compiled and published by an independent commission which should have final responsibility for monitoring and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska established the Alaska Public Offices Commission in 1974 to ensure the accountability of candidates and public officials to the public in accordance with the Alaska Statutes,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the League of Women Voters of Alaska urges the Alaska State Legislature to oppose HB 157 and SB 119 relating to the elimination of the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the League of Women Voters of Alaska urges the Alaska State Legislature to appropriate resources sufficient to carry out the mission of the Alaska Public Offices Commission as the agency upholding the public's right to know the financial affairs of lobbyists and their employers as well as elected public officials and candidates for state and local offices.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the delegates to the League of Women Voters of Alaska 2003 Convention, Juneau, Alaska, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.



Cheryl Jebe, President  
League of Women Voters of Alaska

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**"A FORMAL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF,  
THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION"**  
By The Alaska Voters Organization, Board of Directors, March 18, 2003

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## Alaska State Legislature

### ALASKA VOTERS ORGANIZATION

#### RESOLUTION 2003-05

A Resolution to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Alaska State Legislature in **OPPOSITION** to significant changes to, or elimination of, the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC).

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Public Offices Commission began as the Alaska Election Campaign Commission (AECC) in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the incentive for campaign disclosure resulted from the Watergate scandal and a successful citizen initiative effort, which convinced our State Legislature to pass the Alaska Campaign Disclosure Law; and

**WHEREAS**, that same year, another initiative effort succeeded in placing Alaska's Public Official Financial Disclosure Law on the ballot, where it was approved by over 71% of the voters and became law in January 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, the legislature revised state lobbying reporting by

passing Alaska's Lobbying Law, with responsibility for its enforcement assigned to the AECC, which was renamed the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC), to reflect its newly expanded mission; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the legislature responded to an increased demand for ethics regulation and disclosure by expanding its previous reporting requirements under the Conflict of Interest Law in the form of a new act, Alaska's Legislative Ethics Disclosure Law, which created the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics to hear ethics violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1997 Alaska Campaign Disclosure Law was a response by the legislature to a citizens' initiative effort in 1996, which revised Alaska's 20 year-old campaign disclosure law to include stricter limitation and disclosure measures, including the prohibition of corporate and out-of-state group contributions to state and local candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, legislation proposed by Governor Murkowski and members of the State Legislature, have put party politics ahead of good honest public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, attempts to significantly reduce lobbyists reporting requirements or to eliminate the non-partisan Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC), violates the will of Alaskan voters, who spoke out on three separate occasions to create the very agency and regulations currently being threatened with elimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the unfettered access to information is the foundation of a democratic society; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has a right to know the truth about all funds paid to influence Alaska's legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Murkowski and the legislature's attempts to weaken or eliminate APOC, promote bad public policy that will further erode the public's trust in our government; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Alaska have spoken loud and clear, "state laws should not be relaxed to make it easier for lobbyist to influence our elected officials";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska Voters Organization, Board of Directors, that we support existing Alaska statutes governing campaign disclosure and registration of lobbyists; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we oppose all efforts to reduce the effectiveness or existence of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC).

**ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA VOTERS ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2003.**

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM NOW!

2224 Turnagain Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska 99517 Ph: 248-5078 Mike Frank, Chair

April 23, 2003

House State Affairs Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chairman Weyhrauch and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional testimony on the proposed CS for HB 157. We have not seen the CS, but are assuming that it will be substantially similar to the current work draft version of SB 119. As currently constructed, this bill would do major damage to the laws administered by APOC. A cursory review reveals over 20 significant weakening changes to existing law, as well as what appear to be two improvements (mandatory electronic filing and an expedited complaint process).

