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Sponsor Statement

SB 324: "An Act relating to floral businesses telephone listings and to acts involving those listings that are considered unlawful trade practices."

Currently, a florist or floral shop outside of Alaska can advertise a local number without disclosing their geographic location. A customer may not be aware they are ordering products outside of Alaska.

Along with supporting our own businesses, this disclosure is important for basic consumer protection: consumers should know when they are ordering flowers from outside of Alaska. According to the Society of America Florist, 19 states have specific legislation on their books making it illegal for businesses to misrepresent their geographical location. California and Pennsylvania are also currently working on legislation of this type.

SB 324 requires a floral business to disclose its geographic location when using a local number to advertise in a local directory.

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florists' biggest concerns

New SAF survey shows deceptive advertising and health care worry them most.

BY LANDON R. HALL

RETAIL FLORISTS HAVE MANY THINGS TO worry about these days, and while one might think customer satisfaction or competing with discounters and volume retailers would rate highest in the minds of shop owners, you may be surprised to find out that those concerns didn't even rank in the latest survey. The Society of American Florists (SAF) surveyed retail florists, wholesalers, suppliers, and growers this year and asked them to rank issues affecting their businesses. The results of the Legislative Action Survey are used as a guide for SAF's lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill for the following year.

This year's survey showed the three top concerns for retail florists were deceptive phone listings, health care costs, and permanent estate tax repeal. The issues of deceptive phone listings and rising health care costs were neck and neck as the overall biggest concerns for retail florists. Deceptive advertising beat out health care costs by only one-tenth of 1 percent as the most important issue.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

Valerie Dawes is the president of the New Hampshire State Florists' Association and a florist in Concord, N.H. She has spent a vast amount of time researching laws on deceptive advertising and has found that most states have already adopted either the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act (a federal law) or their own similar laws.

The Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act provides that a person or business has engaged in an illegal deceptive trade practice when a person or business "uses

deceptive representations or designations of the geographic source of the goods or service." The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) isn't even required to prove that deception has actually occurred, only that an advertisement has the capacity to deceive.

Ms. Dawes claims that "phone companies that are allowing these deceptive advertisements to be placed are violating federal interstate commerce laws."

The problem is that the phone companies claim that what they are doing is not in violation, and they continue to publish the deceptive advertisements anyway. Since no one seems to be willing to stand up to the various telephone companies, their actions have gone unchecked.

"I spoke with a gentleman at the FCC [Federal Communications Commission]," says Ms. Dawes. "He said that he thought it was a trade problem rather than a communications problem and directed me on to the Federal Trade Commission. The lady I spoke to there said that they were aware of the problem but that they don't have enough money or manpower to go after it,"

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she elaborates. Ms. Dawes also mentioned that she has received responses on this matter from Verizon via the FTC that deny any wrongdoing on Verizon's part.

"There is a basis to state a claim for misrepresentation, and there is a possibility of filing a claim of unfair competition on behalf of a group of businesses or trade associations," Ms. Dawes explains. She can be contacted via e-mail at nbflo-ral@aol.com for more information.

Drew Gruenburg, senior vice president of SAF says: "I commend Ms. Dawes on the work she has done on this issue, and I also recommend that states try to get their laws changed." SAF lobbies on Capitol Hill throughout the year working to serve the concerns of its members.

Mr. Gruenburg went on to explain that this is a tough issue to change at the federal level, so what SAF does instead is help its members change the laws in their individual states. "Our role is to provide them with guidance and information," Mr. Gruenburg says. "We then weigh in with testimony and other kinds of help, if it's needed."

So far, 19 states have been successful in changing their laws, making it illegal for businesses to misrepresent their geographical locations. Texas was the latest to do so, but it took the state seven years to accomplish its goal.

Ms. Dawes says that since there is already federal legislation concerning these issues (the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act), "the legislation these states are fighting for is redundant." SAF says that it has been "its experience, and the experience of other states, that the existing state laws are too general to

cover the specific situation of misrepresenting the geographic location of a business." Also, some state legislators have recommended that it is better to create a new law than to try to get coverage under an existing one, and that is why states are taking this action.

HEALTH INSURANCE

While deceptive advertising may be the most prominent issue in the minds of florists surveyed by SAF, it is not the only issue. The second-most important concern with retail florists is health care.

"Right now we're working on Association Health Plans," says Mr. Gruenburg. An Association Health Plan (or AHP) would give both trade and professional associations the ability to offer health insurance benefits to their members. Plans like this AHP already exist in some states, but the rules and qualifications that they must follow vary from state to state, making it complicated for companies who have operations in more than one state. Passage of a federal AHP bill into law would simplify things by making the associations exempt from state laws and having them comply with one federal regulation.

"This legislation has already passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and is now headed to the Senate," says Mr. Gruenburg. "So far, it has fairly good bipartisan support."

Supporters also hope that such a law would help members lower their insurance costs by allowing the associations to negotiate on behalf of thousands of small businesses rather than leaving it up to each individual business to shop around for the best rate. SAF and other
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associations also hope that reducing insurance premiums through increased competition will allow more businesses to offer health care to their employees.

ESTATE TAX REPEAL

The third-most important issue to retail florists in SAF's survey is permanent estate tax repeal. "Our

concern is that this tax is exorbitant," says Mr. Gruenburg.

The estate tax, which ranges from 37 percent to 55 percent, is levied on a business when the principal owner(s) of that business passes away and leaves the business to family or employees. Since many businesses in the floral industry are family owned, this often makes it

complex for those who inherit a business to pay the tax and keep their doors open.

"In order to pay the tax, some small-business owners have had to cut back. In some extreme cases, owners have even been forced to close their doors to pay the tax," Mr. Gruenburg notes.

Those who manage to lessen the effect this tax has on their businesses often do so only by devoting huge amounts of time and resources rearranging their assets. This is also extremely counterproductive for these businesses.

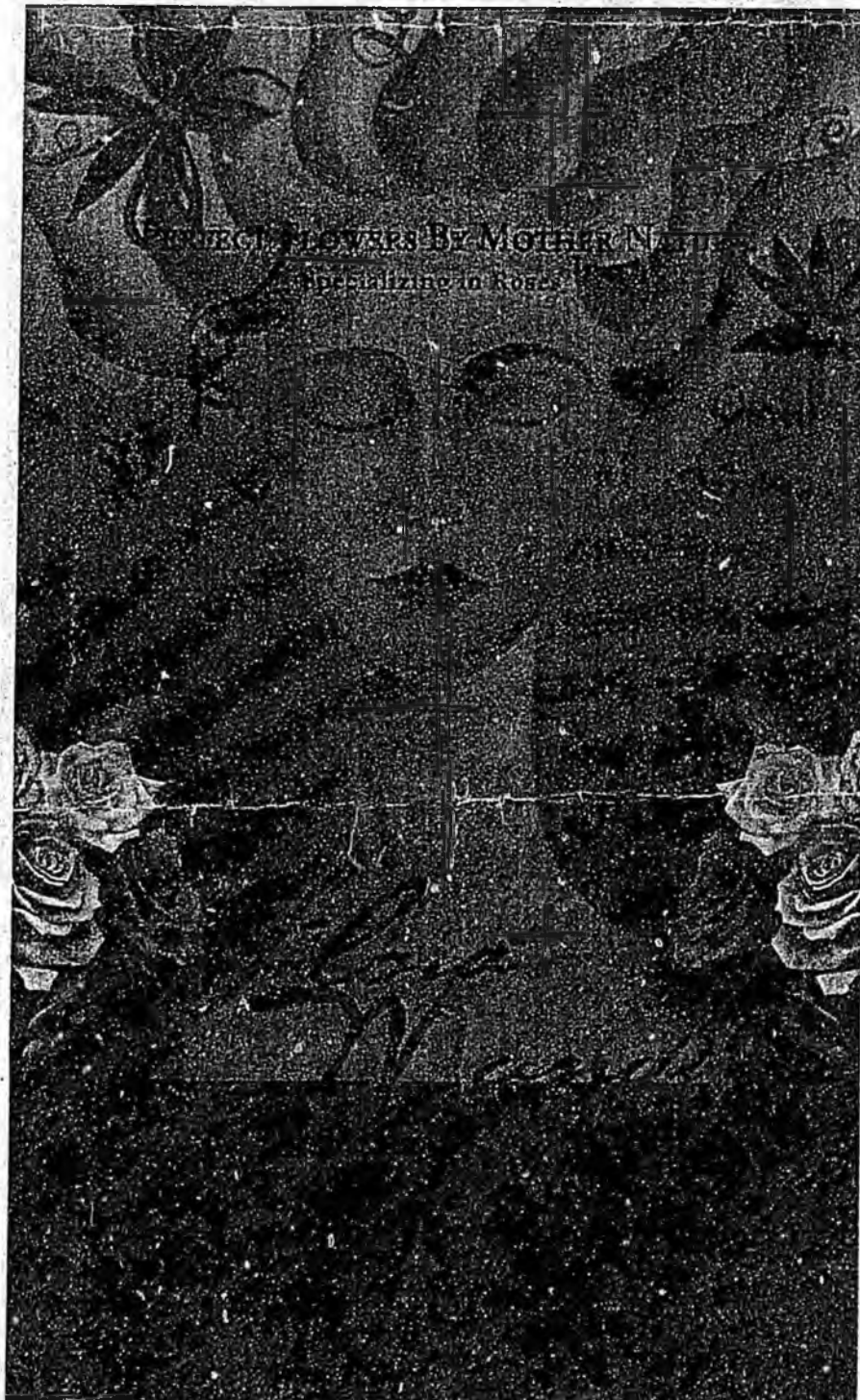
This law was changed in 2002 as a part of the \$1.35 trillion tax cut, but the change only reduces the rates annually from 2003 to 2009, then finally repeals it in 2010. The problem is that there is a "sunset provision" in this law that brings the tax back at a significant rate in 2011. SAF is now working to make the current tax cuts permanent.

The U.S. House passed a bill on June 18, 2003 to permanently repeal the estate tax, but the bill now faces an uphill battle in the Senate.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you would like to help florists' collective voice be heard in our nation's capitol or simply to find more information on these and other floral topics, contact SAF through its Web site, www.safnow.org. Members can click on "Your Voice in Washington" and access various information about issues and find out what's going on in Washington. They can even e-mail members of Congress directly from the site. ■

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The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to make grants and loans and enter into contracts, relating to the bulk fuel revolving loan fund, relating to the AEA's potential liability for the provision of technical assistance to rural utilities, relating to the AEA's investment of the power development fund, and repealing the electrical service extension fund.

Section 1 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.010, establishing the power project fund, to add authorization for the AEA to make loans from the fund for waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy facilities and equipment. Similarly, section 9 of the bill would amend the general powers of the AEA to authorize it to improve, equip, operate, maintain, and enter into contracts for the construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of: bulk fuel, waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy facilities and equipment. The Denali Commission and other federal agencies have provided substantial funding for such projects, and the Legislature has authorized the AEA's receipt and expenditure of the federal money.

Section 11 of the bill would repeal AS 42.45.060, which establishes a loan committee to review and approve loans from the power project fund and the rural electrification revolving loan fund. Upon repeal of the loan committee statute, the credit department of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, which manages the AEA's loan programs, will continue to review applications for loans from those funds in accordance with the applicable regulations. Section 2 of the bill would continue the requirement in present AS 42.45.060(g) for legislative approval of loans for projects in which the cumulative state monetary involvement, through loans, grants, and bonds, is at least \$5,000,000 and loans of more than \$5,000,000. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 6 contain conforming amendments to reflect the repeal of AS 42.45.060.

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Sections 5 and 7 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.250, which governs loans from the bulk fuel revolving loan fund, to authorize loans from the fund to "persons," defined with reference to AS 01.10.060 to include corporations, cooperatives, joint ventures, and governmental entities, that generate power or supply the public with fuel used in communities with populations of less than 2,000 people, as well as loans to the communities themselves. Presently, the statute authorizes loans to "private individuals" and to the communities. The Department of Law recently interpreted the term "private individuals" to include only natural persons. Section 12 of the bill makes the amendments retroactive to June 1, 1984, to encompass active loans from the fund to such entities.

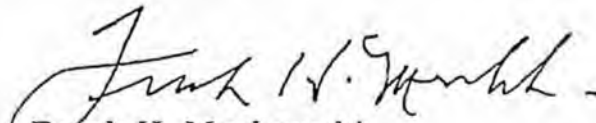
Section 8 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.400, which requires the AEA to provide technical assistance to rural utilities, to specify that this statutory mandate may not be used as an independent basis for tort liability against the AEA. The AEA would continue to be liable for negligence if it fails to use reasonable care in providing the technical assistance.

Section 10 of the bill would amend AS 44.83.386, relating to investment of the power development fund, to provide that the AEA, rather than the Department of Revenue, shall invest the fund. The AEA, with the concurrence of the Department of Revenue, has been investing the fund since 1993. AEA would continue to remit all fund earnings to the general fund.

