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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 3/6/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/13/03  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3/19/03

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 115

**SB 115 CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM EXPENSES**

"An Act allowing expenses of the correctional industries program that may be financed from the correctional industries fund to include the salaries and benefits of state employees."

and recommends:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**Senate Bill:**

same title

new title

**House Bill:**

same title

technical title

new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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# FISCAL NOTE

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

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 115  
 (S) Publish Date: 3/6/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 2/05/03 - 7:45am Dept. Affected: Department of Corrections  
 Title: Correctional Industries Program Fund BRU: Administration & Operations  
 Component: Correctional Industries  
 Administration  
 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 701  
 Requester: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	(963.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1059 Correctional Industries Fund	963.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

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

**POSITIONS**

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

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

The Department proposes to Amend AS 33.32.020 which governs Prison Industries, to allow the administrative costs of the program to be paid from the Correctional Industries Fund, as opposed to the General Fund. This change will involve the personnel costs of 14 Correctional Industries positions and will require that the Correctional Industries Fund produce sufficient revenue to support the administrative positions. A fund source change of \$963.2 from General Funds to the Correctional Industries Fund is being requested in the Department's FY2004 Budget Submission. A legislative change is necessary to allow Correctional Industries to pay state employee salaries with product revenues.

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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 107  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, s. c 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would allow the administrative costs of the Correctional Industries Program to be paid from product revenues instead of the general fund.

Currently, 14 Correctional Industries positions are paid from the general fund. By allowing employee salaries to be paid from the correctional industries fund, we are taking the first step toward making the program self-sufficient. This charge is consistent with my FY04 amended budget. A legislative change is required to allow state employees' salaries to be paid from the Correctional Industries Fund.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

**SB**

**117**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 3/6/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/18/03  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 4/4/03

State Affairs Committee considered      SENATE BILL NO. 117

**SB 117 ELIMINATING LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM**

"An Act eliminating the longevity bonus program and making related conforming changes; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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**House Bill:**

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- technical title
- new: SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

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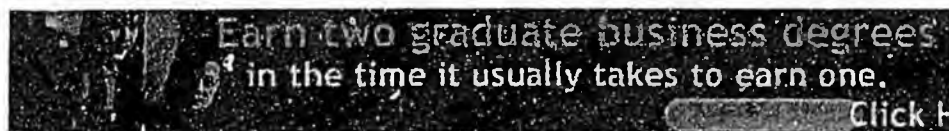
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## COMPASS: Points of view from the community

### Longevity bonus creates class clash

By GOV. FRANK MURKOWSKI

(Published: March 24, 2003)

The Longevity Bonus Program was established in 1972 as a way to say thank you to pioneer Alaskans who brought us into statehood. "Pioneer" was defined as someone older than 65 who had lived in Alaska for 25 years -- in other words, a person who had been in Alaska before statehood. Initially, the pioneers were paid \$100 a month.

This program cost the state \$2.5 million in its first year and served approximately 4,300 Alaskans. In 1981, that \$100 a month was increased to \$250. In 1984, the Alaska Supreme Court opened the program to all seniors in Alaska who were 65 or older at the time and could establish a one-year residency. By 1993, the cost to the state was up to \$67 million a year and had 22,741 recipients. In 1996, the Legislature closed the program to new entrants. At that time, the Legislature considered means-testing the program, but that approach was firmly rejected by seniors. The next year, the cost totaled \$73 million.

Today, 18,000 Alaskans are on this program at a general fund cost of \$47 million. Very few of the original pioneers whom the Legislature sought to benefit in 1972 are among this group. The inequity is apparent. If you were 65 before 1994, you receive \$250 a month, but if you were 65 after 1994, you receive less. And if you turned 65 after Dec. 31, 1996, you get nothing from the program. Thus we are treating similarly situated seniors differently.

We now have more than 20,000 seniors older than 65 who receive absolutely nothing from the state. Many of those post-1996 seniors are as needy as those who receive the longevity bonus, yet no provision is made for them. It is not fair to have two classes of senior citizens.

Elimination of this program would allow state funds to be redirected to primary services of education, public safety and safe transportation systems -- services that benefit all seniors as well as other Alaskans.