In part, we are responding here to Representative Seaton's request for our input on the worst provisions in HB 157/SB 119. By identifying the most major attacks on our campaign finance and disclosure laws, we don't mean to belittle the impact of the many other minor weakening amendments. Among the worst changes, HB 157:

Increases the individual contribution limits from \$500 to \$1000 to a candidate or group; and from \$5000 to \$10,000 to a political party. One of the most basic provisions of our 1996 citizen initiative was the reduction from \$1000 to \$500 for the maximum individual contribution to candidates. The initiative would have allowed only \$500 limit per election cycle, but we compromised with the Legislature to allow two contributions over an 18-month period. This version of HB 157 undoes that change for no reason. Lower maximum contributions haven't rendered candidates unable to raise sufficient funds; rather, candidates have raised money from more Alaskans, not just the wealthy and special interests.

Increases the PAC (group) contribution limits from \$1000 to \$5000 to a candidate or another group; and from \$1000 to \$10,000 to a political party. The 1996 Campaign Finance Reform Law did not lower the limit on contributions from PACs to candidates – it was \$1000 prior to the law. There is no justification for increasing this maximum amount, especially five-fold and ten-fold, which may drastically increase the role of PACs in Alaska politics. The purpose of allowing PACs to contribute at all is to allow individuals of limited means to magnify their voices by pooling small contributions so that they might approximate the maximum amount a wealthy individual can contribute. Allowing PACs to contribute more magnifies their voices above the individual voter's, and that is anti-democratic. Lower PAC contribution levels mean greater opportunities for individuals to affect Alaska elections.

Allows lobbyists to give contributions to any candidate in Alaska. This provision, which strikes another core provision of our initiative and the 1996 law, would return us to previous days when lobbyists directly funded a major portion of legislative races. Prior to the 1996 law, many lobbyists gave out, directly and indirectly, between \$25,000 and \$100,000 each election cycle. This is arguably just a form of legal pass-through of their clients' fees.

Current law is a reasonable compromise -- it allows lobbyists to give to all PACs, parties, candidates for governor, and municipal candidates, as well as to legislative candidates in their own districts. Lobbyists also are free to make independent expenditures, and to volunteer during campaigns.

Increases from \$1000 to \$10,000 the reporting threshold for legislative financial disclosure filers; from \$250 to \$500 for gifts; and, from \$1000 to 10,000 for loans. While these changes aren't to the campaign finance laws, they are equally damaging to the public trust. Why shouldn't Alaskans know who is providing significant salaries, payments and loans to our elected officials? Amounts between \$1000 and \$10,000 are large enough to provide potential for undisclosed corruption. It is ironic that campaign finance disclosure laws require the source of much smaller contributions to be disclosed -- a good thing -- but a weaker standard would be applied for direct income sources to members of the Legislature.

Allows all municipalities to opt out of APOC provisions. We are opposed to any provision that would force municipalities to opt in to APOC regulation, and any that would allow municipalities of any size to opt out of APOC regulation. These represent major weakening amendments, not to the 1996 law, but to the original APOC law. As the current Anchorage municipal election is showing, big-budget races aren't limited to the legislative and gubernatorial level. Municipalities need to be subject to APOC regulations unless they are of small size, have races that attract few contributions, and have races that are inexpensive.

A provision (Section 1 of CSSB 119 Work Draft 03-0090 bil2 doc, 4/18/2003) deleting the authority of municipalities to enact stricter campaign finance limitations than required by state law also is unnecessary. Giving municipalities the authority to do this was a provision of the initiative enacted in 1996. There is no reason why the Legislature should repeal this authority, or otherwise interfere in local elections in this manner.

We would be glad to provide any additional information on these amendments, or on the other more minor weakening amendments. We greatly appreciate this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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# Alaska State Legislature

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

Committee on HB 157, dated 4-24-02  
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Larger contributions will give contributors an increased influence, they may seek to pass legislation that favors their special interests. I'm opposed to allowing candidates to accept contributions after a primary election. I am against lobbyists being allowed to give any contributions to candidates outside of their district. Municipal officials should be under APOC rules. Allowing campaign solicitations during the legislative sessions is a major conflict of the constituent's best interests. The legislators should be focusing all of their attention on our constitutionally mandated requirements, Education, Public Safety and Transportation. Special interests want these proposed changes in HB 157, not the

Signed: Laurie Churchill citizens of Alaska  
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April 30, 2003

Representative Max Gruenberg  
State Capitol  
Room 13  
Juneau, AK 99801

**Re: CS for H.B. 157 – Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC)**

Dear Representative Gruenberg,

During the House State Affairs Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 29, I classified the CS for H.B. 157 as another "unfunded mandate" and you asked how this legislation could be characterized as an unfunded mandate.