Section 11 of the bill, in addition to repealing AS 42.45.060 as discussed above, repeals AS 42.45.200 (the electrical service extension fund, which is inactive), and repeals AS 42.45.250(1)(1) to remove an unnecessary definition of a term that is not used in the statute.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,


Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure

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GCT-PH1. Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density: 2000
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
Geographic Area: Alaska - Place

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf1u.htm>

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Alaska	628,932	280,978	663,267.26	91,316.00	571,951.26	1.1	0.5
PLACE							
Adak CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	316	884	127.26	4.93	122.33	2.6	7.2
Akiak city, Kodiak Island Borough	80	34	10.40	2.46	7.93	10.1	4.3
Akiachak CDP, Bethel Census Area	585	150	6.77	0.01	6.76	86.6	22.2
Akiak city, Bethel Census Area	309	76	3.06	1.05	1.97	157.2	38.7
Akutan city, Aleutians East Borough	713	36	18.88	4.85	14.03	50.8	2.7
Alakanuk city, Wade Hampton Census Area	652	160	41.02	8.67	32.35	20.2	4.9
Alatna CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	35	17	36.46	0.00	36.46	1.0	0.5
Aican Border CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	21	13	148.61	0.74	147.86	0.1	0.1
Aleknagik city, Dillingham Census Area	221	107	18.77	7.22	11.55	19.1	9.3
Aleneva CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	68	14	61.50	0.00	61.50	1.1	0.2
Allakaket city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	97	59	4.34	0.74	3.60	27.0	16.4
Alpine CDP, North Slope Borough	0	0	39.19	0.94	38.25	0.0	0.0
Ambler city, Northwest Arctic Borough	309	98	10.75	1.28	9.46	32.6	10.4
Anaktuvuk Pass city, North Slope Borough	282	191	4.92	0.08	4.84	58.2	20.8
Anchorage municipality, Anchorage Municipality	260,283	100,368	1,961.09	263.88	1,697.21	153.4	59.1
Anchor Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,845	979	90.90	0.12	90.79	20.3	10.8
Anderson city, Denali Borough	367	148	47.26	0.64	46.72	7.9	3.2
Angoon city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	572	221	18.59	16.09	22.50	25.4	9.8
Aniak city, Bethel Census Area	572	203	8.78	2.27	6.52	87.8	31.1
Aniak city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	104	49	11.94	2.44	9.50	10.9	5.2
Arctic Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	152	67	89.84	8.12	61.71	2.5	1.1
Atka city, Aleutians West Census Area	92	41	36.17	27.42	8.74	10.5	4.7
Almatuuk CDP, Bethel Census Area	294	64	3.35	2.72	0.64	462.0	100.6
Atkasuk city, North Slope Borough	28	60	42.35	3.48	38.87	5.8	1.5
Atiu Station CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	20	0	143.65	1.08	142.57	0.1	0.0
Barrow city, North Slope Borough	4,581	1,620	21.33	2.93	18.40	249.0	88.1
Beer Creek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,748	806	42.78	0.89	41.89	41.7	18.2
Beaver CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	84	54	21.60	1.09	20.50	4.1	2.6

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			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Beluga CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	32	64	103.38	0.74	102.65	0.3	0.5
Bethel city, Bethel Census Area	5,471	1,990	48.82	5.07	43.76	125.0	45.5
Bettles city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	43	36	1.64	0.00	1.64	26.2	21.9
Big Delta CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	746	232	61.13	6.93	55.20	13.6	4.2
Big Lake CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,635	2,122	144.80	12.87	131.93	20.0	16.1
Birch Creek CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	28	22	6.39	0.27	6.12	4.6	3.6
Brevig Mission city, Nome Census Area	276	76	2.64	0.05	2.60	106.3	29.3
Buckland city, Northwest Arctic Borough	406	89	1.41	0.18	1.22	332.3	72.8
Bunala Soapstone CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	699	286	22.59	0.01	22.58	31.0	11.8
Butte CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,661	964	41.03	0.74	40.28	63.6	23.9
Cantwell CDP, Denali Borough	222	178	118.73	0.47	118.26	1.9	1.5
Central CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	134	169	248.45	1.50	247.95	0.5	0.7
Chalkyitsik CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	83	62	9.05	0.34	8.71	9.5	7.1
Chase CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	41	90	93.53	0.62	92.90	0.4	1.0
Chefornak city, Bethel Census Area	394	82	6.49	0.76	5.73	68.8	14.3
Chenega CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	86	27	29.15	0.34	28.81	3.0	0.9
Chevak city, Wade Hampton Census Area	765	190	1.17	0.02	1.14	668.6	166.1
Chickaloon CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	213	208	80.25	0.84	79.41	2.7	2.6
Chicken CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	17	21	115.41	0.00	115.41	0.1	0.2
Chignik city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	79	80	15.87	4.16	11.72	6.7	6.8
Chignik Lagoon CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	103	68	13.10	0.00	13.10	7.9	5.2
Chignik Lake CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	145	50	21.92	9.63	12.29	11.8	4.1
Chiniak CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	50	32	40.68	0.17	40.51	1.2	0.8
Chisana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	0	0	86.74	0.09	86.66	0.0	0.0
Chistochina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	93	59	359.83	0.41	359.42	0.3	0.2
Chitina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	123	54	95.77	11.13	84.64	1.5	0.6
Chuathbaluk city, Bethel Census Area	119	43	5.37	1.84	3.52	33.8	12.2
Circle CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	100	42	108.21	0.54	107.67	0.9	0.4
Clam Gulch CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	173	115	13.73	0.00	13.73	12.6	8.4
Clark's Point city, Dillingham Census Area	75	51	4.06	0.92	3.14	23.9	16.2
Coffman Cove city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	199	99	14.85	4.46	10.39	19.2	9.5
Cohoe CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,168	630	72.63	2.90	69.73	16.7	9.0
Cold Bay city, Aleutians East Borough	88	98	70.94	18.56	54.37	1.8	1.8
Coldfoot CDP Yukon-Koyukuk							

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Census Area	13	12	37.02	0.00	37.02	0.4	0.3
College CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	11,402	4,501	19.03	0.41	18.67	610.7	241.1
Cooper Landing CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	369	379	69.91	3.92	66.00	5.6	5.7
Copper Center CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	362	163	13.73	0.00	13.73	26.4	11.9
Copperville CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	179	77	1.39	0.00	1.39	128.3	55.2
Cordova city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	2,454	1,099	75.64	14.27	61.36	40.0	17.9
Covenant Life CDP, Haines Borough	102	38	26.30	0.20	26.10	3.9	1.5
Craig city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	1,397	584	9.40	2.72	6.68	209.1	86.8
Crooked Creek CDP, Bethel Census Area	137	46	108.51	7.43	101.07	1.4	0.5
Crown Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	76	38	3.55	0.00	3.55	21.1	10.7
Cube Cove CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	72	37	11.71	0.29	11.42	6.3	3.2
Deering city, Northwest Arctic Borough	136	61	5.26	0.12	5.14	26.5	11.9
Delta Junction city, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	840	422	17.26	0.00	17.26	48.7	24.4
Delana CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	1,670	669	565.17	2.95	562.22	2.8	1.2
Diamond Ridge CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,802	850	47.67	0.04	47.63	37.8	17.8
Dillingham city, Dillingham Census Area	2,468	1,000	35.74	2.12	33.62	73.4	29.7
Diomedea city, Nome Census Area	146	47	2.84	0.00	2.84	51.4	16.5
Dot Lake CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	19	19	279.10	1.07	278.04	0.1	0.1
Dot Lake Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	38	25	3.63	0.00	3.63	10.5	6.9
Dry Creek CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	128	38	156.50	0.07	156.43	0.8	0.2
Eagle city, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	129	137	1.01	0.00	1.01	127.9	135.8
Eagle Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	68	50	19.09	0.00	19.09	3.6	2.6
Edna Bay CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	49	40	58.81	2.82	55.98	0.9	0.7
Eek city, Bethel Census Area	280	83	1.05	0.13	0.91	307.2	91.1
Egegik city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	116	286	133.98	101.21	32.78	3.5	8.7
Eielson AFB CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	5,400	1,531	53.52	1.52	52.00	103.6	29.4
Ekwook city, Dillingham Census Area	130	56	17.33	1.36	15.97	8.1	3.5
Elim Cove CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	32	35	10.84	0.15	10.69	3.0	3.3
Elim city, Nome Census Area	313	116	2.43	0.00	2.43	128.9	43.7
Emmonak city, Wade Hampton Census Area	767	218	8.64	1.13	7.51	102.2	29.0
Ester CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	1,680	814	64.68	0.05	64.63	26.0	12.6
Evansville CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	28	30	22.41	0.19	22.21	1.3	1.4
Excursion Inlet CDP, Haines Borough	10	85	56.90	0.15	56.75	0.2	1.5
Fairbanks city, Fairbanks North Star Borough	30,224	12,357	32.67	0.81	31.86	948.7	387.9
False Pass city, Aleutians East							

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Borough	64	40	88.27	41.33	26.81	2.4	1.5
Farm Loop CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,067	350	8.85	0.01	8.84	120.7	39.6
Ferry CDP, Denali Borough	25	33	68.44	0.00	68.44	0.4	0.5
Fishhook CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,030	730	88.41	0.29	88.13	23.0	8.3
Flat CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	4	3	161.07	0.00	161.07	0.0	0.0
Fort Greely CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	461	354	169.73	0.36	169.37	2.7	2.1
Fort Yukon city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	595	317	7.43	0.42	7.00	85.0	45.3
Four Mile Road CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	38	18	0.91	0.01	0.90	42.0	21.0
Fox CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	300	158	13.60	0.00	13.60	22.1	11.7
Fox River CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	616	170	129.44	2.85	126.59	4.9	1.3
Fritz Creek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,603	854	54.40	0.00	54.40	29.5	15.7
Funny River CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	636	621	29.32	2.13	27.19	23.4	22.8
Gakona CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	215	90	61.34	0.00	61.34	3.5	1.5
Galena city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	675	259	23.97	6.09	17.87	37.8	14.5
Gambell city, Nome Census Area	649	187	30.31	19.45	10.86	59.5	17.2
Game Creek CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	35	10	4.93	0.04	4.90	7.1	2.0
Gateway CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,952	1,084	16.78	0.51	16.27	181.5	66.6
Glacier View CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	249	260	450.59	2.42	448.17	0.6	0.6
Glennallen CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	554	289	114.86	0.76	114.11	4.9	2.4
Golovin city, Nome Census Area	144	54	3.74	0.00	3.74	38.5	14.5
Goodnews Bay city, Bethel Census Area	230	87	3.17	0.00	3.17	72.6	27.5
Grayling city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	194	63	10.94	0.01	10.93	17.7	5.8
Gulkana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	88	43	36.54	0.00	36.54	2.4	1.2
Gustavus CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	429	345	37.68	0.00	37.68	11.4	9.2
Haines city, Haines Borough	1,811	895	21.55	8.03	13.52	134.0	68.2
Halibut Cove CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	35	123	11.36	3.25	8.12	4.3	15.2
Happy Valley CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	489	398	88.65	0.07	88.58	5.5	4.5
Harding-Birch Lakes CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	216	489	233.59	14.83	218.76	1.0	2.2
Healy CDP, Denali Borough	1,000	604	669.37	0.35	669.02	1.5	0.9
Healy Lake CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	37	21	74.32	8.07	66.25	0.6	0.3
Hobart Bay CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	3	17	129.81	12.38	117.43	0.0	0.1
Hollis CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	139	95	64.62	1.39	63.23	2.2	1.5
Holy Cross city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	227	81	37.44	6.18	31.26	7.3	2.6
Homer city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	3,946	1,873	22.43	11.85	10.58	372.9	177.0
Hoonah city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	860	348	8.69	2.09	6.61	130.2	52.7

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Hooper Bay city, Wade Hampton Census Area	1,014	239	8.76	0.08	8.68	116.8	27.5
Hope CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	137	176	51.79	0.08	51.70	2.6	3.4
Houston city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,202	581	23.54	1.15	22.39	53.7	25.9
Hughes city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	78	39	3.10	0.00	3.10	25.2	12.6
Huslia city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	293	111	17.17	0.73	16.43	17.8	6.8
Hydaburg city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	382	154	0.28	0.00	0.28	1,340.6	540.4
Hyder CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	97	72	14.84	0.00	14.84	6.5	4.9
Igiugig CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	63	20	21.10	1.27	19.83	2.7	1.0
Iliamna CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	102	58	36.51	0.51	35.88	2.8	1.6
Ivanof Bay CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	22	12	3.36	0.00	3.36	6.5	3.6
Juneau city and borough, Juneau City and Borough	30,711	12,282	3,255.01	538.34	2,716.67	11.3	4.5
Kachemak city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	431	219	1.61	0.00	1.61	268.0	136.2
Keke city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	710	288	14.16	6.00	8.16	87.0	35.3
Kaktovik city, North Slope Borough	293	95	1.00	0.21	0.79	371.0	120.3
Kalifornsky CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	5,846	2,479	70.15	0.96	69.19	84.5	35.8
Katag city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	230	78	27.39	4.10	23.29	9.9	3.3
Karluk CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	27	24	60.02	2.29	57.73	0.5	0.4
Kasaan city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	39	39	6.24	0.91	5.33	7.3	7.3
Kasigluk CDP, Bethel Census Area	643	110	13.25	1.08	12.19	44.5	9.0
Kasilof CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	471	208	10.57	0.21	10.36	45.4	20.1
Kenai city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	6,942	3,003	35.53	6.63	29.90	232.2	100.4
Kenny Lake CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	410	190	195.22	0.73	194.99	2.1	1.0
Ketchikan city, Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,922	3,645	4.14	0.77	3.37	2,348.6	1,080.6
Kiana city, Northwest Arctic Borough	388	133	0.24	0.00	0.24	1,608.9	551.5
King Cove city, Aleutians East Borough	792	207	29.81	4.54	25.27	31.3	8.2
King Salmon CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	442	343	170.98	1.40	169.55	2.6	2.0
Kipnuk CDP, Bethel Census Area	644	154	19.63	0.24	19.38	33.2	7.9
Kivalina city, Northwest Arctic Borough	377	80	3.86	1.99	1.87	202.1	42.9
Klawock city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	854	368	0.89	0.31	0.58	1,465.4	631.4
Klukwan CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	139	85	1.90	0.65	1.24	111.9	68.4
Knik-Fairview CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	7,049	2,593	71.02	1.20	69.82	101.0	37.1
Knik River CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	582	263	93.16	2.75	90.41	6.4	2.9
Kobuk city, Northwest Arctic Borough	108	45	18.83	0.73	16.10	6.8	2.8
Kodiak city, Kodiak Island Borough	6,334	2,255	4.85	1.39	3.46	1,832.7	652.5
Kodiak Station CDP Kodiak Island							

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Borough	1,840	536	30.76	7.32	23.44	78.5	22.9
Kokhanok CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	174	58	21.43	0.10	21.33	8.2	2.8
Koliganek CDP, Dillingham Census Area	182	77	12.52	0.05	12.46	14.6	6.2
Kongiganak CDP, Bethel Census Area	359	90	1.86	0.17	1.69	212.5	53.3
Kotlik city, Wade Hampton Census Area	591	139	4.65	0.83	3.82	154.8	36.4
Kotzebue city, Northwest Arctic Borough	3,082	1,007	28.66	1.65	27.00	114.1	37.3
Koyuk city, Nome Census Area	297	95	4.74	0.00	4.74	62.7	20.1
Koyukuk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	101	55	6.28	0.04	6.24	16.2	8.8
Kupreanof city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	23	26	6.09	2.09	4.00	5.7	6.5
Kwethluk city, Bethel Census Area	713	199	11.72	1.73	9.99	71.4	19.8
Kwigillingok CDP, Bethel Census Area	338	78	20.22	0.07	20.15	16.8	3.9
Lake Louise CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	88	255	74.24	26.38	47.86	1.8	6.3
Lake Minchumina CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	32	41	244.09	27.69	216.40	0.1	0.2
Lakes CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	6,706	2,329	15.38	1.73	13.65	491.3	170.6
Larsen Bay city, Kodiak Island Borough	115	70	7.63	2.19	5.44	21.1	12.8
Lazy Mountain CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,158	465	35.65	0.18	35.47	32.6	13.1
Levelock CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	122	50	14.50	0.00	14.50	8.4	3.4
Lime Village CDP, Bethel Census Area	6	24	82.46	2.20	80.26	0.1	0.3
Livengood CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	29	31	267.84	2.16	265.68	0.1	0.1
Lowell Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	92	72	11.78	0.00	11.77	7.8	6.1
Lower Kalskag city, Bethel Census Area	267	79	1.72	0.44	1.28	208.2	61.6
Lutak CDP, Haines Borough	39	39	133.65	5.62	128.02	0.3	0.3
McCarthy CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	42	47	148.28	0.00	148.28	0.3	0.3
McGrath city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	401	213	54.60	5.72	48.88	8.2	4.4
McKinley Park CDP, Denali Borough	142	167	174.81	0.23	174.58	0.8	1.0
Manley Hot Springs CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	72	105	54.28	0.00	54.28	1.3	1.9
Manokotak city, Dillingham Census Area	399	106	37.26	0.90	36.36	11.0	2.9
Marshall city, Wade Hampton Census Area	349	104	4.73	0.00	4.72	73.9	22.0
Meadow Lakes CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,819	2,003	69.98	3.02	66.96	72.0	29.9
Mekoryuk city, Bethel Census Area	210	86	7.37	0.01	7.37	28.5	13.0
Mendelina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	63	33	457.06	9.42	447.64	0.1	0.1
Mentasta Lake CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	142	89	305.08	2.01	303.07	0.5	0.3
Metlakatla CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	1,375	531	2.34	0.02	2.32	593.4	229.2
Meyers Chuck CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	21	48	0.82	0.23	0.58	36.0	82.4