In the tradition of Alaska's pioneers, I am confident that pre-1996 seniors who are receiving the longevity bonus would want to lead the effort to right Alaska's fiscal problems. They would be among the first to agree to share the load in down times. They would not want to pass fiscal problems on to their children and grandchildren. They would want to be fair to other seniors.



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Please understand that we will spend \$137.8 million in general funds in the fiscal year 2004 budget in support of our seniors. These expenditures are for programs that provide services to all seniors and give them the security that there will be the social safety nets to meet their needs.

I will work with the Legislature, the congressional delegation, the Department of Health and Social Services and the pharmaceutical industry to find a solution to the rising cost of pharmaceuticals in Alaska. I know that many longevity bonus recipients count on the bonus to help pay for necessary medication. I have been assured that Congress will pass legislation to cover pharmaceutical costs. However, any solution we reach on this issue must benefit all seniors.

In conclusion, the budget we have presented is responsible and fair. It achieves our goals of narrowing the budget gap while keeping our promise not to impose an income tax or raid the Permanent Fund. I look forward to working with the Legislature to have it enacted.

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Frank Murkowski was elected governor in 2002 after representing Alaska for 22 years in the U.S. Senate.

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## **Longevity Bonus** (HB 162/SB 117)

Today 18,000 Alaska senior citizens receive a monthly check ranging between \$250 and \$100 from the State of Alaska under the state's Longevity Bonus Program, at an annual cost to the state of \$47 million. There are more than 20,000 Alaska seniors who do not receive any money under the program. Among both groups — those who receive the monthly bonus and those who do not — are well off seniors as well as those in need. Financial need was not taken into account in determining eligibility for this program that was in effect from 1972 through 1996.

As a result, today the state is treating similarly situated senior citizens differently. Is it fair to have two categories of 65 year olds among our senior citizens? This is not fair, not justifiable and very expensive.

The Longevity Bonus Program was established in 1972 as a way to say "thank you" to pioneer Alaskans who brought us into statehood. A "pioneer" was defined at the time as someone who was over 65, lived in Alaska prior to statehood, and had continuously lived in Alaska for 25. Initially, the pioneers were paid \$100 per month. This program cost the state \$2.5 million dollars in its first year and served approximately 4,300 Alaskans. In 1981, that \$100 per month was increased to \$250.

In 1984, the Alaska Supreme Court opened the program to all seniors in Alaska who were 65 or older at the time and could establish a one-year residency. By 1993, the cost to the state was up to \$67 million dollars a year, and had 22,741 recipients. In 1996, the Legislature closed the program to new entrants. At that time, the Legislature considered means-testing the program, but this approach was firmly rejected by seniors. The next year, the program's cost totaled \$73 million.

Today, very few of the original pioneers who the Legislature sought to benefit in 1972 are among the group of 18,000 receiving a monthly bonus check. The inequity is apparent. If you were 65 before 1994, you receive \$250 a month, but if you were 65 after 1994, you receive less. And if you turned 65 after December 31, 1996, you get nothing from the program.

Many of the post-1996 seniors are as needy as those who receive the longevity bonus, yet no provision is made for them as part of the Longevity Bonus Program. It is not fair to have two classes of senior citizens.

Elimination of this program will allow state funds to be redirected to primary services of education, public safety and safe transportation systems – services that benefit all seniors as well as other Alaskans.

Governor Murkowski believes that in the tradition of Alaska's pioneers, pre-1996 seniors now receiving the longevity bonus are most likely to be the first to agree that all Alaskans must share the budget adjustments now being required in state spending. Life-long Alaskans would not want to pass fiscal problems on to their children and grandchildren, he said. Nor would they want to be unfair to other seniors.

The Governor's budget request for FY04 contemplates spending \$138 million in general funds to support Alaska seniors. This represents six percent of the total operating budget. These expenditures are for programs that provide services to all seniors, and provide the security of a social safety net to care for those most in need.

Governor Murkowski has committed the Department of Health and Social Services to work with the Legislature, the Congressional delegation and the pharmaceutical industry to find a solution to the rising cost of pharmaceuticals in Alaska. He has heard from many seniors who say they count on the monthly bonus payment to help pay for necessary medications. The Governor anticipates that Congress soon will pass legislation to help cover pharmaceutical costs, and he is pursuing other options as well.