In response to your question, there is concern among some of our members that the bill may not repeal AS 39.50.900(5), which defines "instrumentality of the state." In the regulations adopted by the APOC, a municipality is an instrumentality of the state. Thus, even with repeal of AS 39.50.900(A)(7) and (8)(j), it can be argued that municipal officials will still have to file forms. Municipal officials currently have to do these reports under AS 39.50.200 and 2 AAC 50.090.

On another level, all municipalities hold elections and will likely be required by voters to maintain the current level of services whether by opting into APOC or by setting up their own program for campaign reporting and financial disclosure. Either way, municipalities will have to incur new financial costs to maintain current levels of service.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or need further information.

With best regards,

Sarah A. Gilbertson  
Policy and Program Coordinator

HB 157 file



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
committee name

Committee on HB 157, dated APRIL 24 2003  
bill # / subject public hearing date

I am opposed to changes to contributions to APOC by the passage of this bill. This allows more money to candidates with less regulation. I choose Govt. by the people not special interests groups. THE need for campaign disclosure, LEGISLATIVE ETHICS & lobbying laws ARE THE BASIS of a good sound government. Nothing less than full disclosure is an invitation for political deceit. THE CITIZENS of ALASKA will not gain by the passing of this legislation. The public needs TOTAL Access to the information collected by APOC. APOC provides the public a sound democratic process. all Alaskans have the right to know the truth about all funds being paid to influence our legislature. APOC must stay in place to maintain government.

Signed: PETRIA FALKENBERG  
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**Subject:** [Fwd: CS HB157 -- comments]  
**Date:** Fri, 02 May 2003 12:30:16 -0800  
**From:** Bruce Weyhrauch <Representative\_Bruce\_Weyhrauch@Legis.state.ak.us>  
**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature  
**To:** Ginny Austerman <Ginny\_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us>

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**Subject:** CS HB157 -- comments  
**Date:** Wed, 30 Apr 2003 19:16:59 -0800  
**From:** Mona Drexler <monalisa@co.fairbanks.ak.us>  
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Representative Weyhrauch and Members of House State Affairs Committee;

Thank you for taking my comments yesterday during your committee meeting on CS HB157. I would like to offer the following additional comments.

I do not have an objection to changing the law to provide the "opt in" language in place of the "exempt from" language. No matter what law is in place, the municipality or the voters through an initiative petition have the ability to place something on the ballot, if they desire. I believe it is very important for municipalities and their voters to understand what costs would be assessed if they decided to "opt in" under APOC.

I would like to see an effective date set for July 1, 2004, for the sections dealing with municipalities. This would allow us time to review "our" options. The current effective date places local municipalities in a bind to establish, through an ordinance, a new process. Our filing time frames begin at various times beginning in the middle of July and some end as late as the last week of August. It would be very difficult for voters in a municipality to apply for initiative petitions, circulate them for signatures and submit to the Clerk for certification within the time frame allowed to place any question, concerning this issue, before the voters in October. Again, however, we would be left with no reporting requirements or financial disclosure for this October election and while some attention has been given to this issue in local news, many people are not aware of this proposed change. It will be those of us in the local elections that will have to deal with people wanting to know why there is no financial reporting for this election cycle. We will need to file pre clearance with the Department of Justice on any issue dealing with elections and election laws. This could not be accomplished with the current effective date. I would respectfully request an amendment to change the effective date dealing only with municipal elections. This would allow the original effective date for the remainder of the bill to remain on July 1, 2003.