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Miller Landing CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	74	35	0.25	0.00	0.25	282.8	138.6
Minto CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	258	95	138.63	3.58	135.05	1.9	0.7
Moose Creek CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	542	280	1.69	0.11	1.58	342.7	177.1
Moose Pass CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	206	119	18.10	0.06	18.04	11.4	6.6
Mosquito Lake CDP, Haines Borough	221	126	79.04	0.21	78.83	2.8	1.6
Mountain Village city, Wade Hampton Census Area	756	211	4.35	0.00	4.35	173.7	48.5
Mud Bay CDP, Haines Borough	137	110	12.52	0.02	12.50	11.0	8.8
Naknek CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	670	453	84.84	0.88	84.16	8.1	5.4
Nanwalek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	177	54	8.51	0.00	8.51	20.8	6.3
Napakuk city, Bethel Census Area	353	101	6.01	0.31	4.59	75.2	21.5
Napaskiak city, Bethel Census Area	390	95	3.81	0.35	3.47	112.3	27.4
Naukatik Bay CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	135	78	6.05	0.25	4.80	28.1	16.3
Nalchikina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	71	33	46.73	0.69	46.04	1.5	0.7
Nelson Lagoon CDP, Aleutians East Borough	83	33	196.65	61.39	135.26	0.6	0.2
Nenana city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	402	210	6.09	0.06	6.04	66.6	34.8
New Alakaket CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	36	9	2.73	0.50	2.23	16.1	4.0
Newhalen city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	160	51	8.33	2.28	6.05	26.4	8.4
New Stuyahok city, Dillingham Census Area	471	107	34.60	1.97	32.63	14.4	3.3
Newtok CDP, Bethel Census Area	321	67	1.11	0.08	1.03	313.1	85.4
Nightmute city, Bethel Census Area	208	54	101.54	4.57	95.97	2.1	0.6
Nikiski CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	4,327	1,766	76.21	6.60	69.62	62.2	25.4
Nikolaevsk CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	345	122	36.27	0.00	36.27	9.5	3.4
Nikolai city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	100	47	4.88	0.35	4.53	22.1	10.4
Nikolski CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	39	28	132.80	0.73	132.07	0.3	0.2
Ninilchik CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	772	762	207.80	0.03	207.57	3.7	3.7
Noatak CDP, Northwest Arctic Borough	428	106	12.22	0.66	11.56	37.0	9.2
Nome city, Nome Census Area	3,505	1,356	21.60	9.07	12.53	279.7	108.2
Nondalton city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	221	120	8.76	0.40	8.36	26.4	14.4
Noorvik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	634	157	1.34	0.38	0.96	658.7	163.1
North Pole city, Fairbanks North Star Borough	1,570	653	4.22	0.02	4.20	373.6	155.4
Norinway CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	95	40	20.94	1.77	19.17	5.0	2.1
Northway Junction CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	72	29	8.58	0.12	8.48	8.5	3.4
Northway Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	107	39	2.75	0.11	2.64	40.6	14.6
Nuqsut city, North Slope Borough	433	126	9.21	0.00	9.21	47.0	13.7
Nulato city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	336	119	44.78	2.04	42.73	7.9	2.8
Nunapituk city, Bethel Census	466	120	8.55	0.69	7.06	59.3	15.3

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Old Harbor city, Kodiak Island Borough	237	111	27.20	6.19	21.01	11.3	6.3
Osoarville CDP, Bethel Census Area	61	20	1.64	0.14	1.50	40.6	13.3
Ouzinkie city, Kodiak Island Borough	228	86	7.64	1.65	6.03	37.3	14.3
Palmer city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,533	1,555	3.76	0.00	3.76	1,206.3	413.8
Paxson CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	43	117	318.28	14.27	304.01	0.1	0.4
Pedro Bay CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	50	43	18.97	1.64	17.33	2.9	2.5
Pelican city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	163	94	0.70	0.12	0.58	280.5	181.8
Perryville CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	107	45	9.26	0.02	9.25	11.6	4.9
Petersburg city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	3,224	1,367	48.04	2.18	43.86	73.5	31.2
Petersville CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	27	189	355.37	1.31	354.06	0.1	0.5
Pilot Point city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	100	69	140.51	115.12	25.39	3.9	2.7
Pilot Station city, Wade Hampton Census Area	550	126	2.27	0.58	1.69	325.2	74.7
Pitkas Point CDP, Wade Hampton Census Area	125	42	1.49	0.00	1.49	83.9	28.2
Platinum city, Bethel Census Area	41	25	44.70	0.07	44.63	0.9	0.6
Pleasant Valley CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	623	246	30.28	0.00	30.28	20.6	8.1
Point Baker CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	35	23	1.01	0.04	0.96	36.4	23.9
Point Hope city, North Slope Borough	757	215	6.41	0.07	6.34	119.4	33.9
Point Lay CDP, North Slope Borough	247	67	34.48	4.02	30.47	8.1	2.2
Point MacKenzie CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	111	98	150.29	2.32	147.98	0.8	0.7
Pope-Vannoy Landing CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	8	19	57.26	8.43	48.83	0.2	0.4
Portage Creek CDP, Dillingham Census Area	36	22	13.12	0.00	13.12	2.7	1.7
Port Alexander city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	81	79	15.05	11.27	3.77	21.5	20.9
Port Alsworth CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	104	70	22.83	0.14	22.69	4.6	3.1
Port Clarence CDP, Nome Census Area	21	0	36.46	1.00	35.46	0.6	0.0
Port Graham CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	171	82	5.93	0.00	5.93	28.8	13.8
Port Heiden city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	118	58	51.36	0.66	50.70	2.3	1.1
Port Lions city, Kodiak Island Borough	256	106	10.06	3.72	6.35	40.3	16.7
Port Protection CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	63	52	4.59	0.12	4.47	14.1	11.6
Primrose CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	93	47	38.37	0.97	37.39	2.5	1.3
Prudhoe Bay CDP, North Slope Borough	5	1	558.02	141.76	416.26	0.0	0.0
Quinhagak city, Bethel Census Area	555	153	6.25	0.57	4.68	118.5	32.7
Rampart CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	45	46	168.79	0.00	168.79	0.3	0.3

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Red Devil CDP, Bethel Census Area	48	22	26.39	2.20	24.19	2.0	0.9
Red Dog Mine CDP, Northwest Arctic Borough	32	0	66.87	0.00	66.87	0.5	0.0
Ridgeway CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,932	938	17.60	0.95	16.65	116.0	56.3
Ruby city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	188	107	7.55	0.00	7.55	24.8	14.2
Russian Mission city, Wade Hampton Census Area	296	81	6.17	0.51	5.66	52.3	14.3
St. George city, Aleutians West Census Area	152	67	182.37	147.61	34.75	4.4	1.9
St. Mary's city, Wade Hampton Census Area	500	186	50.21	6.26	43.95	11.4	4.2
St. Michael city, Nome Census Area	368	93	28.01	6.29	21.72	16.9	4.3
St. Paul city, Aleutians West Census Area	632	214	295.54	255.22	40.32	13.2	5.3
Salamatof CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	854	282	8.25	0.14	8.11	117.7	34.8
Salcha CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	854	388	74.21	2.17	72.05	11.9	5.4
Sand Point city, Aleutians East Borough	952	282	28.94	21.14	7.80	122.1	36.2
Savoonga city, Nome Census Area	643	160	8.10	0.00	8.10	105.5	26.2
Saxman city, Ketchikan Gateway Borough	431	148	1.00	0.00	1.00	431.5	146.2
Scammon Bay city, Wade Hampton Census Area	465	114	0.63	0.00	0.63	737.8	180.9
Selawik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	772	188	3.43	0.90	2.52	306.1	74.6
Seldovia city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	286	232	0.57	0.19	0.38	749.9	608.3
Seldovia Village CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	144	159	20.83	1.01	19.82	7.3	8.0
Seward city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	2,830	1,058	21.53	7.09	14.44	196.0	73.3
Shageluk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	129	52	11.97	1.38	10.59	12.2	4.9
Shaktolik city, Nome Census Area	230	68	1.06	0.00	1.06	216.7	62.2
Sheldon Point (Nunam Iqua) city, Wade Hampton Census Area	164	45	18.51	5.33	13.18	12.4	3.4
Shishmaref city, Nome Census Area	562	148	7.27	4.48	2.78	202.0	53.2
Shungnak city, Northwest Arctic Borough	256	64	9.62	1.26	8.36	30.6	7.7
Silver Springs CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	130	55	2.88	0.00	2.88	45.1	19.1
Sitka city and borough, Sitka City and Borough	8,835	3,650	4,811.53	1,937.55	2,873.98	3.1	1.3
Skagway city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	862	502	464.35	11.81	452.44	1.9	1.1
Skwentna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	111	350	449.74	6.93	442.80	0.3	0.6
Slana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	124	193	253.79	0.94	252.85	0.5	0.8
Sleetmute CDP, Bethel Census Area	100	51	105.26	5.78	99.48	1.0	0.5
Soldotna city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	3,759	1,670	7.41	0.47	6.94	541.9	240.7
South Naknek CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	137	137	97.52	2.47	95.05	1.4	1.4
Siebbins city, Nome Census Area	547	134	36.91	1.74	35.16	15.6	3.8
Sterling CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	4,705	2,554	79.39	2.08	77.31	60.9	33.0

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Stevens Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	87	43	10.97	0.80	10.37	8.4	4.1
Stony River CDP, Bethel Census Area	61	25	4.96	1.34	3.62	16.8	6.9
Sunnise CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	18	25	13.02	0.00	13.02	1.4	1.9
Susitna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	37	102	158.85	0.61	158.24	0.2	0.6
Sutton-Alpine CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,080	352	151.84	0.35	151.29	7.1	2.3
Takotna CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	50	49	23.46	0.00	23.46	2.1	2.1
Talkeetna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	772	526	42.94	1.37	41.57	18.6	12.7
Tanacross CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	140	53	81.16	1.12	80.04	1.7	0.7
Tanaina CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,993	1,700	27.51	0.42	27.10	184.3	62.7
Tanana city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	308	166	15.58	4.02	11.56	26.6	14.4
Tatitlek CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	107	57	7.30	0.00	7.30	14.7	7.8
Tazlina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	149	87	7.49	0.92	6.57	22.7	13.2
Teller city, Nome Census Area	268	87	2.11	0.19	1.92	139.9	45.4
Tenakee Springs city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	104	144	19.11	5.32	13.79	7.5	10.4
Tetlin CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	117	55	71.97	1.54	70.44	1.7	0.8
Thoms Place CDP, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	22	30	10.65	0.00	10.65	2.1	2.8
Thorne Bay city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	557	327	30.36	4.81	25.54	21.8	12.8
Togiak city, Dillingham Census Area	809	221	228.46	183.26	45.21	17.9	4.9
Tok CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	1,393	748	132.28	0.00	132.28	10.5	5.7
Toksook Bay city, Bethel Census Area	532	110	74.02	40.94	33.08	16.1	3.3
Toksona CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	27	48	46.13	1.15	44.98	0.6	1.0
Tonsina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	92	45	148.00	0.19	147.81	0.6	0.3
Trapper Creek CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	423	361	370.77	5.85	364.92	1.2	1.0
Tulksak CDP, Bethel Census Area	428	93	3.12	0.07	3.05	140.1	30.4
Tuntutuliak CDP, Bethel Census Area	370	97	119.40	0.15	119.25	3.1	0.8
Tununak CDP, Bethel Census Area	325	93	60.70	0.20	60.50	5.4	1.6
Twin Hills CDP, Dillingham Census Area	69	33	22.09	0.25	21.84	3.2	1.5
Two Rivers CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	482	192	28.52	0.00	28.52	16.9	6.7
Tyonek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	193	134	68.80	1.19	67.61	2.9	2.0
Ugashik CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	11	35	248.67	14.75	233.92	0.0	0.1
Unalakleet city, Nome Census Area	747	242	5.13	2.27	2.87	260.5	84.4
Unalaska city, Aleutians West Census Area	4,283	988	212.33	101.31	111.02	38.6	8.9
Upper Katskag city, Bethel Census Area	230	66	4.13	0.35	3.78	60.8	17.5
Valdez city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,036	1,645	277.06	55.09	221.97	18.2	7.4
Veneta CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk							

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Census Area	202	79	20.84	0.00	20.84	9.7	3.8
Wainwright city, North Slope Borough	548	179	42.45	24.88	17.56	31.1	10.2
Wales city, Nome Census Area	162	69	2.82	0.00	2.82	53.9	20.9
Vasilla city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	5,469	2,119	12.42	0.70	11.72	468.8	180.9
Whale Pass CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	58	51	37.37	1.75	35.61	1.6	1.4
White Mountain city, Nome Census Area	203	75	2.03	0.24	1.78	113.7	42.0
Whitestone Logging Camp CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	116	45	10.50	0.00	10.50	11.1	4.3
Whittier city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	182	213	19.69	7.16	12.53	14.5	17.0
Willow CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,858	1,530	692.86	8.04	684.82	2.4	2.2
Willow Creek CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	201	111	40.56	0.79	39.78	5.1	2.8
Wiseman CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	21	30	78.14	0.04	78.10	0.3	0.4
Womens Bay CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	690	289	43.85	0.13	43.72	15.8	6.2
Wrangell city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	2,308	1,092	70.84	25.57	45.28	51.0	24.1
Y CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	958	818	336.52	3.11	333.42	2.9	2.5
Yakutat CDP, Yakutat City and Borough	680	385	103.11	3.67	99.44	6.8	3.9

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Census 2000 Summary File 1

February 26, 2004

The Honorable Con Bunde, Chairman
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, MS 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: SB 337 Energy Programs and Funds

Dear Senator Bunde:

On February 16, 2004, SB 337 (Companion Bill HB 485) was introduced by the Governor through the Senate Rules committee and referred to your committee. This legislation relates to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and proposes to amend statutory provisions of two AEA loan programs.

Specifically, SB 337 proposes the following changes to AEA's programs:

1. Power Project Fund (PPF) provides loans to local utilities, local governments or independent power producers for the development or upgrade of electric power facilities, including conservation, bulk fuel storage, waste energy conservation, and potable water supply projects. SB 337 proposes to amend this program by expanding the definition of power project to include energy efficiency projects. Under the current statutory definition of eligible projects, AEA has denied loan applications for worthwhile projects such as lighting retrofits.

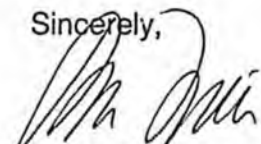
in addition, SB 337 proposes to repeal the loan committee that approves loans from this fund. AEA will utilize the same credit approval process that the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority has successfully utilized for its credit programs, including an appeal process to the board of directors.

2. Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund (BFRLF) provides short-term loans to assist small rural communities in purchasing annual bulk fuel supplies. SB 337 authorizes loans from the fund to other entities such as corporations, cooperatives, and joint ventures. The Department of Law recently interpreted the current statutory eligible borrowers to be only communities and natural persons i.e., "private individuals." This change will not expand the definition of eligible borrower beyond the long-standing interpretation and practice that included other entities such as corporations.
3. With the concurrence of the Department of Revenue, the Power Development Fund has been invested by AEA since 1993. SB 337 proposes to affirm this long-standing arrangement by providing AEA the statutory authority to invest the fund. AEA continues to remit all earnings of the fund to the general fund.

4. The general powers of AEA are proposed to be amended by clarifying that AEA has the authority to manage various projects by issuing grants and entering contracts. By acting as an agent for rural communities, AEA manages power projects, bulk fuel projects and alternative energy projects. The legislature has authorized AEA to manage these projects through the appropriation process by providing AEA authority to receive and expend federal funds from entities such as the Denali Commission and the US Department of Energy.
5. SB 337 clarifies that AEA's statutory mandate to provide technical assistance may not be used as an independent basis for tort liability against AEA. AEA would continue to be liable for negligence if it fails to use reasonable care in providing the technical assistance.
6. SB 337 proposes to repeal the inactive Electrical Service Extension Fund.

We respectfully request you to schedule SB 337 for hearing in your committee, and we urge favorable action on this bill. The related zero-fiscal note is enclosed. We will be happy to meet with you and other members of the committee to provide any other information you may require. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Ron Miller
Executive Director

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Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 337
(S) Publish Date: 2/16/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DOR
Title Powers of Alaska Energy Authority RDU 509
Component Treasury Management
Sponsor _____
Requester Governor Component No. 121

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF; Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation pertains to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority.

This bill will no fiscal impact on operating expenses of the Department of Revenue.

Prepared by: Landa Baily Phone 465-2365
Division: Commissioner's Office Date/Time 12/18/03 2:22 PM
Approved by: Steve Porter Date 12/18/2003
Agency: Commissioner's Office

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: SB 337
 (S) Publish Date: 2/16/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title AEA Amendments RDU Rural Energy (412)
 Component Rural Energy Operations
 Sponsor Rules
 Requester By Request of the Governor Component No. 1935

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill affects various statutory provisions and specifically:

Amends the Power Project Fund (PPF) program by 1) authorizing loans for waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency and alternative energy facilities and equipment and 2) repealing the loan committee.

Amends the bulk fuel revolving loan fund program by 1) changing the definition of eligible entities from "private individuals" to "persons" that would include corporations, cooperatives, joint ventures and governmental entities that generate power or supply the public with fuel in eligible communities and 2) repeals an unnecessary definition.

Prepared by: Ron Miller, Executive Director Phone (907) 269-3000
 Division AIDE/AEA Date/Time 2/3/04 4:12 PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 2/3/2004
 Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

FISCAL NOTE #2

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 337

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Specifies that the statutory mandate to provide technical assistance to rural utilities may not be used as an independent basis for tort liability against AEA.

Clarifies AEA's authority to enter into contracts for financing, operating, maintaining and constructing bulk fuel storage facilities and to make grants and loans for such projects.

Provides that AEA may invest the power development fund rather than the Department of Revenue.

Repeals the Electrical Service Extension Fund.

The Alaska Energy Authority does not anticipate additional operating expenses to result from passage of this bill.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE SENATE LABOR
AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
TO: SB 337

BY _____

1 Page 7, line 9:

2 Delete ", 42.45.200,"

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4 Page 7, following line 9:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

6 "* Sec. 12. AS 42.45.200 is repealed.

7 * Sec. 13. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 TRANSITION: ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION FUND. Subject to
10 appropriation, the money in the electrical service extension fund established in former
11 AS 42.45.200, repealed by sec. 12 of this Act, is transferred to the general fund."

12

13 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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15 Page 7, following line 12:

16 Insert a new bill section to read:

17 "* Sec. 15. Sections 12 and 13 of this Act take effect July 1, 2004."

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19 Renumber the remaining bill section accordingly.

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21 Page 7, line 13:

22 Delete "This"

23 Insert "Except as provided in sec. 15 of this Act, this"

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3/24/2004
(9:30 AM)

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE LABOR
AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE
TO: SB 337

BY _____

1 Page 1, line 2:

2 Following "loans":

3 Delete "and"

4 Insert ", to"

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6 Following "contracts":

7 Insert ", and to improve, equip, operate, and maintain bulk fuel, waste
8 energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy facilities and
9 equipment"

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 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
 Geographic Area: Alaska - Place

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error and definitions, see
<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf1u.htm>

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Alaska	626,932	280,978	663,267.26	91,316.00	571,951.26	1.1	0.5
PLACE							
Adak CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	316	884	127.29	4.93	122.35	2.6	7.2
Akiak city, Kodiak Island Borough	80	34	10.40	2.45	7.95	10.1	4.3
Akiachak CDP, Bethel Census Area	585	150	6.77	0.01	6.76	86.5	22.2
Akiak city, Bethel Census Area	309	76	3.06	1.09	1.97	157.2	38.7
Akutan city, Aleutians East Borough	713	38	18.88	4.85	14.03	50.1	2.7
Akanuk CDP, Wade Hampton Census Area	652	160	41.02	8.67	32.35	20.2	4.9
Alatna CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	35	17	36.46	0.00	36.46	1.0	0.5
Alcan Border CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	21	13	148.61	0.74	147.86	0.1	0.1
Aleknagik city, Dillingham Census Area	221	107	18.77	7.22	11.55	19.1	9.3
Aleneva CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	68	14	61.50	0.00	61.50	1.1	0.2
Allakaket city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	97	59	4.34	0.74	3.60	27.0	16.4
Alpine CDP, North Slope Borough	0	0	39.19	0.94	38.25	0.0	0.0
Ambler city, Northwest Arctic Borough	309	98	10.75	1.28	9.46	32.6	10.4
Anaktuvuk Pass city, North Slope Borough	282	101	4.92	0.08	4.84	58.2	20.8
Anchorage municipality, Anchorage Municipality	260,283	100,368	1,961.09	263.88	1,697.21	153.4	59.1
Anchor Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,845	979	90.90	0.12	90.79	20.3	10.8
Anderson city, Denali Borough	367	148	47.26	0.54	46.72	7.9	3.2
Angoon city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	572	221	38.59	16.09	22.50	25.4	9.8
Aniak city, Bethel Census Area	572	203	8.79	2.27	6.52	87.8	31.1
Anvik city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	104	49	11.94	2.44	9.50	10.9	5.2
Arctic Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	152	67	69.84	8.12	61.71	2.5	1.1
Atka city, Aleutians West Census Area	92	41	36.17	27.42	8.74	10.5	4.7
Atnaudual CDP, Bethel Census Area	294	64	3.35	2.72	0.64	462.0	100.6
Atkasuk city, North Slope Borough	228	60	42.35	3.48	38.87	5.9	1.5
Atliu Station CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	20	0	143.65	1.08	142.57	0.1	0.0
Barrow city, North Slope Borough	4,581	1,620	21.33	2.93	18.40	249.0	88.1
Bear Creek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,748	806	42.78	0.89	41.89	41.7	19.2
Beaver CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	84	54	21.60	1.09	20.50	4.1	2.6

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Beluga CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	32	54	103.38	0.74	102.65	0.3	0.5
Bethel city, Bethel Census Area	5,471	1,990	48.82	5.07	43.76	125.0	45.5
Bettles city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	43	36	1.64	0.00	1.64	26.2	21.9
Big Delta CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	749	232	61.13	6.93	55.20	13.6	4.2
Big Lake CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,635	2,122	144.80	12.87	131.93	20.0	16.1
Birch Creek CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	28	22	6.35	0.27	6.12	4.6	3.6
Brevig Mission city, Nome Census Area	276	76	2.64	0.05	2.60	106.3	29.3
Buckland city, Northwest Arctic Borough	406	85	1.41	0.15	1.22	332.3	72.8
Buffalo Soapstone CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	699	286	22.59	0.01	22.58	31.0	11.8
Butte CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,561	964	41.03	0.74	40.28	63.6	23.9
Cantwell CDP, Denali Borough	222	171	118.73	0.47	118.26	1.9	1.5
Central CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	134	169	249.45	1.50	247.95	0.5	0.7
Chalkyitsik CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	83	62	9.05	0.34	8.71	9.5	7.1
Chase CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	41	90	93.53	0.62	92.90	0.4	1.0
Chelomak city, Bethel Census Area	394	82	6.49	0.76	5.73	68.8	14.3
Chenega CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	86	27	29.15	0.34	28.81	3.0	0.9
Chevak city, Wade Hampton Census Area	765	190	1.17	0.02	1.14	668.6	166.1
Chickaloon CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	213	208	80.25	0.84	79.41	2.7	2.6
Chicken CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	17	21	115.41	0.00	115.41	0.1	0.2
Chignik city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	79	80	15.87	4.16	11.72	6.7	6.8
Chignik Lagoon CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	103	68	13.10	0.00	13.10	7.9	5.2
Chignik Lake CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	145	50	21.92	9.63	12.29	11.8	4.1
Chinik CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	50	32	40.68	0.17	40.51	1.2	0.8
Chisana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	0	0	86.74	0.09	86.66	0.0	0.0
Chistochina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	93	59	359.83	0.41	359.42	0.3	0.2
Chitina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	123	54	95.77	11.13	84.64	1.5	0.6
Chuathbaluk city, Bethel Census Area	119	43	5.37	1.84	3.52	33.8	12.2
Circle CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	100	42	108.21	0.54	107.67	0.9	0.4
Clam Gulch CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	173	115	13.73	0.00	13.73	12.6	8.4
Clark's Point city, Dillingham Census Area	75	51	4.06	0.92	3.14	23.9	16.2
Coffman Cove city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	199	99	14.85	4.46	10.39	19.2	9.5
Cohoe CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,168	630	72.63	2.90	69.73	16.7	9.0
Cold Bay city, Aleutians East Borough	88	98	70.94	16.56	54.37	1.6	1.8
Coldfoot CDP Yukon-Koyukuk							

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Census Area	13	12	37.02	0.00	37.02	0.4	0.3
College CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	11,402	4,501	19.06	0.41	18.67	610.7	241.1
Cooper Landing CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	366	379	69.91	3.92	66.00	5.6	5.7
Copper Center CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	362	163	13.73	0.00	13.73	26.4	11.9
Copperville CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	179	77	1.39	0.00	1.39	128.3	55.2
Cordova city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	2,454	1,099	75.64	14.27	61.36	40.0	17.9
Covenant Life CDP, Haines Borough	102	38	26.30	0.20	26.10	3.9	1.5
Craig city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	1,397	580	9.40	2.72	6.68	209.1	86.8
Crooked Creek CDP, Bethel Census Area	137	46	108.51	7.43	101.07	1.4	0.5
Crown Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	75	38	3.55	0.00	3.55	21.1	10.7
Cube Cove CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	72	37	11.71	0.29	11.42	6.3	3.2
Deering city, Northwest Arctic Borough	136	61	5.26	0.12	5.14	26.5	11.9
Delta Junction city, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	840	422	17.26	0.00	17.26	48.7	24.4
Deltana CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	1,570	609	565.17	2.95	562.22	2.8	1.2
Diamond Ridge CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,802	850	47.67	0.04	47.63	37.8	17.8
Dillingham city, Dillingham Census Area	2,468	1,000	35.74	2.12	33.62	73.4	29.7
Diomedea city, Nome Census Area	146	47	2.84	0.00	2.84	51.4	16.6
Dot Lake CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	19	19	279.10	1.07	278.04	0.1	0.1
Dot Lake Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	38	25	3.63	0.00	3.63	10.5	6.9
Dry Creek CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	128	38	156.50	0.07	156.43	0.8	0.2
Eagle city, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	129	137	1.01	0.00	1.01	127.9	135.8
Eagle Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	68	50	19.09	0.00	19.09	3.6	2.6
Edna Bay CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	49	40	58.81	2.82	55.98	0.9	0.7
Eek city, Bethel Census Area	280	83	1.05	0.13	0.91	307.2	91.1
Egegik city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	116	286	133.98	101.21	32.78	3.5	8.7
Eielson AFB CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	5,400	1,531	53.52	1.52	52.00	103.8	29.4
Ekwook city, Dillingham Census Area	130	56	17.33	1.36	15.97	8.1	3.5
Ellin Cove CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	32	35	10.84	0.15	10.69	3.0	3.3
Elim city, Nome Census Area	313	106	2.43	0.00	2.43	128.9	43.7
Emmonak city, Wade Hampton Census Area	767	218	8.64	1.13	7.51	102.2	29.0
Ester CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	1,680	814	64.68	0.05	64.63	26.0	12.6
Evansville CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	28	30	22.41	0.19	22.21	1.3	1.4
Excursion Inlet CDP, Haines Borough	10	85	56.90	0.15	56.75	0.2	1.5
Fairbanks city, Fairbanks North Star Borough	30,224	12,357	32.67	0.81	31.86	948.7	387.9
False Pass city, Aleutians East							

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Borough	64	40	88.27	41.39	26.88	2.4	1.5
Farm Loop CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,067	350	8.85	0.01	8.84	120.7	39.6
Ferry CDP, Denali Borough	25	33	68.44	0.00	68.44	0.4	0.5
Fishhook CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,030	730	88.41	0.28	88.13	23.0	8.3
Flat CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	4	3	161.07	0.00	161.07	0.0	0.0
Fort Greely CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	461	354	169.73	0.36	169.37	2.7	2.1
Fort Yukon city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	595	317	7.43	0.42	7.00	85.0	45.3
Four Mile Road CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	38	18	0.91	0.01	0.90	42.0	21.0
Fox CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	300	158	13.60	0.00	13.60	22.1	11.7
Fox River CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	616	170	129.44	2.85	126.59	4.8	1.3
Frantz Creek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,603	854	54.40	0.00	54.40	29.5	15.7
Funny River CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	636	621	29.32	2.13	27.19	23.4	22.8
Gakona CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	215	90	61.34	0.00	61.34	3.5	1.5
Galena city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	675	259	23.97	6.09	17.87	37.8	14.5
Gambell city, Nome Census Area	849	187	30.36	18.45	10.90	59.5	17.2
Game Creek CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	35	10	4.93	0.04	4.90	7.1	2.0
Gateway CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	2,952	1,084	16.78	0.51	16.27	181.5	66.6
Glacier View CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	249	260	450.59	2.42	448.17	0.6	0.6
Glennallen CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	554	269	114.86	0.76	114.11	4.9	2.4
Golovin city, Nome Census Area	144	54	3.74	0.00	3.74	38.5	14.5
Goodnews Bay city, Bethel Census Area	230	87	3.17	0.00	3.17	72.6	27.5
Grayling city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	194	63	10.94	0.01	10.93	17.7	5.8
Gulkana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	88	43	36.54	0.00	36.54	2.4	1.2
Gustavus CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	429	345	37.68	0.00	37.68	11.4	9.2
Haines city, Haines Borough	1,811	895	21.55	8.03	13.52	134.0	66.2
Halibut Cove CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	35	123	11.36	3.25	8.12	4.3	15.2
Happy Valley CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	489	398	88.65	0.07	88.58	5.5	4.5
Harding-Birch Lakes CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	216	489	233.59	14.83	218.76	1.0	2.2
Healy CDP, Denali Borough	1,000	604	669.37	0.35	669.02	1.5	0.9
Healy Lake CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	37	21	74.32	8.07	66.25	0.6	0.3
Hobart Bay CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	3	17	129.81	12.38	117.43	0.0	0.1
Hollis CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	139	95	64.82	1.39	63.23	2.2	1.5
Holy Cross city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	227	81	37.44	6.18	31.26	7.3	2.6
Homer city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	3,946	1,873	22.43	11.85	10.58	372.9	177.0
Hoonah city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	860	348	8.69	2.09	6.61	130.2	52.7