Attached is a list of the services the state currently provides to senior citizens and represents the safety net for those most in need.

In conclusion, the budget that the Murkowski Administration has presented is responsible and fair. It achieves the governor's goals of narrowing the budget gap, while keeping the promise not to impose an income tax or raid the Permanent Fund.

White Paper on the Alaska Longevity Bonus Program  
March 14, 2003

History and Legislative Action

The Alaska Longevity Bonus Program was created in 1972. The intent of the program was to provide incentive for older Alaskans to continue uninterrupted residency in Alaska, acknowledge the economic hardships of living out retirement years in the state, and acknowledge the contributions these people made while Alaska was a territory.

The original statutory eligibility requirements were:

*Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS. (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who was domiciled in the territory on or before January 3, 1959 and who has maintained a continuous residence domicile in the territory or state for 25 years may apply to the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of \$100.*

By legislative action, the bonus amount was raised to \$125 in 1977, \$150 in 1979, \$200 in 1981 and \$250 in 1982.

The age and 25 year residency eligibility continued until a 1984 Superior Court opinion in the case of Schafer v. Vest (680 P.2d 1169 Alaska 1984) found the residency provision to be unconstitutional. As a result, the Legislature amended the statutes governing the program so that any person who was age 65 or older and an Alaskan resident for one year was eligible for the program.

In 1990, a hold-harmless ruling allowed bonus recipients to receive monthly checks without affecting public assistance eligibility. Also that year, legislation was enacted doubling the residency requirement to two years.

In June of 1991 the Superior Court ruled against the two-year residency requirement and eligibility reverts to one-year residency. The bonus amount continued to be \$250 per person, per month.

At the end of 1992 there were 21,645 recipients in the bonus program at a cost to the state of \$63 million.

In 1993 legislation was passed "phasing out" the longevity bonus program over the next three years. New applicants in 1994 received \$200 per month; 1995

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applicants received \$150/mo; and 1996 applicants received \$100/mo. No new applicants were accepted into the program after December 31, 1996.

In July, 2002, legislation was enacted to allow recipients to be absent from the state for 60 days without loss of a bonus payment. Prior to this, the allowed absence without loss of a bonus payment was 30 days.

Monthly Operations

The longevity bonus check document is a three-part sheet. The top section is the check itself. The second section is an information area and lists Alaska Longevity Program numbers to call for answers concerning the check. Each February, the second section becomes the recipient's Federal 1099 form for income tax purposes. The lower portion of the page is an eligibility "validation stub" that must be completed, signed and mailed or faxed to the longevity bonus program office for the recipient to be eligible for the next month's check. Eligibility validation stubs are received and processed in the office throughout the month. At month end, a computer system compiles all the validation information and generates an interface with the state accounting system to print the checks.

Longevity bonus checks are issued on a two month "lag" period; that is, a check is issued based on a person's eligibility two months earlier. For example, the check a recipient receives in December is actually payment for October.

Alaska Longevity Bonus Statistical Summary

Most Recent Month January 2003		
Sex of Active Participants:	Male	45%
	Female	55%
Active Participants Receiving Warrant:		17,340
Total Warrants Issued:		17,531
Total Cost of Warrants Issued:		\$3,846,600

Includes past warrants due to some participants.

Budget		
	FY 2001	FY 2002
Authorized	\$54,858,600	\$51,158,600
Cost	54,829,900	50,958,000
Difference	\$28,700	\$200,600

History			
Fiscal Year	Total Cost	Bonus Amount	# Recipients (FY end)
1973	\$2,532,300	\$100	4,753
1974	6,009,700	100	5,250
1975	6,255,300	100	5,463
1976	6,533,400	100	5,553
1977	8,666,900	125	6,228
1978	9,444,200	125	6,671
1979	12,195,500	150	7,207
1980	13,226,500	150	7,897
1981	19,420,600	200	8,527
1982	26,198,750	250	9,101
1983	27,504,500	250	9,731
1984	29,155,750	250	10,769
1985	43,096,750	250	15,135
1986	44,024,250	250	15,763
1987	46,943,250	250	16,834
1988	49,994,000	250	17,675
1989	53,348,500	250	18,439
1990	57,172,700	250	19,490
1991	60,069,500	250	20,298
1992	63,073,750	250	21,645
1993	66,607,500	250	22,741
1994	70,414,100	See (5)	23,850
1995	72,709,500	See (5)	24,959
1996	73,270,100	See (5)	26,083
1997	71,950,800	See (5)	26,427
1998	68,031,900	See (5)	24,610
1999	63,528,600	See (5)	23,039
2000	59,125,450	See (5)	21,467
2001	54,829,900	See (5)	20,238
2002	50,957,990	See (5)	18,741