An additional concern is that CS HB 157 does not clearly define the authority of a municipality to enact local legislation requiring campaign financial disclosure and public officials financial

disclosure, if they choose to do so. I would respectfully request the committee add language to clarify the bill.

One question was raised if municipalities were out of APOC reporting and review, who would administer elections. Local elections are administered by municipal clerks and this is not an issue.

Thank you for your consideration in my request.

Mona Lisa Drexler, CMC  
Municipal Borough Clerk  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

**Subject:** [Fwd: CS for HB 157(STA)]

**Date:** Fri, 02 May 2003 12:30:40 -0800

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**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature

**To:** Ginny Austerman <Ginny\_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us>

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**Subject:** CS for HB 157(STA)

**Date:** Wed, 30 Apr 2003 17:11:49 -0800

**From:** "Murphy, Linda" <LMurphy@borough.kenai.ak.us>

**To:** "Representative\_Paul\_Seaton@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative\_Paul\_Seaton@legis.state.ak.us>

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Representative Seaton: Thank you once again for meeting with me last week in Juneau. We briefly discussed HB 157, but at that time I had not reviewed the Committee Substitute currently being considered by the House State Affairs Committee. As you are aware, I testified at Tuesday's committee meeting. I would like to provide you with the following additional comments before this bill is passed out of committee.

I like the provision allowing a municipality to "opt in" rather than "opt out" of coverage under AS 15.13 and/or AS 39.50. It is important, however, that we know up front what the potential cost will be to the municipality. Since some municipalities may decide they would rather enact local ordinances requiring both campaign financial disclosure and public officials financial disclosure administered by the municipality, I would like to see specific language in the bill giving municipalities this authority. (Note: AS 15.13.010(c) already provides this authority for campaign financial disclosure, but I could find nothing in AS 39.50, public officials financial disclosure, that gives a local government the authority to develop and administer its own public officials financial disclosure program. As you are probably aware, a general law municipality - such as the Kenai Peninsula Borough - has the power to do only those things specifically allowed by law, unlike a home rule municipality which may do anything not prohibited by law.)

I am not as concerned as some seem to be that different cities or boroughs might have different requirements for running for office. Some differences already exist. For instance, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and School Board are elected from districts. This is not true for the Fairbanks North Star Borough or for any other School Board in the state. Some of the cities in the Kenai Borough have designated Council seats. Others do not and elect the top 2 or 3 candidates running. Some communities require a petition signed by 10 or more registered voters to have one's name placed on the ballot. Others require only a declaration of candidacy. Two of the six cities in the Kenai Borough have less than 1,000 residents and do not fall under the provisions of AS 15.13 or AS 39.50. Therefore, candidates for city council in those cities are not required to file campaign or other financial disclosure documents. Candidates for borough assembly and city council in the other four cities in the borough do.

One other concern I have is with the effective date of the bill. If the

[Fwd: CS for HB 157(STA)]

bill is going to affect the Kenai Peninsula Borough and 30 other municipalities, the effective date should be AFTER the October 2003 election. I would suggest January 1, 2004 as a good alternative. This will give the governing body and the public in those communities time to assess its options, to effect whatever changes are necessary in their municipal codes, and to have these changes precleared by Department of Justice before the October 2004 election season.

A copy of this email has been forwarded to each member of the House State Affairs Committee.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Linda Murphy  
Borough Clerk

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: HB 158  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 3/27/04 (correction) Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ BRU: Longevity Bonus  
 Component: Longevity Bonus Grants  
 Sponsor: Governor  
 Requester: \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 26

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	(44,777.9)	(41,543.3)	(38,344.2)	(35,203.3)	(32,130.4)	(29,080.8)
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>(44,777.9)</b>	<b>(41,543.3)</b>	<b>(38,344.2)</b>	<b>(35,203.3)</b>	<b>(32,130.4)</b>	<b>(29,080.8)</b>

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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(44,777.9)	(41,543.3)	(38,344.2)	(35,203.3)	(32,130.4)	(29,080.8)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This reduction reflects the FY2004 savings from eliminating the Longevity Bonus program. The reduction is included in the FY2004 budget. This fiscal note is for information purposes only.