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Hooper Bay city, Wade Hampton Census Area	1,014	239	8.76	0.06	8.68	116.8	27.5
Hope CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	137	175	51.79	0.08	51.70	2.6	3.4
Houston city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,202	581	23.54	1.15	22.39	53.7	25.9
Hughes city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	78	39	3.10	0.00	3.10	25.2	12.6
Huslia city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	293	111	17.17	0.73	16.43	17.8	6.8
Hydaburg city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	382	154	0.28	0.00	0.28	1,340.6	540.4
Ilyder CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	97	72	14.84	0.00	14.84	6.5	4.9
Igigig CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	53	20	21.10	1.27	19.83	2.7	1.0
Iliamna CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	102	68	36.51	0.61	35.89	2.8	1.6
Ivanof Bay CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	22	12	3.36	0.00	3.36	6.5	3.6
Juneau city and borough, Juneau City and Borough	30,711	12,282	3,255.01	538.34	2,716.67	11.3	4.5
Kachemak city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	431	219	1.61	0.00	1.61	268.0	136.2
Keke city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	710	288	14.16	6.00	8.16	87.0	35.3
Kaklovik city, North Slope Borough	293	95	1.00	0.21	0.79	371.0	120.3
Kalifornsky CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	5,846	2,479	70.15	0.96	69.19	84.5	35.8
Kaltag city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	230	78	27.39	4.10	23.29	9.9	3.3
Karluk CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	27	24	60.02	2.29	57.73	0.5	0.4
Kasaan city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	39	39	6.24	0.91	5.33	7.3	7.3
Kasigluk CDP, Bethel Census Area	643	110	13.25	1.08	12.19	44.5	9.0
Kasilof CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	471	208	10.57	0.21	10.36	45.4	20.1
Kenai city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	6,942	3,003	35.53	6.63	29.90	232.2	100.4
Kenny Lake C.D., Valdez-Cordova Census Area	410	190	195.22	0.23	194.99	2.1	1.0
Ketchikan city, Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,922	3,645	4.14	0.77	3.37	2,348.6	1,080.6
Kiana city, Northwest Arctic Borough	388	133	0.24	0.00	0.24	1,608.9	551.5
King Cove city, Aleutians East Borough	792	207	29.81	4.54	25.27	31.3	8.2
King Salmon CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	442	343	170.96	1.40	169.55	2.6	2.0
Kipnuk CDP, Bethel Census Area	644	154	19.63	0.24	19.39	33.2	7.9
Kivalina city, Northwest Arctic Borough	377	80	3.86	1.99	1.87	202.1	42.9
Klawock city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	854	368	0.89	0.31	0.58	1,465.4	631.4
Klukwan CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	139	85	1.90	0.65	1.24	111.9	68.4
Knik-Fairview CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	7,049	2,593	71.02	1.20	69.82	101.0	37.1
Knik River CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	582	263	93.16	2.75	90.41	6.4	2.9
Kobuk city, Northwest Arctic Borough	108	45	18.83	0.73	16.10	6.8	2.8
Kodiak city, Kodiak Island Borough	6,334	2,255	4.85	1.39	3.46	1,832.7	652.6
Kodiak Station CDP Kodiak Island							

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Borough	1,840	535	30.78	7.32	23.44	78.5	22.9
Kokhanok CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	174	59	21.43	0.10	21.33	8.2	2.8
Koliganek CDP, Dillingham Census Area	182	77	12.52	0.05	12.46	14.6	6.2
Kongiganak CDP, Bethel Census Area	359	90	1.86	0.17	1.69	212.5	53.3
Kotlik city, Wade Hampton Census Area	591	139	4.65	0.83	3.82	154.8	36.4
Kotzebue city, Northwest Arctic Borough	3,082	1,007	28.66	1.64	27.00	114.1	37.3
Koyuk city, Nome Census Area	297	95	4.74	0.00	4.74	62.7	20.1
Koyukuk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	101	55	6.28	0.04	6.24	16.2	8.8
Kupreanof city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	23	26	6.09	2.09	4.00	5.7	6.5
Kwehluik city, Bethel Census Area	713	199	11.72	1.73	9.99	71.4	19.9
Kwigillingok CDP, Bethel Census Area	338	78	20.22	0.07	20.15	16.8	3.9
Lake Louise CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	88	255	74.24	26.38	47.86	1.8	5.3
Lake Minchumina CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	32	41	244.09	27.69	216.40	0.1	0.2
Lakes CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	6,706	2,329	15.38	1.73	13.65	491.3	170.6
Larsen Bay city, Kodiak Island Borough	115	70	7.63	2.19	5.44	21.1	12.9
Lazy Mountain CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,158	465	35.65	0.18	35.47	32.6	13.1
Levelock CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	122	50	14.50	0.00	14.50	8.4	3.4
Lima Village CDP, Bethel Census Area	6	24	82.46	2.20	80.26	0.1	0.3
Lvengood CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	29	31	267.84	2.16	265.68	0.1	0.1
Lowell Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	92	72	11.78	0.00	11.77	7.8	6.1
Lower Kalskag city, Bethel Census Area	267	79	1.72	0.44	1.28	208.2	61.6
Lutak CDP, Haines Borough	39	39	133.65	5.62	128.02	0.3	0.3
McCarthy CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	42	47	148.28	0.00	148.28	0.3	0.3
McGrath city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	401	213	54.60	5.72	48.88	8.2	4.4
McKinley Park CDP, Denali Borough	142	167	174.81	0.23	174.58	0.8	1.0
Manley Hot Springs CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	72	105	54.28	0.00	54.28	1.3	1.9
Manokotak city, Dillingham Census Area	399	106	37.26	0.90	36.36	11.0	2.8
Marshall city, Wade Hampton Census Area	349	104	4.73	0.00	4.72	73.9	22.0
Meadow Lakes CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,819	2,003	69.98	3.02	66.96	72.0	29.9
Mekoryuk city, Bethel Census Area	210	96	7.37	0.01	7.37	28.5	13.0
Mendelina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	63	33	457.06	9.42	447.64	0.1	0.1
Mentasta Lake CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	142	89	305.08	2.01	303.07	0.5	0.3
Mellakalla CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	1,376	531	2.34	0.02	2.32	693.4	229.2
Meyers Chuck CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	21	48	0.82	0.23	0.58	36.0	82.4

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Miller Landing CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	74	35	0.25	0.00	0.25	292.9	138.6
Minto CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	256	95	138.63	3.58	135.05	1.9	0.7
Moose Creek CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	542	280	1.69	0.11	1.58	342.7	177.1
Moose Pass CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	206	115	18.10	0.05	18.04	11.4	6.6
Mosquito Lake CDP, Haines Borough	221	126	79.04	0.21	78.83	2.8	1.6
Mountain Village city, Wade Hampton Census Area	755	211	4.35	0.00	4.35	173.7	48.5
Mud Bay CDP, Haines Borough	137	110	12.52	0.02	12.50	11.0	8.8
Naknek CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	571	455	84.84	0.55	84.16	8.1	5.4
Nanwalek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	177	54	8.51	0.00	8.51	20.8	6.3
Napakuk city, Bethel Census Area	353	101	5.01	0.31	4.69	75.2	21.5
Napaskiak city, Bethel Census Area	390	95	3.83	0.35	3.47	112.3	27.4
Naukati Bay CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	135	78	5.05	0.25	4.80	28.1	16.3
Nelchina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	71	33	46.73	0.69	46.04	1.5	0.7
Nelson Lagoon CDP, Aleutians East Borough	83	33	196.65	61.39	135.26	0.6	0.2
Nenana city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	402	210	6.09	0.05	6.04	66.6	34.8
New Allakaket CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	36	9	2.73	0.50	2.23	16.1	4.0
Newhalen city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	160	51	8.33	2.28	6.05	26.4	8.4
New Sluyahok city, Dillingham Census Area	471	107	34.60	1.97	32.63	14.4	3.3
Newtok CDP, Bethel Census Area	321	57	1.11	0.08	1.03	313.1	65.4
Nightmute city, Bethel Census Area	208	54	101.54	4.57	96.97	2.1	0.6
Nikiski CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	4,327	1,766	76.21	6.60	69.62	62.2	25.4
Nikolaevsk CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	345	122	36.27	0.00	36.27	9.5	3.4
Nikolai city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	100	47	4.88	0.35	4.63	22.1	10.4
Nikolski CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	39	28	132.80	0.73	132.07	0.3	0.2
Nimlichik CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	772	782	207.80	0.03	207.57	3.7	3.7
Noatak CDP, Northwest Arctic Borough	428	106	12.22	0.66	11.56	37.0	9.2
Nome city, Nome Census Area	3,505	1,355	21.60	9.07	12.53	279.7	108.2
Nondalton city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	221	120	8.76	0.40	8.36	26.4	14.4
Noorvik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	634	157	1.34	0.38	0.96	658.7	163.1
North Pole city, Fairbanks North Star Borough	1,570	653	4.22	0.02	4.20	373.6	155.4
Northway CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	95	40	20.94	1.77	19.17	5.0	2.1
Northway Junction CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	72	29	8.58	0.12	8.46	8.5	3.4
Northway Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	107	39	2.75	0.11	2.64	40.5	14.6
Nuqsut city, North Slope Borough	433	126	9.21	0.00	9.21	47.0	13.7
Nulato city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	336	119	44.76	2.04	42.73	7.9	2.8
Nunapitchuk city, Bethel Census	466	120	8.55	0.69	7.86	59.3	15.3

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Old Harbor city, Kodiak Island Borough	237	111	27.20	6.18	21.01	11.3	6.3
Oscarville CDP, Bethel Census Area	61	20	1.64	0.14	1.50	40.6	13.3
Ouzinkie city, Kodiak Island Borough	225	86	7.68	1.65	6.03	37.3	14.3
Palmer city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,533	1,555	3.76	0.00	3.76	1,206.3	413.8
Paxson CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	43	117	318.28	14.27	304.01	0.1	0.4
Pedro Bay CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	50	43	18.97	1.84	17.33	2.9	2.5
Pelican city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	163	94	0.70	0.12	0.58	280.6	161.8
Perryville CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	107	45	9.26	0.02	9.25	11.6	4.9
Petersburg city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	3,224	1,387	46.04	2.18	43.86	73.5	31.2
Petersville CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	27	189	355.37	1.31	354.06	0.1	0.5
Pilot Point city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	100	89	140.51	115.12	25.39	3.9	2.7
Pilot Station city, Wade Hampton Census Area	550	126	2.27	0.58	1.69	326.2	74.7
Pitkas Point CDP, Wade Hampton Census Area	125	42	1.49	0.00	1.49	83.8	28.2
Platinum city, Bethel Census Area	47	26	44.70	0.07	44.63	0.9	0.6
Pleasant Valley CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	823	246	30.28	0.00	30.28	20.6	8.1
Point Baker CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	35	23	1.01	0.04	0.95	36.4	23.9
Point Hope city, North Slope Borough	757	215	6.41	0.07	6.34	119.4	33.9
Point Lay CDP, North Slope Borough	247	67	34.48	4.02	30.47	8.1	2.2
Point MacKenzie CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	111	98	150.29	2.32	147.96	0.8	0.7
Pope-Vannoy Landing CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	8	19	57.26	8.43	48.83	0.2	0.4
Portage Creek CDP, Dillingham Census Area	36	22	13.12	0.00	13.12	2.7	1.7
Port Alexander city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	81	79	15.05	11.27	3.77	21.5	20.9
Port Alsworth CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	104	70	22.83	0.14	22.69	4.6	3.1
Port Clarence CDP, Nome Census Area	21	0	36.46	1.00	35.46	0.6	0.0
Port Graham CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	171	82	5.93	0.00	5.93	28.8	13.8
Port Heiden city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	118	58	51.36	0.66	50.70	2.3	1.1
Port Lions city, Kodiak Island Borough	256	106	10.06	3.72	6.35	40.3	16.7
Port Protection CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	63	52	4.59	0.12	4.47	14.1	11.6
Primrose CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	93	47	38.37	0.97	37.39	2.5	1.3
Prudhoe Bay CDP, North Slope Borough	5	1	558.02	141.76	416.26	0.0	0.0
Quinhagak city, Bethel Census Area	555	153	5.25	0.57	4.68	118.5	32.7
Rampart CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	45	46	168.79	0.00	168.79	0.3	0.3

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Red Devil CDP, Bethel Census Area	48	22	26.39	2.20	24.19	2.0	0.9
Red Dog Mine CDP, Northwest Arctic Borough	32	0	66.87	0.00	66.87	0.5	0.0
Ridgeway CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	1,932	938	17.60	0.95	16.65	116.0	56.3
Ruby city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	188	107	7.55	0.00	7.55	24.9	14.2
Russian Mission city, Wade Hampton Census Area	296	81	6.17	0.51	5.66	52.3	14.3
St. George city, Aleutians West Census Area	152	67	182.37	147.61	34.75	4.4	1.9
St. Mary's city, Wade Hampton Census Area	500	186	50.21	6.26	43.95	11.4	4.2
St. Michael city, Nome Census Area	368	93	28.08	6.29	21.79	16.9	4.3
St. Paul city, Aleutians West Census Area	532	214	295.54	255.22	40.32	13.2	6.3
Salamatof CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	954	282	8.25	0.14	8.11	117.7	34.8
Salcha CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	854	388	74.21	2.17	72.05	11.9	5.4
Sand Point city, Aleutians East Borough	952	282	28.94	21.14	7.80	122.1	36.2
Savoonga city, Nome Census Area	643	160	6.10	0.00	6.10	105.5	26.2
Saxman city, Ketchikan Gateway Borough	431	148	1.00	0.00	1.00	431.5	146.2
Scammon Bay city, Wade Hampton Census Area	465	114	0.63	0.00	0.63	737.8	180.9
Selawik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	772	188	3.43	0.90	2.52	306.1	74.6
Seldovia city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	286	232	0.57	0.19	0.38	749.9	608.3
Seldovia Village CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	144	159	20.83	1.01	19.82	7.3	8.0
Seward city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	2,830	1,058	21.53	7.09	14.44	196.0	73.3
Shageluk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	129	52	11.97	1.38	10.59	12.2	4.9
Shaktolik city, Nome Census Area	230	66	1.06	0.00	1.06	216.7	62.2
Sheldon Point (Nunam Iqua) city, Wade Hampton Census Area	164	45	18.51	5.33	13.18	12.4	3.4
Shishmaref city, Nome Census Area	562	148	7.27	4.48	2.78	202.0	53.2
Shungnak city, Northwest Arctic Borough	256	64	9.62	1.26	8.36	30.6	7.7
Silver Springs CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	130	55	2.88	0.00	2.88	45.1	19.1
Sitka city and borough, Sitka City and Borough	8,835	3,650	4,811.53	1,937.55	2,873.98	3.1	1.3
Skagway city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	862	502	464.35	11.91	452.44	1.9	1.1
Skwentna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	111	360	449.74	6.93	442.80	0.3	0.8
Slana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	124	193	253.79	0.94	252.85	0.5	0.8
Sleetmute CDP, Bethel Census Area	100	51	105.26	5.78	99.48	1.0	0.5
Soldotna city, Kenai Peninsula Borough	3,759	1,670	7.41	0.47	6.94	541.9	240.7
South Naknek CDP, Bristol Bay Borough	137	137	97.52	2.47	95.05	1.4	1.4
Stebbins city, Nome Census Area	547	134	36.91	1.74	35.16	15.6	3.8
Stirling CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	4,705	2,554	79.39	2.08	77.31	60.9	33.0