See (1)

See (2)

See (3)

See (4)

Projections		
Fiscal Year	Total Cost	Average # Monthly Recipients
2003	47,981,000	17,954
2004	44,777,917	17,252
2005	41,543,333	16,081
2006	38,344,167	14,917
2007	35,203,333	13,766
2008	32,130,417	12,631
2009	29,080,833	11,468
2010	26,115,000	10,324
2011	23,361,667	9,304
2012	20,743,333	8,322
2013	18,250,000	7,376
2014	15,914,583	6,484
2015	13,740,417	5,654
2016	11,734,167	4,883
2017	9,901,250	4,165
2018	8,251,250	3,510
2019	6,768,750	2,917
2020	5,457,083	2,390
2021	4,326,667	1,931
2022	3,342,917	1,524
2023	2,510,833	1,168
2024	1,832,917	876
2025	1,282,083	638
2026	848,750	447
2027	525,833	298
2028	288,333	176
2029	116,250	81
2030	36,250	28
2031	5,833	5

See (6)

See (7)

Note (1) 25 year residency requirement

Note (2) 1 year residency requirement, 5/1

Note (3) 2 year residency requirement, 1/1

Note (4) 1 year residency requirement, 6/11

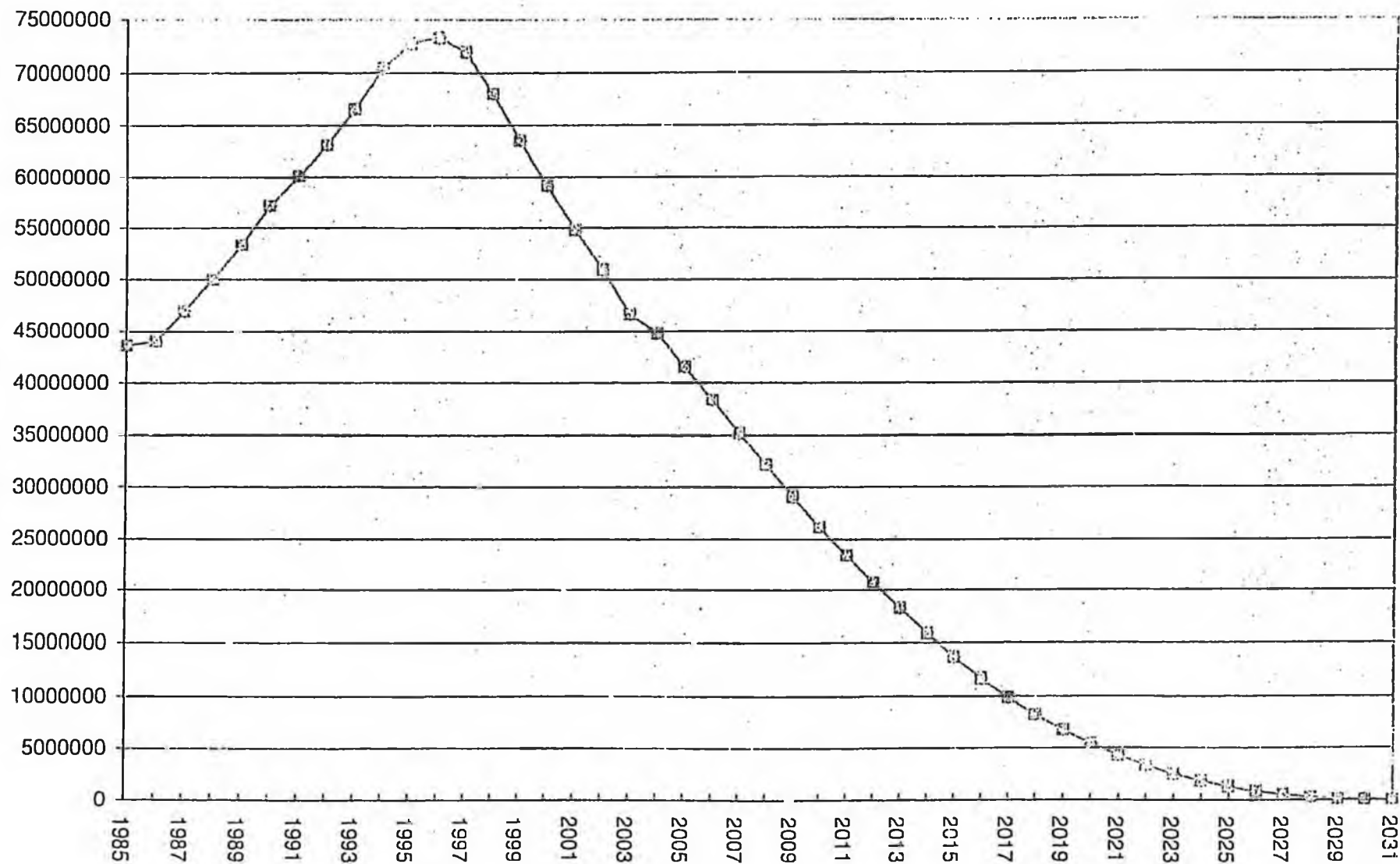
Note (5) The Longevity Bonus Program is being phased out. New applicants in: 1994 received \$200 per month; 1995 received \$150 per month and 1996 received \$100 per month. No recipients were added to the program after December 31, 1996. All people on the program prior to 1997 continue to receive their monthly bonus as long as they maintain their eligibility.