This corrected fiscal note shows expected savings in each fiscal year when compared to forecast expenditures under the existing program.

Prepared by: Dan Spencer Phone 465-5655  
 Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 3/27/03 10:30 AM  
 Approved by: Mike Miller Date 3/27/2003  
 Agency: Commissioner

APRIL 16, 2003      Testimony to the Senate Finance Committee  
BUDGET HEARINGS

My name is Marie Darlin and I am the Capital City Task Force Coordinator for AARP in Alaska. You have a copy of my previous detailed testimony on the Longevity Bonus and you have letters from the AARP Office in opposition to legislation repealing the bonus program.

I wish to speak on the importance of the Longevity Bonus for our seniors and want to reiterate a few facts for your consideration.

The main purpose of the bonus was to keep our seniors in Alaska.

1994 phase-out legislation made a promise to seniors - no more changes!

12,000 of the 18,000 recipients are over age 75 that receive \$250. Costs decrease at 3 million or more each year.

The economic impact on the state from seniors is well over 1 billion per year - most of it spent here.

Every dollar spent turns over at least twice. Therefore, the 47.5 million the Governor's bill saves takes 95 million out of the economy.

Seniors provide volunteer hours worth approximately 60 million per year and they give at least 20 hours per month of caregiver services totaling an equivalent of 6300 full time jobs.

In 1999 6,000 seniors lived on less than \$1,000 per month (poverty level) and the bonus provided 10% of the income for single seniors.

The longevity bonus allows our seniors to remain independent contributing members of our communities and is much less expensive than caring for them with the Governor's safety nets.

PLEASE LEAVE THE LONGEVITY BONUS IN THE BUDGET!



Marie Darlin - AARP

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**5-year phase out**  
**20% per year**

Fiscal Year	\$250/month		Phase-Out Cost	\$200/month		Phase-Out Cost	\$150/month		Phase-Out Cost	\$100/month		Phase-Out Cost	Combined Totals		
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2004	11,646	34,936.6	27,949.3	1,681	4,033.3	3,226.6	1,827	3,288.7	2,631.0	2,099	2,518.3	2,014.6	17,252	44,776.8	35,821.5
2005	10,702	32,107.4	19,264.4	1,607	3,856.6	2,314.0	1,756	3,160.0	1,896.0	2,015	2,418.3	1,451.0	16,080	41,542.3	24,925.4
2006	9,783	29,349.1	11,739.6	1,520	3,648.3	1,459.3	1,644	3,027.5	1,211.0	1,932	2,318.3	927.3	14,879	38,343.1	15,337.3
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Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)	(47,519.3)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>	<b>(47,519.3)</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This reduction reflects the FY2004 savings from eliminating the Longevity Bonus program. The reduction is included in the FY2004 budget. This fiscal note is for information purposes only.

Prepared by: Dan Spencer Phone 465-5655  
 Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 3/5/03 9:13 AM  
 Approved by: Mike Miller Date 3/5/2003  
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**Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo 26 and Auxiliary 10  
PO Box 715  
Petersburg, Alaska 99833**

March 28, 2003

To: Chairman Bruce Weyrauch and Members of the House State Affairs Committee

Reference: HB 158

At a regular meeting of The Pioneers of Alaska Igloo 26 and Auxiliary 10, Petersburg, Alaska Wednesday evening March 26, 2003 the members voted vigorously and unanimously to oppose HB 158 legislation to discontinue the Alaska Longevity Bonus.

Sincerely,



Ed Sarff,  
Designated Correspondent  
For Igloo 26 and Auxiliary 10

Cc: Honorable Frank Murkowski, Governor of the State of Alaska  
District A Senator Robin Taylor  
District 2 Representative Peggy Wilson



# Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

Committee on HB 158 Eliminate Longevity Bonus, dated 3-25-03  
bill # / subject

THE LONGEVITY BONUS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY FOR MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES. We are at poverty level now and without the bonus we would only be receiving \$1449 monthly between us. My husband is 83 yrs of age - is on oxygen all night and a nebulizer four times daily. I am 76 and unable to work due to complication of diabetes. Anything you can do would be appreciated to save the bonus. We know a good many people who are in the same fix we are in. Thanks for your patience and concern.