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Stevens Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	87	43	10.97	0.60	10.37	8.4	4.1
Stony River CDP, Bethel Census Area	61	25	4.96	1.34	3.62	16.8	6.9
Sunnise CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	18	25	13.02	0.00	13.02	1.4	1.9
Susitna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	37	102	158.85	0.61	158.24	0.2	0.6
Sutton-Alpine CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,080	352	151.84	0.35	151.25	7.1	2.3
Takotna CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	50	45	23.46	0.00	23.46	2.1	2.1
Talkeetna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	772	528	42.94	1.37	41.57	18.6	12.7
Tanacross CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	140	53	81.16	1.12	80.04	1.7	0.7
Tanaina CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4,993	1,700	27.51	0.42	27.10	184.3	62.7
Tanana city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	308	166	15.58	4.02	11.56	26.6	14.4
Tatulik CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	107	57	7.30	0.00	7.30	14.7	7.8
Tazlina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	149	87	7.49	0.92	6.57	22.7	13.2
Teller city, Nome Census Area	261	87	2.11	0.19	1.92	139.9	45.4
Tenakee Springs city, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	104	144	19.11	5.32	13.79	7.5	10.4
Tetlin CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	117	55	71.97	1.54	70.44	1.7	0.8
Thoms Place CDP, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	22	30	10.65	0.00	10.65	2.1	2.8
Thorne Bay city, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	557	327	30.35	4.81	25.54	21.8	12.8
Togiak city, Dillingham Census Area	809	221	228.46	183.26	45.21	17.9	4.9
Tok CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	1,393	748	132.28	0.00	132.28	10.5	5.7
Toksook Bay city, Bethel Census Area	532	110	74.02	40.94	33.08	16.1	3.3
Toksona CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	27	48	46.13	1.15	44.98	0.6	1.0
Tonsina CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	92	45	148.00	0.19	147.81	0.6	0.3
Trapper Creek CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	423	361	370.77	5.85	364.92	1.2	1.0
Tuluksak CDP, Bethel Census Area	428	93	3.12	0.07	3.05	140.1	30.4
Tuntutuliak CDP, Bethel Census Area	370	97	119.40	0.15	119.25	3.1	0.8
Tununak CDP, Bethel Census Area	325	93	60.70	0.20	60.50	5.4	1.5
Twin Hills CDP, Dillingham Census Area	69	33	22.09	0.25	21.84	3.2	1.5
Two Rivers CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	482	192	28.52	0.00	28.52	16.9	6.7
Tyonek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	193	134	68.80	1.19	67.61	2.9	2.0
Ugashik CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	11	35	248.67	14.75	233.92	0.0	0.1
Unalakleet city, Nome Census Area	747	242	5.13	2.27	2.87	260.5	84.4
Unalaska city, Aleutians West Census Area	4,283	988	212.33	101.31	111.02	38.6	8.9
Upper Kalskag city, Bethel Census Area	230	66	4.13	0.35	3.78	60.8	17.5
Valdez city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,036	1,645	277.06	55.09	221.97	18.2	7.4
Vanatle CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk							

Geographic area	Population	Housing units	Area in square miles			Density per square mile of land area	
			Total area	Water area	Land area	Population	Housing units
Census Area	202	79	20.84	0.00	20.84	9.7	3.8
Wainwright city, North Slope Borough	546	179	42.45	24.88	17.56	31.1	10.2
Wales city, Nome Census Area	152	59	2.82	0.00	2.82	53.5	20.9
Wasilla city, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	5,469	2,119	12.42	0.70	11.72	466.8	180.9
Whale Pass CDP, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	58	51	37.37	1.75	35.61	1.6	1.4
White Mountain city, Nome Census Area	203	75	2.03	0.24	1.78	113.7	42.0
Whitstone Logging Camp CDP, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	116	45	10.50	0.00	10.50	11.1	4.3
Whitler city, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	182	213	19.69	7.10	12.59	14.5	17.0
Willow CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	1,658	1,530	692.86	8.04	684.82	2.4	2.2
Willow Creek CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	201	111	40.56	0.79	39.78	5.1	2.8
Wiseman CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	21	30	78.14	0.04	78.10	0.3	0.4
Womens Bay CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	690	269	43.85	0.13	43.72	15.8	6.2
Wrangell city, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	2,308	1,092	70.84	25.57	45.28	51.0	24.1
Y CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	958	818	336.52	3.11	333.42	2.9	2.5
Yakutat CDP, Yakutat City and Borough	680	385	103.11	3.67	99.44	6.8	3.9

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Census 2000 Summary File 1

February 26, 2004

The Honorable Con Bunde, Chairman
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, MS 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: SB 337 Energy Programs and Funds

Dear Senator Bunde:

On February 16, 2004, SB 337 (Companion Bill HB 485) was introduced by the Governor through the Senate Rules committee and referred to your committee. This legislation relates to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and proposes to amend statutory provisions of two AEA loan programs.

Specifically, SB 337 proposes the following changes to AEA's programs:

1. Power Project Fund (PPF) provides loans to local utilities, local governments or independent power producers for the development or upgrade of electric power facilities, including conservation, bulk fuel storage, waste energy conservation, and potable water supply projects. SB 337 proposes to amend this program by expanding the definition of power project to include energy efficiency projects. Under the current statutory definition of eligible projects, AEA has denied loan applications for worthwhile projects such as lighting retrofits.

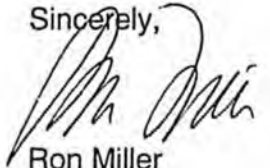
In addition, SB 337 proposes to repeal the loan committee that approves loans from this fund. AEA will utilize the same credit approval process that the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority has successfully utilized for its credit programs, including an appeal process to the board of directors.

2. Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund (BFRLF) provides short-term loans to assist small rural communities in purchasing annual bulk fuel supplies. SB 337 authorizes loans from the fund to other entities such as corporations, cooperatives, and joint ventures. The Department of Law recently interpreted the current statutory eligible borrowers to be only communities and natural persons i.e., "private individuals." This change will not expand the definition of eligible borrower beyond the long-standing interpretation and practice that included other entities such as corporations.
3. With the concurrence of the Department of Revenue, the Power Development Fund has been invested by AEA since 1993. SB 337 proposes to affirm this long-standing arrangement by providing AEA the statutory authority to invest the fund. AEA continues to remit all earnings of the fund to the general fund.

4. The general powers of AEA are proposed to be amended by clarifying that AEA has the authority to manage various projects by issuing grants and entering contracts. By acting as an agent for rural communities, AEA manages power projects, bulk fuel projects and alternative energy projects. The legislature has authorized AEA to manage these projects through the appropriation process by providing AEA authority to receive and expend federal funds from entities such as the Denali Commission and the US Department of Energy.
5. SB 337 clarifies that AEA's statutory mandate to provide technical assistance may not be used as an independent basis for tort liability against AEA. AEA would continue to be liable for negligence if it fails to use reasonable care in providing the technical assistance.
6. SB 337 proposes to repeal the inactive Electrical Service Extension Fund.

We respectfully request you to schedule SB 337 for hearing in your committee, and we urge favorable action on this bill. The related zero-fiscal note is enclosed. We will be happy to meet with you and other members of the committee to provide any other information you may require. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Ron Miller
Executive Director

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GOVERNOR'S TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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February 13, 2004

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to make grants and loans and enter into contracts, relating to the bulk fuel revolving loan fund, relating to the AEA's potential liability for the provision of technical assistance to rural utilities, relating to the AEA's investment of the power development fund, and repealing the electrical service extension fund.

Section 1 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.010, establishing the power project fund, to add authorization for the AEA to make loans from the fund for waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy facilities and equipment. Similarly, section 9 of the bill would amend the general powers of the AEA to authorize it to improve, equip, operate, maintain, and enter into contracts for the construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of: bulk fuel, waste energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy facilities and equipment. The Denali Commission and other federal agencies have provided substantial funding for such projects, and the Legislature has authorized the AEA's receipt and expenditure of the federal money.

Section 11 of the bill would repeal AS 42.45.060, which establishes a loan committee to review and approve loans from the power project fund and the rural electrification revolving loan fund. Upon repeal of the loan committee statute, the credit department of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, which manages the AEA's loan programs, will continue to review applications for loans from those funds in accordance with the applicable regulations. Section 2 of the bill would continue the requirement in present AS 42.45.060(g) for legislative approval of loans for projects in which the cumulative state monetary involvement, through loans, grants, and bonds, is at least \$5,000,000 and loans of more than \$5,000,000. Sections 1, 3, 4, and 6 contain conforming amendments to reflect the repeal of AS 42.45.060.

The Honorable Gene Therriault
February 13, 2004
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Sections 5 and 7 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.250, which governs loans from the bulk fuel revolving loan fund, to authorize loans from the fund to "persons," defined with reference to AS 01.10.060 to include corporations, cooperatives, joint ventures, and governmental entities, that generate power or supply the public with fuel used in communities with populations of less than 2,000 people, as well as loans to the communities themselves. Presently, the statute authorizes loans to "private individuals" and to the communities. The Department of Law recently interpreted the term "private individuals" to include only natural persons. Section 12 of the bill makes the amendments retroactive to June 1, 1984, to encompass active loans from the fund to such entities.

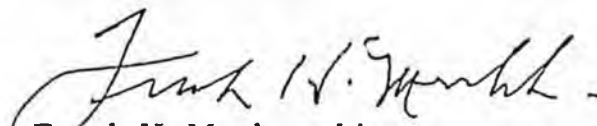
Section 8 of the bill would amend AS 42.45.400, which requires the AEA to provide technical assistance to rural utilities, to specify that this statutory mandate may not be used as an independent basis for tort liability against the AEA. The AEA would continue to be liable for negligence if it fails to use reasonable care in providing the technical assistance.

Section 10 of the bill would amend AS 44.83.386, relating to investment of the power development fund, to provide that the AEA, rather than the Department of Revenue, shall invest the fund. The AEA, with the concurrence of the Department of Revenue, has been investing the fund since 1993. AEA would continue to remit all fund earnings to the general fund.

Section 11 of the bill, in addition to repealing AS 42.45.060 as discussed above, repeals AS 42.45.200 (the electrical service extension fund, which is inactive), and repeals AS 42.45.250(1)(1) to remove an unnecessary definition of a term that is not used in the statute.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,


Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/16/04

FURTHER: Finance

DATE of 5-Day Notice: _____
 in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
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Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 341

SB 341 AVTEC ADMINISTRATION

An Act relating to the administration of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

Senate Bill:
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House Bill:
<input type="checkbox"/> Same Title
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- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Laeta Neek</i>	✓			
<i>Betty Davis</i>	✓			
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SB341

February 13, 2004

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
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State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC). AVTEC is a vocational training provider located in Seward. In 2003, the responsibility to administer AVTEC was transferred from the Department of Education and Early Development to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. However, the authority for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (department) to administer and set rates for AVTEC's programs and services was not provided for in the transfer. This bill would correct that oversight.

Section 1 of the bill proposes to amend AS 44.31.020 to provide the statutory authority for the department to administer the programs of AVTEC and to set rates for student tuition and room and board, and other fees for the programs and services provided by AVTEC.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 341
 (S) Publish Date: 2/16/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Department: Labor and Workforce Development
 Title: "An Act relating to the administration of the RDU: Business Partnerships
Alaska Vocational Technical Center..." Component: Alaska Vocational Technical Center
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Governor Component Number: 2686

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: None
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

Prepared by: Katherine Farnham, Director Phone 269-7490
 Division: Business Partnerships Division Date/Time 2/12/04 3:49 PM
 Approved by: Greg O'Claray, Commissioner Date 2/12/2004
 Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

SB

344

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/16/04

FURTHER: Judiciary

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: _____

Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 344

SB 344 TRUSTS/ESTATES/PROPERTY TRANSFERS

"An Act relating to the Uniform Probate Code and trusts, including pleadings, orders, nonprobate assets, estates of decedents, minors, protected persons, incapacitated persons, guardians, conservators, trustees, foreign trusts, principal and income, and transfer restrictions; relating to corporate voting trusts; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:	
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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Betty Davis	✓			
Keith Perkins	✓			
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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of SB 344 relating to the Uniform Probate Code and to trusts (Work Order No. 23-LS1694\A)

TO: Senator Ralph Seekins
Attn: Brian

FROM: ^{tb}Theresa L. Bannister
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.

Section 1. Deletes the ten-year limit on the duration of a voting trust under the state's for-profit corporations code.

Section 2. Amends the Uniform Probate Code section that establishes rules on pleadings, on when a person is bound by an order, on notice, and on representation. Adds to the general coverage of the section proceedings that involve non-probate assets and non-judicial proceedings and settlements. Adds language stating that the coverage of the section applies to proceedings brought under the Uniform Probate Code and the chapter on the principal and income of trusts.

Changes the description of powers of appointments to general or non-general powers of appointment. States that orders binding an agent having authority to act with respect to the particular question or dispute bind the principal. Expands the category covering unborn or unascertained persons to unborn persons, minors, incapacitated persons, and persons with unknown or not reasonably ascertainable identities or locations. Adds three situations where orders binding certain persons bind others as well.

Makes some related changes to the notice provisions of the section and the guardian ad litem appointment authority provisions.

Section 3. Makes more specific a cross-reference that establishes part of the criteria for determining when the situs of a trust is considered to be moved to this state.

Section 4. Changes the event that triggers a six-month time period within which a claim may be brought against a trustee for breach of trust; the event must provide adequate

Sectional Analysis

disclosure of the claim and the time allowed to begin the proceeding. Requires that all claims against a trustee who has issued a certain final account or statement, even if there is not adequate disclosure, be brought within three years after the beneficiary's receipt of the final account or statement. With regard to receipt of a report, final account, or statement, includes references to the representation and binding effect of other persons under AS 13.06.120.