Note (6) Based on actual expenditures through February 28, 2003.

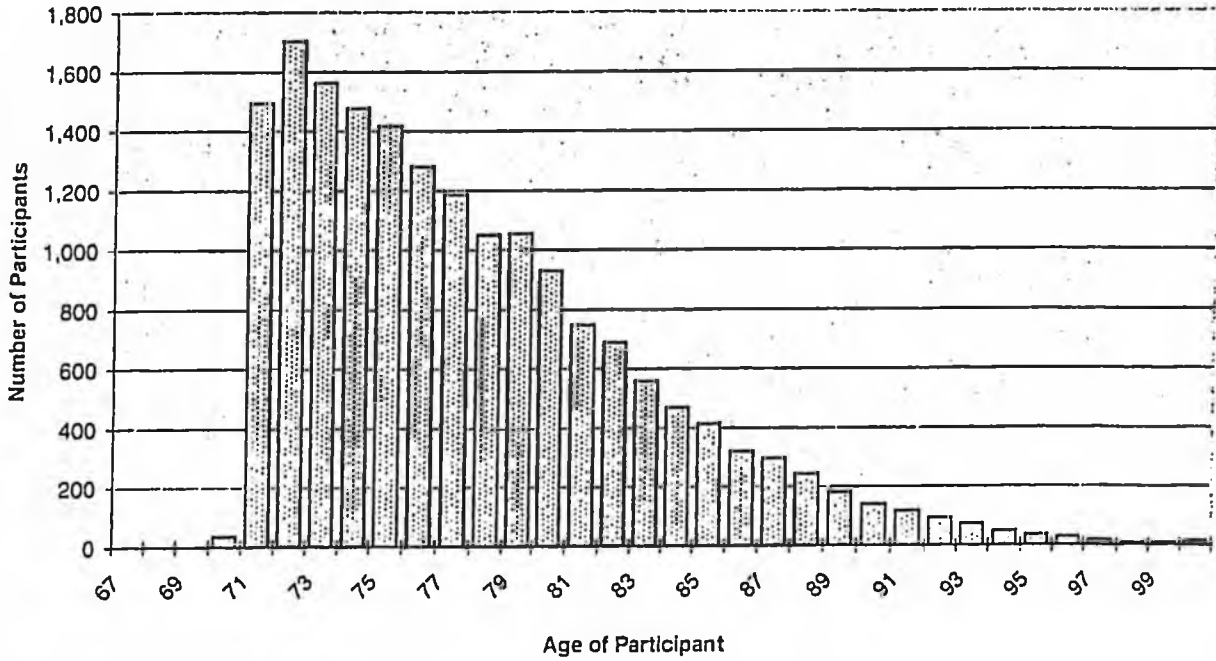
Note (7) Low projections as of October 9, 2002 forecast run.