Signed: Mrs. Mary K. Dallas Barb W. Walcott  
Testifier

Representing (optional):

P.O. Box 797 Sterling, Alaska 99672  
Address

(907) 262-2869  
Phone number

[Fwd: Longevity Bonus]

**Subject:** [Fwd: Longevity Bonus]  
**Date:** Fri, 02 May 2003 12:54:10 -0800  
**From:** Bruce Weyhrauch <Representative\_Bruce\_Weyhrauch@Legis.state.ak.us>  
**Organization:** Alaska State Legislature  
**To:** Ginny Austerman <Ginny\_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us>

long bonus file

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**Subject:** Longevity Bonus  
**Date:** Thu, 01 May 2003 18:23:30 -0800  
**From:** Ken Kareen <kenk@alaska.net>  
**To:** Representative\_Bruce\_Weyhrauch@legis.state.ak.us

As a life long Alaskan over the age of 60 who will not receive a longevity bonus I urge you to reject proposals to eliminate or modify the program.

My mother and aunt have lived in Alaska since 1937. They both receive and need the monthly check. One of them if not both could qualify for public assistance. But like many of their generation they would never consider applying or accepting it. A "needs based" program is no different to these seniors than public assistance or welfare.

There is no dispute with the statements of Commissioner Mike Miller that the program is not what was originally conceived. However, with all due respect to the Commissioner, he neglects to mention the 1992 amendments sunset a program that has gone beyond its intents. He also fails to mention the number of current recipients who are exactly the same people that the original program was intended to serve. My mother and aunt are two and I am friends with numerous others who have lived in Alaska continuously since prior to 1959. (My family still considers anyone who arrived post World War II as a new comer).

I attended hearing and spoke with legislators when the 1992 amendment was adopted. At that time there certainly appeared to be a consensus of those legislators with whom I spoke that the amendment was to protect the people eligible under that amendment and the program would not be revisited.

Even though the statements of former legislators do not bind current legislators or yourself, I still consider it a moral commitment and would be extremely disappointed if it is not honored.

Please do not rob these people of their dignity during their twilight years just because they are not dying fast enough.



# Alaska State Legislature

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*I Homesteaded in 1952  
and I feel I have earned  
The Bonus. Keep politics out of it.*

Signed: *Howard G. McBrody*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

*Box 586 Kenai AK*  
Address

*907* *283-4353*  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*The longevity Bonus has help to may our  
lives a little easier to get by and pay  
some of our bills.*

Signed: Alicia R. McHardy  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

Box 286 Kenai AK 99611  
Address

907-283-4353  
Phone number



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I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF OUR  
LONGEVITY, BONUS, PLEASE VOTE NO ON H.B. 158

THIS CHECK, EVERY MONTH MEANS, SO MUCH  
TO MOST OF ALASKA SENIORS, WITHOUT IT,  
MOST MAY HAVE TO LEAVE THE STATE -

IF YOU MULTIPLY THIS X7 LOOK AT WHAT  
HAPPENS TO OUR ECONOMY, ITS NOT WORTH IT  
THIS WILL DIE ON ITS OWN, LET THIS  
PROGRAM DIE IN PEACE THE WAY IT WAS  
INTENDED

Signed: Alvin R. Mendenhall  
Testifier

MY DIST-33 + ALL SENIORS REC. THIS CHECK  
Representing (optional)

381-SENIOR CT. APT 302 KENAI, AK 99611  
Address

907-283-7618  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*Please donot take the  
LONGEVITY BONUS FROM  
the seniors of this  
state*

Signed: Billy W Osborn  
Testifier (✓)

myself  
Representing (optional)

P.O. Box 3003 KENAI, AK. 99611  
Address

907-283-7936  
Phone number



STILL NEEDS  
**Ala TO BE FAXED legislature**

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March 24, 2003

Mr. Mike Chenault:

As our representative I'm asking you to really look seriously at taking our longevity check. I'm 75 years old and unable to work. I'm seperated from my husband who contributes nothing to my living as he is on a very low fixed income also. How come it is always pick on the poor to do the cutting. I pay my rent with that check and live on \$228.00 SS Check. How about the Government live like we have, lets cut them down to our size. I have lived here 34yrs and spend all I get in Alaska.