Section 5. Adds a provision that indicates when a report is considered to adequately disclose to a beneficiary a potential claim for a breach of trust by a trustee.

Section 6. Changes the rules to be used from AS 13.38.510 to determine the share to be distributed to certain beneficiaries or trusts. Makes a reference correction to AS 13.38.800 or 13.38.810.

Section 7. Requires that the income interest for a marital deduction trust described in the section be paid at least annually.

Section 8. States that a trust provision that provides the transfer restrictions described in this subsection is to be considered a restriction on the transfer of the transferor's beneficial trust interest and enforceable under applicable non-bankruptcy law.

Section 9. Makes changes to two of the categories under which certain creditors may satisfy claims out of a beneficiary's interest in a trust when there is a transfer restriction.

Section 10. Explains that within the subsection the preparation or funding of a trust is considered to include the preparation and funding of a limited partnership or a limited liability company if interests in the entities are transferred to the trust.

Section 11. States that an action for attachment or other provisional remedy against property of a trust subject to this section, or an action to avoid a property transfer to a trust that is the subject of this section, may not be brought unless it meets certain criteria identified in the subsection. Gives this state's superior court exclusive jurisdiction over a cause of action or a claim for relief that is based on a property transfer to a trust that is the subject of this section.

Section 12. Provides guidance on which proceedings, and which reports, final accounts, and statements received by a beneficiary, will be affected by two of the sections in this Act.

Section 13. Provides that three of the bill sections take effect immediately.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Sectional Analysis of Proposed Trust & Estate Law Amendments

AS 13.38.500(2) is a technical amendment.

AS 13.38.500(5) is a technical amendment.

AS 13.38.730 clarifies that a trust will qualify for the federal estate or gift tax marital deduction.

AS 13.06.120 makes amendments to Alaska's current virtual representation statutes. The amendments are to modernize Alaska's statutes by incorporating provisions Washington State, New York state have adopted and provisions of the Uniform Trust Code.

AS 13.36.100 is amended to limit when a beneficiary may assert a claim against a trustee. The current limitation is inadequate in that it does not limit when a beneficiary may assert a claim against a trustee which may be evident from a yearly or other account or report provided by the trustee. This could lead to costly and lengthy litigation. The proposed amendment will limit the time in which a beneficiary may assert a claim for breach of trust so long as the beneficiary receives a report from the trustee that adequately discloses the existence of a potential claim for breach of trust and informs the beneficiary of the time allowed for commencing a proceeding.

This change is necessary because under current statute a trustee can only be relieved of liability by a final account or at the termination of a relationship. Since Alaska has perpetual trusts there may never be a final accounting.

AS 13.36.035(c) This change is to clarify what needs to be done to transfer a trust to Alaska.

AS 34.40.110(a) this provision clarifies that the spendthrift provisions provided by AS 34.40.110 are intended to come under the exceptions for spendthrift trusts contained in the bankrupts code (11U.S.C. §541(c)). Similar provisions exist in Delaware and Utah.

AS 34.40.110 these changes add spendthrift protection for two commonly used types of Estate planning approaches, residence trusts and GRATs. Additional language has been added to the introductory language of paragraph (3) to make it clear that a beneficiary's interest in such distributions is protected until the distributions occur. Similar statutes exist in the Delaware.

AS 34.40.110(e) Subsection (e) was intended to protect professionals who assist in the planning and formation of self-settled discretionary spendthrift trusts. Subsequent experience with the formation of these trusts indicates that frequently assets are first placed into a limited partnership or limited liability company and then interests in such companies are transferred to the trust. The purpose of the additional language is to protect professionals with respect to the formation of these entities as well as the formation of the trusts.

AS 34.40.110(b)(1) this provision is similar to provisions which have been added to the Delaware and Rhode Island statutes. This provision clarifies that if a cause of action or claim is asserted that a transfer to a trust is a fraudulent transfer, then the claim must be made under and processed pursuant to Alaska law.

AS 10.06.425 Voting trusts are often used in closely held family situations for control of the business for a period of time. Often, it is desired that such voting trusts last longer than the existing ten-year limitation. The existing statute places a ten-year limitation on the duration of voting trusts but does not place any time duration on voting agreements. This is inconsistent.

DETAILED SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF

PROPOSED TRUST AND ESTATE LAW AMENDMENTS

Technical Amendments to Recently Enacted Uniform Principal and Income Act. Senate Bill 87, passed in 2003, enacted a version of the Uniform Principal and Income Act. Two drafting technical errors exist in the enacted version. They are as follows:

Alaska Statute 13.38.500(2)

Subsection .500(2) provides that a beneficiary or trust that receives a pecuniary amount shall also receive a proportionate share of the net income. This subsection refers to subsection .510 for various rules used in that section for determining such net income. However, one of the provisions in subsection .510 is inconsistent with this reference and should therefore be excluded.

Alaska Statute 13.38.500(5), in the second and third lines, references are made to AS 13.38.710 or 13.38.720. These references are incorrect. The references should be to AS 13.38.800 or 13.38.810.

Alaska Statute 13.38.730,

Existing subsection .730 is a statutory savings clause to ensure that trusts designed to qualify for the federal estate or gift tax marital deduction do so qualify. The payment of income at least annually is one of the qualifications required for the federal estate or gift tax marital deduction.

Virtual Representation Amendment.

Explanation. The proposed amendment to AS 13.06.120 expands both the types of proceedings in which notice to one person who may represent another person may bind another person and the circumstances under which substitute notice may be given. Expanding the scope of the proceedings to include non-judicial settlements and informal proceedings under this chapter will streamline the process for resolving issues relating to trusts and estates and minimize the costs associated with formal court proceedings. The proposed amendments incorporate the doctrine of "virtual representation" in which representation by one person having a substantially identical interest with respect to a particular issue may bind another person. Representation is not permitted, however, if there is a conflict of interest. See Uniform Trust Act § 304.

Limitations on Proceedings against Trustees

As 13.36.100 expands the reach of the limitations period for claims of breach of trust against a trustee. Under current law, a claim against a trustee for breach of trust is barred as to any beneficiary who receives a final account that terminates the trust relationship if a proceeding to assert the claim is not commenced within six months after receipt of the final account. Trusts now may continue in perpetuity under Alaska law; therefore there may never be a final account.

The current limitation is inadequate in that it does not limit when a beneficiary may assert a claim against a trustee which may be evident from a yearly or other account or report provided by the trustee. This could lead to costly and lengthy litigation. The proposed amendment will limit the time in which a beneficiary may assert a claim for

breach of trust so long as the beneficiary receives a report from the trustee that adequately discloses the existence of a potential claim for breach of trust and informs the beneficiary of the time allowed for commencing a proceeding.

Change of Trust Situs to Alaska.

At present, reference to only AS 13.36.035(c) is ambiguous and creates the possible argument that the original trust instrument must state that the laws of the State of Alaska govern the validity, construction, and administration of the trust before the trust could be moved to Alaska. This is not the intent of AS 13.36.043. Rather, if the requirements of AS 13.36.035(c)(1)-(4) are met then the trust can be moved to the State of Alaska. At that time, if the trust instrument allows or is modified then a governing law provision may be added which states that Alaska's laws will apply to the trust.

Intention Regarding Spendthrift Restriction. AS 34.40.110(a)(3)

This new provision clarifies the Legislature's intent that the spendthrift provisions provided by AS 34.40.110 are intended to come under the exception for spendthrift trusts contained in § 541(c)(2). Similar provisions exist in the Delaware and Utah statutes.

Protection for Interests in Qualified Personal Residence Trusts, Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts, and Grantor Retained Unitrusts.

AS 34.40.110(b)(3)

These changes add spendthrift protection for two commonly used types of estate planning approaches, residence trusts and GRATs. Additional language has been added to the introductory language of paragraph (3) to make it clear that a beneficiary's interest in such distributions is protected until the distributions occur. Similar protections for residence trusts exist in the Delaware statute.

Protection for Persons Assisting With Creation of Trusts

AS 34.40.110(e)

Subsection (e) was intended to protect professionals who assist in the planning and formation of self-settled discretionary spendthrift trusts. Subsequent experience with the formation of these trusts indicates that frequently assets are first placed into a limited partnership or limited liability company and then interests in such companies are transferred to the trust. The purpose of the additional language is to protect professionals with respect to the formation of these entities as well as the formation of the trusts.

Procedure for Asserting Fraudulent Transfer Claim.

AS 34.40.110(b)(1),

This provision is similar to provisions which have been added to the Delaware and Rhode Island statutes. This provision clarifies that if a cause of action or claim is asserted that a transfer to a trust is a fraudulent transfer, then the claim must be made under and processed pursuant to Alaska law.

Elimination of Duration Restriction for Voting Trusts. AS 10.06.425

Voting trusts are often used in closely held family situations for control of the business for a period of time. Often, it is desired that such voting trusts last longer than the existing ten-year limitation. The existing statute places a ten-year limitation on the duration of voting trusts but does not place any time duration on voting agreements. This is inconsistent.

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Senate Bill 344 Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to the Uniform Probate Code and trusts, including pleadings, orders, nonprobate assets, estates of decedents, minors, protected persons, incapacitated persons, guardians, conservators, trustees, foreign trusts, principal and income, and transfer restrictions; relating to corporate voting trusts.”

A vital characteristic of any highly developed economy is the ease with which financial resources flow from one market to another. In fact, the magnet-like attraction between money and the market that offers the most advantageous terms at a particular moment in time is, perhaps, best demonstrated within the financial services industry itself.

Over the years, the Alaskan banking industry has attracted funds to our state as a result of a particular niche we have successfully developed in an obscure corner of the industry known as trust and estate services. Much of this success can be attributed to the prescience demonstrated by the Alaska State Legislature.

Since 1997 this body has passed numerous bills effectively making Alaska a premier jurisdiction for this financial specialty. Just last year Senate Bill 87 adopted a more recent version of the Uniform Principal & Income Act. And House Bill 212 updated other portions of Alaska's trust laws. Both were signed into law last summer.

While Senate Bill 344 may not be as far reaching, it accomplishes much the same purpose. It does this by making a host of small technical revisions to current statutes. It updates provisions relating to virtual representation. It clarifies when a trustee can be relieved of liability. And it adds provisions which other jurisdictions have already adopted.

Keeping our trust statutes current has had a direct positive impact on our state's economy. Over the years, these periodic revisions have helped to bring hundreds of millions of dollars of trust assets into the state and added tens of millions of dollars to local bank deposits. Furthermore, it has increased business activity for attorneys, accountants, life insurance agents and brokerage firms. This, in turn, creates jobs.

Necessity, ingenuity and routine advances in technology collaborate on a daily basis to reinvent the world of financial products and services. To date, Alaska has successfully staked out a place in this world through our contemporary set of trust and estate laws. Senate Bill 344 seeks to preserve our position in what amounts to a highly fluid marketplace unrestricted by geographical boundaries. It seems reasonable to keep that money flowing this direction.

2/29/04

SPONSOR STATEMENT

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 344
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Trusts/Estates/Property RDU Banking, Securities & Corp (115)
 Component Banking, Securities & Corp
 Sponsor Senator Seekins
 Requester Senate Labor & Commerce Component No. 1233

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type- Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation applies to the Uniform Probate Code. It codifies new federal tax provisions and applies informal probate proceedings to all parties. This legislation has no impact on the operations of the division.

Prepared by: Mark Davis, Director Phone (907) 465-2521
 Division Banking, Securities & Corporations Date/Time 3/4/04 4:19 PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 3/4/2004
 Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: SB344-LAW-C&FB-3-5-0
 Bill Version: SB344
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: LAW
 Title "An Act relating to the Uniform Probate Code trusts, including pleadings, order, nonprobate assets, estates..." RDU CIVIL
 Component Commercial & Fair Business
 Sponsor Senator Seekins
 Requester Senate Labor & Commerce Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
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Supplies						
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Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Passage of this legislation will have no foreseeable fiscal impact on the Department of Law.

Prepared by: Robert Meiners, Administrative Services Manager Phone 465-3673
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 Approved by: Robert Meiners for Gregg D. Renkes, Attorney General Date 3/8/2004
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Senator Bettye Davis

**Senate Bill 349: "An Act requiring licensure of midwifery
birth centers; and providing for an effective date."**

Sponsor Statement

Currently in Alaska there are two standards for birthing centers: registered and licensed. The birthing center owners in Alaska, both certified direct entry and certified nurse midwives, concluded the need to have one licensed standard for all birthing centers. These licensed birthing centers will have one set of regulations to follow, comply with annual inspections, and put safeguards in place to guarantee the birth center is a safe environment for families.

The birthing center owners in Alaska collaborated together to rewrite regulations, which have not been changed since 1982, and will submit their recommendations to the rewriting regulation process. The registered birthing centers in Alaska will be given six months to become licensed facilities. The midwives of Alaska have agreed there should be one uniform standard birthing center and encourage the members of the Legislature to support the passage of this important legislation.

Sponsor Statement

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MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2004

SUBJECT: Licensure of Midwifery Centers (SB 349)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
Attn: Myra

FROM: Jean M. Mischel
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.

Section 1. Replaces the requirement that the commissioner of health and social services adopt regulations pertaining to the registration of midwifery birth centers with a new requirement to adopt regulations pertaining to licensure of midwifery birth centers.

Section 2. Amends the uncodified law to allow midwifery birth centers that were registered before the effective date of the bill to be considered to be licensed under the bill until six months after the effective date of the new licensure regulations.

Section 3. Amends the uncodified law to allow the Department of Health and Social Services to proceed to adopt regulations setting up licensure under the bill.

Section 4. Provides an immediate effective date for sec. 3 pertaining to regulations.

Section 5. Provides a July 1, 2004 effective date for the remainder of the bill.

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Sectional Analysis

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First Committee of Referral**

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SB 349 MIDWIFERY BIRTH CENTER LICENSING

that requiring licensure of midwifery birth centers; and providing for an effective date."

Comments:

is replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

is adopted previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

Attached amendment(s)

is adopted Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

is further referral to _____ Committee

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House Bill:	
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FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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<i>Betty Davis</i>	X			
<i>[Signature]</i>	X			
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CHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SB349
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Midwifery Birth Center RDU Occupational Licensing (117)
 Component Occupational Licensing (117)
 Sponsor Senator Davis
 Requester Senate Labor & Commerce Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1156 - Receipt Supported Service						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 349 provides for the licensing of midwifery birth centers under AS 18.05 administered by the Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health.

The bill has no impact on licensing in the Division of Occupational Licensing.

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone 907-465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date/Time 4/19/04 4:48 PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 4/19/2004
 Agency: Department of Community & Economic Development

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
Title LICENSURE OF MIDWIFERY BIRTH CENTERS RDU Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services
Health Care Services
Component Certification and Licensing

Sponsor DAVIS
Requester SENATE (L&C) Component No. 245

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services	16.2	18.9	21.6	24.3	27.0	29.7
Travel	2.1	2.5	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.9
Contractual						
Supplies	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Equipment	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Land & Structures	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	19.4	22.7	25.8	29.3	32.4	35.7

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1033 GF Match						
1004 GF	19.4	22.7	25.8	29.3	32.4	35.7
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
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TOTAL	19.4	22.7	25.8	29.3	32.4	35.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: _____

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The above estimated costs for SB349 are based on current registered midwifery birth centers. There are currently 6 midwifery birth centers and the increase in costs for following years are not inflationary, but are estimated on a rate of one new birth center every year, which has been the history. It is assumed that all currently registered midwifery birth centers would apply for full licensure if this bill becomes law. There will be no need for new positions to absorb this function into the licensure program, but staff time will be needed for travel, on-site surveys, and completion of paperwork.