Note (8) Based on the average low payment estimate per the McDowell Group forecast model.

Longevity Bonus Program Phase-out (amounts from FY1985 - FY2002 are actual expenditures; amounts from FY 2003 are the forecasted low estimates)



Age Distribution of Participants



**Longevity Bonus Program  
Age of Participants  
As of December 2001**

Age	Number of Participants	Percent	% This Age or Older	% Younger	% Older
67	1	0.01%	100.00%		99.99%
68	1	0.01%	99.99%	0.01%	99.99%
69	0	0.00%	99.99%	0.01%	99.99%
70	35	0.20%	99.99%	0.01%	99.79%
71	1,494	8.45%	99.79%	0.21%	91.34%
72	1,702	9.62%	91.34%	8.66%	81.72%
73	1,560	8.82%	81.72%	18.28%	72.90%
74	1,476	8.34%	72.90%	27.10%	64.56%
75	1,415	8.00%	64.56%	35.44%	56.56%
76	1,279	7.23%	56.56%	43.44%	49.33%
77	1,186	6.70%	49.33%	50.67%	42.63%
78	1,050	5.94%	42.63%	57.37%	36.69%
79	1,055	5.96%	36.69%	63.31%	30.73%
80	928	5.25%	30.73%	69.27%	25.48%
81	748	4.23%	25.48%	74.52%	21.25%
82	688	3.89%	21.25%	78.75%	17.36%
83	558	3.15%	17.36%	82.64%	14.21%
84	469	2.65%	14.21%	85.79%	11.56%
85	414	2.34%	11.56%	88.44%	9.21%
86	320	1.81%	9.21%	90.79%	7.41%
87	297	1.68%	7.41%	92.59%	5.73%
88	244	1.38%	5.73%	94.27%	4.35%
89	180	1.02%	4.35%	95.65%	3.33%
90	141	0.80%	3.33%	96.67%	2.53%
91	118	0.67%	2.53%	97.47%	1.87%
92	94	0.53%	1.87%	98.13%	1.33%
93	73	0.41%	1.33%	98.67%	0.92%
94	49	0.28%	0.92%	99.08%	0.64%
95	35	0.20%	0.64%	99.36%	0.45%
96	30	0.17%	0.45%	99.55%	0.28%
97	17	0.10%	0.28%	99.72%	0.18%
98	8	0.05%	0.18%	99.82%	0.14%
99	9	0.05%	0.14%	99.86%	0.08%
100	15	0.08%	0.08%	99.92%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,689</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			

Average Age of Participant: 77.5

Median Age of Participant: 76

Original legislation



## LAWS OF ALASKA

1972

Source

Chapter No.

FCCS HCS CSSB 211

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### AN ACT

Providing for an Alaska longevity bonus; and providing for an effective date.

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

\* Section 1. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

#### CHAPTER 45. ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS.

Sec. 47.45.010. PERSONS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR LONGEVITY BONUS. (a) A person who is 65 years of age or over, who was domiciled in the territory on or before January 3, 1959 and who has maintained a continuous domicile in the territory or state for 25 years may apply to the commissioner of administration for qualification to receive a monthly bonus of \$100.

(b) When the commissioner of administration determines that an applicant qualifies under this chapter he shall immediately begin payment of the bonus.

(c) A person who otherwise qualifies to receive a bonus provided for in this chapter may continue to do so only as long as he continuously retains a domicile in the state.

Sec. 47.45.020. CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES. After qualification, monthly applications for bonuses may be made in person to any office of the Department of Administration. Mailed monthly applications shall also be considered by the Department of Administration. In-person or mailed applications shall be made on forms provided by the Department of Administration and shall conform to the conditions as provided by regulation. The commissioner may make exceptions to those residents who are

isolated in rural areas and cannot mail a monthly application; however, they shall mail an application at least once every six months.