I hope you take a good look at the Problem.

Laura Steger/

Signed: Laura B. Steger  
Testifier

Longevity Program  
Representing (optional)

Po Box 464 Sterling AK. 99672  
Address

907-262-8806  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

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At the rate the Seniors are dying off, in 5 years there won't be many left to collect the Longevity. They take our food and medicine away from us.

We voted you in, in good faith  
So leave the Longevity alone!

Remember you may want to be reelected again.

Signed: Helen M. Hyslop David L. W. [unclear]  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

P.O. Box 127 Soldotna, Ak. 99669  
Address

(907) 283-4653  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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I am 85 years old - Widow for 15 years - my husband of 50 years and I settled in Sterling in 1970, over 32 years ago. We have been proud and happy in helping and seeing the community of Sterling develop into a beautiful place to live year around.

I would like express my feeling in wanting everything possible done to prevent anything or anybody from disturbing the present way set up for the elderly people who want to live here the rest of their lives.

My sincere appreciation for the needed help (for medical, doctor bills, etc.) the longevity program has been to me.

Signed: Mrs. Luella P. Barker  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

P.O. Box 723 Sterling AK 99672  
Address

(907) 262-7782  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*Keep the bonus, we are  
dying real fast, and need the  
help just to survive.*

Signed: Margaret L. Schadle  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

36680 N Kimberly Ct.  
Address Soldotna AK

907-262-6318  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*Please don't take the Longevity Bonus from the senior Alaskans. Many depend on it to survive.*

Signed: Harriette Turcotte  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

P.O. Box 687  
Address

262-3761  
Phone number



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*The seniors are the ones who  
live and put their money in the  
seats, some rely on this just to  
exist*

Signed: Edgar Plais Schall  
Testifier

Representing (optional)  
36680 N. Kenilworth Ct Soldotna AK 99665  
Address  
907 262-6318  
Phone number





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*Those on social security alone are highly dependant on the longevity bonus. I have seen it and the permanent fund divided disappearing.*

*Then perhaps thousands will depart the state desiring the offer of hunting the scenery.*

Signed: *Lee C. Lupp*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

*PO Box 654 Sterling AK 99672*  
Address

*907 262 9715*  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*PLEASE keep the Longevity Bonus. It would  
MAKE hardship on the Senior, The Utilities,  
Medicine, and grocery have gone up.  
Even tho you can get help with medicine  
you still have A balance to pick up.*

Signed: William J Bull  
Testifier

Representing (optional)  
P.O. Box 725 Sterling Ak. 99672  
Address  
907-262-5119  
Phone number





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3-15-03

Dear Sirs:  
 It would make a very big hardship on our lives, since the medicines, groceries, electric + natural gas going so high.  
 I came up here in 1958 and have made my home in Alaska since then, we struggle, but then to make this a better state, it is. Please keep the Longevity Bonus.

Signed: Mahine J. Bullington  
Testifier

Representing (optional)  
P.O. Box 725 Sterling AK 99672  
 Address  
907-262-5119  
 Phone number



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*You have taken the steps to eliminate the  
Program and it is phasing out due to attraction.  
More of us use this income to pay for the  
necessities of life. It has helped many of us  
attain an acceptable standard of living.  
I hope you will reconsider this move.*

Signed: *Ernestine L. Alexander*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)  
*PO Box 527 Sterling, AK 99672*  
Address  
*907-262-5157*  
Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

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*Please do not take the Longevity Bonus from the  
seniors it is needed by them*

Signed: *Leona M Stanley*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

*621 Fir St Kenai*  
Address

*283-3730*  
Phone number

982.9638

Phone number

P.O. Box 545 Ste. 105 AK 99570

Address

Registration (optional)

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signed:

Title

I believe that as a state we made a promise to our citizens who currently qualify for the longevity bonus and should honor it. Honor in life do benefit people expect to make commitments employees or otherwise and then change our minds and get to keep our respect and trust.