Prepared by: Deb Erickson Phone 907-465-8615
Division: Public Health Date/Time 02/23/2004
Approved by: Joel S. Gilbertson, Commissioner Date 02/24/2004
Agency: Department of Health and Social Services



Geneva Woods Birth Center

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Honorable Senators Seekings, Bunde, Davis, Stevens and French,

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss with you my support for Senate Bill 349. As I am sure you are aware, this bill would require licensure for birthing centers, effectively changing currently registered birthing centers into licensed birth centers. This is an important bill because there are currently two standards for birthing centers in Alaska. Licensed birth centers have regulations to follow, annual inspections and safeguards in place to guarantee the birth center is a safe environment for families. Registered birth centers, on the other hand, have no regulations, no inspections and no oversight at all.

The establishment of this "double standard" was inadvertent, and there is no better time to remedy the situation. All owners of registered and licensed birth centers agree, and in fact, have worked together to rewrite the regulations (which haven't been changed since 1982) to accommodate both certified nurse midwifery practice and certified direct-entry midwifery practice.

The registered birth centers in Alaska will be given six months to upgrade their facilities, and put the appropriate safeguards in place. As an owner of a licensed birth center, I will work with the other birth centers to prepare for their conversion to licensure by sharing policy & procedure information, risk assessment tools, and quality assurance programs.

Approximately 5 % of Alaskan families choose out-of-hospital birth, which represents several hundred families each year choosing the birth center option. There are numerous studies showing the safety of birthing centers for low-risk women, and in addition to significant cost savings, families overwhelmingly report positive, rewarding experiences in birthing centers.

There should only be one standard for birthing centers in Alaska and I trust our representatives in Juneau will agree that this is an essential bill that will remedy the double standard and serve to protect the public.

Sincerely,

Barbara Norton CNM, ANP
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03/12/2004

Dear Legislator

I am a Certified Direct-Entry Midwife and an Executive Director of the Juneau Family Birth Center, a non-profit Registered birth center here in Juneau. I have worked on midwifery issues in Alaska since 1984 and look forward to helping to clarify for you midwifery and birth center issues. I served on the State Licensing Board for Certified Direct-Entry Midwives from its inception in 1992 until 2000.

Midwifery is a growing profession, as I am sure you are aware. Alaska's Certified Direct-Entry Midwives deliver almost 10% of the babies in Alaska. This is an amazing statistic considering that nationwide, Direct-Entry Midwives attend 2% of the births. Alaska is at the forefront of midwifery and other states look to our law when crafting legislation.

I would like your support of SB 349, a bill changing registered birth centers to licensed birth centers. It was never our intention, or the legislature's intention, to have two kinds of birth centers in Alaska when this law was passed in 1992. The wording of the law was meant to allow us to practice autonomously in birth centers as the regulations at the time allowed only for CNM's and Physicians to practice in birthing centers. While focusing on this, we mistakenly used the word registered instead of licensed in the language of the bill. It wasn't until later when the Dept of H&SS interpreted this to mean a completely different kind of birth center that the mistake became apparent. Registered birth centers have also been without regulations since this time, even though this law stated that regulations would be developed by the Commissioner. It is in the best interests of the State of Alaska, our birthing women and their families to have one standard for birth centers with good updated regulations.

I appreciate your support on this bill. I would be happy to meet with you if you need more information.

Sincerely,

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Juneau Family Birth Center

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March 1, 2004

Senator Con Bunde, Chair
Senator Ralph Seekings, Vice Chair
Senator Bettye Davis
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Hollis French

It would be of great benefit to families and the state of Alaska to pass SB349 and I am writing this letter to strongly urge you to do so.

Birthing centers are a popular option for families and are integral in prenatal education and providing a variety of early prevention programs that reduce the likelihood of costly birth complications and health issues in the mother and baby. Providing licensing and standardized regulations for birth centers will make the midwifery model of care more accessible to parents and increase the quality of birth centers in our state.

Midwives are highly trained and licensed by the state of Alaska to provide individualized care and to dedicate time to families that is simply not possible for most health care providers to spend. Each prenatal at our clinic averages 1 hour and much of that time is spent on nutritional and healthy living education. Prevention is the key to health improvement in the individual and ultimately cost savings to the state. In addition, there is much evidence that increasing the involvement of the parents in their prenatal care will have a remarkable long-term impact on the family. In our own practice we could cite many examples of parents who have made huge lifestyle changes due to their active involvement in their pregnancy. Midwives emphasize the importance of healthy nutrition, eliminating alcohol, drugs and cigarettes from the home, preventing premature

labor, early bonding and educate on parenting skills. We also provide other free services to the community. Our birth center has a classroom and we teach a variety of free classes, we offer a free lending library and a lactation consultant volunteers her services from our building.

Making birth centers available to the public is the next step in supporting families, encouraging them to make healthy decisions for their children and providing adequate health care. In addition to the cost saving of preventative health care, midwifery care (health care as well as facility fees) simply cost less. Midwives and birth centers need your support to continue with important services.

The state of Alaska has 22 licensed midwives attending 10% of the births. We and the families that we serve encourage you to support SB349.

Thank you,

Kelly de Sicyes, CDM CPM
Kelly de Sicyes, CDM CPM

Moonlight Midwifery

Laura Gore C.D.M.
P.O. Box 112051
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March 2, 2004

Honorable Senators Seekings, Bunde, Davis, Stevens, and French,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 349. As I'm sure you are aware, this bill would require licensure for all birthing centers, changing currently registered birthing centers to licensed birthing centers. This is an important bill because there are currently two standards for birthing centers in Alaska. Licensed centers have regulations to follow and annual inspections to insure public safety. Registered birth centers currently have no established regulations or inspections but instead rely on the Certified Direct-Entry Midwives, Statutes and Regulations to provide some standard of care.

The establishment of these two different types of birthing centers was not intentional; rather it was an error in wording. I currently operate a registered birth center and I am the Administrator for a licensed birth center. I can assure you the standards (as proposed in the rewrite 2/04, using input from owners of both licensed and registered birth centers) for licensed birth centers is both achievable and practical for all birthing centers and will benefit the public by assuring one uniform standard for this type of facility.

Sincerely,

Laura Gore C.D.M.
Certified-Direct Entry Midwife

Sharon K. Evans, CPM, CDM
PO Box 67
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March 3, 2004

Subject: Senate Bill 349

Dear Senator:

I am in favor of SB 349, an act which would require licensure of midwifery birth centers. As a licensed midwife and Alaska State Direct Entry Midwifery Board member, I am currently involved in the regulation of midwives. I am interested in our state providing quality assurance through the regulation/licensure of birth centers.

At this time, 34 states currently license birth centers. Standards and quality of care can be assured through the licensing of Birth Centers, with Alaska's requirements being comparable to other states, allowing consumers and the economy to be greatly benefited.

Please support SB 349. By doing so, our state would be on the leading edge in quality, cost-effective maternity care in Alaska state licensed birth centers.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Evans, CPM, CDM

Sharon K. Evans, CPM, CDM

Mat-Su Midwifery, Inc.

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March 2, 2004

Subject: Senate Bill 349

Dear Senator:

I am writing this letter in support of SB 349, an act which would require licensure of midwifery birth centers. I am a certified direct-entry midwife licensed in this state since 1993. I own and operate Mat-Su Midwifery, Inc. in Wasilla, AK which is a registered out-of-hospital birth center. We currently deliver over 100 babies per year at our birth center. I would like to be able to assure our clients that the standard and quality of care we provide here is state-approved, as is our practitioner's license.

At this time, 34 states currently license birth centers. With Alaska's requirements being comparable to other states, consumers and the economy would be greatly benefited.

Sincerely,

Judi Davidson, CDM, CPM

Judi Davidson, CDM, CPM

FRONTIER MIDWIFERY SERVICES

March 1, 2004

Dear Senator,

I am writing regarding rewriting of one set of regulations for all licenced birth centers. I am the owner of a birth center in Soldotna. We serve a large community including, Homer, Seldovia, Seward, and individuals from bush communities all over the state who commute to town to receive prenatal, labor and delivery and postpartum care.

We are encouraging this change as a benefit to the individuals, the community and the state. Midwifery care is most importantly safe and cost effective. The focus of A Midwifery Model of Care is quality and prevention. Each patient spends an average of 45 minutes with a highly trained licenced health care provider concentrating on early parenting education and bonding. Our goal is to offer a personalized care. All of these factors have been cited as significant contributors to reducing adverse outcomes, especially prematurity and low birth weight.

In conclusion we would like you to consider Midwifery and Birth Center care for an innovative and cost effective approach to the escalating costs of health care.

Sincerely,



Katherine Piatt, CDM



Alaska Family Health & Birth Clinic

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March 3, 2004

Subject: Senate Bill 294
Senate Bill 349

My name is Dana Brown and I have been a licensed Certified Direct Entry Midwife (CDEM) since January 1993. I am writing in Support of SB294 and SB349.

I am the director of Alaska Family Health & Birth Center, a non-profit registered birth center. I am in favor of all birth centers becoming licensed with inclusion of CDEM's as providers. Licensing birth centers assures high standards and is in the best interest of the public. SB 349 supports this. Birth centers have been proven safe for low risk pregnancies and offer an affordable alternative. In fact, birth centers can provide a savings of 50 - 75% less than hospital births. Birth centers benefit consumers as well as the economy. SB294 offers a promise of savings and cost effectiveness. Please support SB294 and SB349. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 2004

Subject: Senate Bill 349
Senate Bill 294

Dear Senator:

I am the Office Administrator at AHF&BC a non-profit birth center in Fairbanks.

I am support of SB 294 & SB 349 and ask that the legislative please pass these bills.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Senate Bill 349
Senate Bill 294

Dear Senator:

I am in favor of SB 349, an act which would require the licensing of birth centers. As a soon to be direct-entry midwife, working for Alaska Family Health and Birth Center I feel that licensing contributes to the high standards of birth centers.

I am in favor of SB 294. This bill is cost effective and will give medicaid recipients the same options as private and insurance clients.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 2004

RE: Senate Bill 294
Senate Bill 349

I am writing in support of SB294 and SB349. These bills would require all birth centers to be licensed and provide for Certified Direct entry Midwives to be the attendants at these births. This would provide a safe alternative to low risk women at a savings to the State for all Medicaid and Denali Kid Care patients. Certified Direct Entry Midwives typically have a high percentage of Medicaid and DKC clients and charge 50 - 75% less overall for prenatal care and childbirth services. CDEMs are currently doing homebirths or working in birth centers that may be registered through the State but do not have any licensing provisions. These bills would provide for consistent quality for all birth centers.

Thank You,

Cheryl Corrick
Certified Direct Entry Midwife

THE BIRTH CENTER EXPERIENCE

Birth Centers Lead Cost Containment Efforts While Providing Quality Care

"Few innovations in health service promote lower cost, greater availability, and a high degree of satisfaction with a comparable degree of safety. The results of this study suggest that modern birth centers can identify women who are at low risk for obstetrical complications and care for them in a way that provides these benefits."

New England Journal of Medicine, 12/28/89

What is a birth center?

- The birth center is a homelike facility, existing within a healthcare system with a program of care designed in the wellness model of pregnancy and birth.
- Birth centers are guided by principles of prevention, sensitivity, safety, appropriate medical intervention, and cost effectiveness.
- Birth centers provide family-centered care for healthy women before, during and after normal pregnancy, labor and birth.

What is the birth center experience?

- The quality of care in birth centers reported in the "The National Birth Center Study" reflects the low overall intrapartum and neonatal mortality rate of 1.3/1000 births; 0.7/1000 if lethal anomalies are excluded. These rates are comparable to studies of low risk, in-hospital births.¹
- The cesarean section rate for women receiving care in birth centers averages 4.4%, approximately one half that in studies of low risk, in-hospital births.¹
- Birth centers nationally have consistently displayed charges for care for normal birth that average up to 50% less than regular hospital stays and 30% less than short stays - including practitioner fees.^{2, 3}
- More than half of birth centers include routine laboratory exams, childbirth education, home visits, extra office visits, and initial newborn examinations in their charges.
- Most major health insurers reimburse contract with birth centers for reimbursement. Because charges reflect cost and since the birth center is a single service unit, there is no opportunity for cost shifting or operating the birth center as a "loss leader" to other services.
- 98.8 percent of women using the birth center would recommend it to friends and/or return to the center for a subsequent birth.¹

What are the potential benefits to families?

- The birth center approaches pregnancy and birth as a normal family event until proven otherwise. The program encourages family involvement and provides a safe environment for families to experience the social, emotional, and spiritual renewal inherent in birthing forth new life -- while attending to the possibility that a problem may arise that will require medical intervention or care in the acute care setting of the hospital. This is in opposition to the view that pregnancy is an illness and birth a medical/surgical event that needs to be cured.
- The birth center program of education encourages parents to become informed and self-reliant; to assume responsibility for their own health and the health of the family.
- The birth center brings generations together to celebrate new life by encouraging grandparents and children to participate in the birth center program.
- Birth centers have demonstrated that they are a viable alternative to unattended home birth and to costly hospital acute care for 20 years. It is now time to mainstream these services.

What are the benefits to business and industry?

- Birth centers offer business and industry direct savings in the cost of health benefits. If only 100,000 births were attended in birth centers, annual savings could be almost \$314 million.^{2, 3}
- The birth center program provides a starting base for the wellness and prevention programs being established in industry.
- The family is the hinge pin of the employee. Industry's support of a program that encourages family unity, self-determination and responsible health can only improve employee performance.
- Birth center care encourages childbearing women (who may also be employees) to be confident in the design of their bodies. Such confidence, in turn, builds self-esteem and starts the young family off on thinking of pregnancy, birth and family health as wellness, not disease.
- The nine-month intensive focus on improving family health by promotion of lifestyle changes in pregnancy can have a significant ripple effect in the long-term improvement of family health.

How will it affect the hospital acute care service?

- Birth centers have had a major impact on humanizing the acute care maternity services provided by hospitals. Note the rise in hospital birthing rooms, in privileges for nurse-midwives, in childbirth education programs, and in more liberal attitudes about family participation.
- Birth centers are showing that the majority of women can safely proceed through pregnancy and birth using acute care services only as needed. In a wellness orientation to pregnancy and birth, birth centers would be the managed care gatekeepers for the acute care obstetric newborn services.
- Birth centers eventually will help to reduce the number of costly hospital beds and expand primary care services.
- Birth centers will help to reduce dependency fostered by institutional confinement and strengthen the family's ability to share responsibility for maternity care and family health.
- Birth centers will help to develop a system of care based first, on the needs of the family and second, on the needs of medical education or product promotion.