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3-25-03

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House State Affairs

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Phone number

283-1150

Address

P.O. Box 4336  
Soldotna 99669

Representing (optional)

Title

W. J. ...

Signed:

I am in favor of the Longevity Bonus.

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3-25-03

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*Please do not eliminate the longevity  
Program from our elderly residents  
they desperately need it to help with  
the cost of living*

Signed: *Sammy Guyer*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

*PO Box 2037*

Address

*907-262-1642*

Phone number

Phone number

262 2884 262 9412 ext

Address

PO Box 1043 Shelton Alaska 99673

Representing (optional)

Title

Michael G. Breda Michael Breda

Signed:

Please do not eliminate the long program from or elderly residents who would make them move out of

Bill # / subject

Committee on HB 158 Elders Longevity Bonus, dated

3-25-03

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3-25-03

*I do not support the termination of the Longevity Bonus.  
Given inflation the funds are a continuing requirement for many.  
Would the legislators reduce their pay as well.*

Signed:

*William A. Campbell*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

*P.O. Box 989, Sterling AK 99672*  
Address

*(907) 262-3255*  
Phone number



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I strongly oppose the elimination of the Longevity Bonus plan. This would make a hardship on the seniors that have come to rely upon this.

How many of the legislators would be willing to give up the same percentage of their income?

Signed: Mary E. Barker 3-20-03  
Testifier

Representing (optional)  
PO Box 733 Sterling Alaska  
Address  
907-262-4132  
Phone number

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*I believe that seniors should be entitled to the longevity checks, because a lot of them count on these checks to live on.*

Signed: *Don F. Jensen*  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

39650 Forest Lane Soldotna AK 99669  
Address

(907) 262-7987  
Phone number

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March

# LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

630 pm

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50 Front St., Suite 203  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Phone: (907) 225-9675  
Fax: (907) 225-8546

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Grace Comstock  
ADDRESS: 2437-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Ketchikan, Ak. 99901  
PHONE: 907-225-9013

BILL# or SUBJECT: HB 158 Longevity Bonus

COMMITTEE: State Affairs

I wonder how I would live if I didn't receive the longevity bonus. My social security is \$869, "match" you and \$250. makes \$1,119 a mo.

Have had to get Medicare for prescriptions medicine. also helps with rent, oil lights.

Please think again on doing this

I'm eighty-two & not able to work.

Sincerely,  
Grace Comstock



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Signed: Mrs. Mary K. Grotz Carl W. Wickett  
Testifier

Representing (optional)

P.O. Box 797 STERLING, ALASKA 99672  
Address

(907) 262-2869  
Phone number

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Fax # (907) 465-2273

Attn: Ginny

To: Rep. Vileybrauch, Chairman  
House State Affairs Committee

From: Barbara C. Lewis Tele (907) 766-3413  
Box 1467 Haines, AK 99827-1467

I am opposed to cutting the longevity

Bonus Program. The majority of the

recipients I know, utilize the money

to pay for essentials i.e. Food,

Electricity, Heating Fuel, Insurance,

durable medical equipment not covered,

by Medicare, Prescription Medication

Glasses for those not on Medicaid,

Fax to: (907) 465-2273

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For Pioneer Home, Nursing Home and

Assisted Living facilities the \$250

is an automatic portion of their

payment for these services.

The Longevity Bonus Program,

unlike other programs, ~~is~~ is

presently set up to be phased

out in the future.

Please do not balance the

budget on the backs of Senior

Citizens, "who for years worked and

supported essential services" for

every resident in Alaska. Thank you  
for the opportunity to testify.