Sec. 47.45.030. ABSENCE FROM THE STATE. A recipient shall notify the commissioner of administration when he expects to be absent from the state if the absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 30 days. After such notification, the recipient shall no longer receive bonuses from the Department of Administration after his last regularly approved monthly application. Upon his return to the state he may again make application for a bonus. Whenever the absence is for a continuous period that exceeds 180 days the recipient shall be disqualified from receiving bonuses for the next 12 calendar months after his return to the state. However, when the commissioner of administration determines a period of absence is beyond the control of the recipient, he may not be disqualified, if he still otherwise qualifies upon his return to the state. Continual absences from the state, even though reported, and failure to notify the commissioner of an expected absence may be grounds for disqualification.

Sec. 47.45.040. DISQUALIFICATION. Disqualification under this chapter shall rest solely with the commissioner of administration and shall be outlined in the regulations promulgated under sec. 100(1) of this chapter.

Sec. 47.45.050. DEPARTMENT HEARING. The Department of Administration may hold a departmental hearing upon the request of any applicant or recipient who has been disqualified. Previous to this hearing the department shall by certified mail notify an applicant or recipient in plain and comprehensive language the exact reason for his disqualification. Form letters using only referral to state statutes or department regulations, or otherwise vague in detail, shall not be considered compliance by the department with this section.

Sec. 47.45.060. LEGAL REMEDY. Legal remedy from disqualification may be sought by an applicant or recipient in any court of competent jurisdiction in the state. The burden of proof shall rest solely upon the applicant or recipient and any costs related to a disqualification verdict determined against the applicant or recipient may be recoverable by the attorney general from that person, or from any agency representing that person supported in whole, or in part, with state appropriations.

Sec. 47.45.070. UNQUALIFIED PERSONS. An unqualified person is one who

(1) does not meet the age or residence requirements as provided for under this chapter;

(2) meets the age and residence requirements of this chapter but is confined in a state or federal mental health institution or facility and is certified by the state as unable to manage his own affairs; however, if such a person was at the time of his commitment the principal support of a spouse, the commissioner of

administration may determine to pay the confined person's bonus to his spouse until the spouse is qualified for a bonus;

(3) is otherwise qualified but confined in a penal or correctional institution or facility; upon completion of sentence or upon the conferral of a pardon, parole or probation, the person may make application; confinement outside the state shall be considered as residence in the state if a person was convicted and sentenced from a court in Alaska; revocation of parole or probation shall be cause for immediate disqualification until release from confinement is again effected;

(4) leaves the state of his own volition and remains absent from the state for a continuous period of more than 180 days.

Sec. 47.45.080. ACCRUAL OF BONUSES. No recipient may, for any reason, receive an accrual of bonuses in excess of two monthly payments. No interest may be paid on accrued bonuses. Upon the death of a recipient the commissioner of administration shall pay to the beneficiary of the recipient any accrued bonuses not to exceed two monthly payments.

Sec. 47.45.090. ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS FUND. (a) There is the Alaska longevity bonus fund created for the purpose of paying the monthly bonuses provided for in this chapter. The fund consists of all money made available by appropriations of the state legislature, and from other appropriated funds, all contributions from whatever source, and income and interest derived from the investment of money.

(b) The commissioner of administration is the administrator of the fund.

Sec. 47.45.100. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR. The commissioner of administration shall

(1) promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter;

(2) make expenditures from the fund necessary to administer this chapter;

(3) establish and maintain an adequate system of accounts for the fund;

(4) publish annually a report showing the financial condition of the fund.

Sec. 47.45.110. CUSTODY OF FUNDS. The commissioner of revenue is the treasurer of the system and has powers and duties for this purpose including but not limited to the following:

(1) to act as official custodian of the cash and securities belonging to the fund;

(2) to receive all items of cash belonging to the fund.

Sec. 47.45.120. EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION AND PROCESS. Bonuses received under this chapter are exempt from all state and political subdivision taxes except sales and use taxes and are not subject to execution, attachment, garnishment or other process. No bonus received under this chapter may be exempt from a federal tax requirement.

Sec. 47.45.130. DEATH OR CESSATION OF RESIDENCY. The commissioner of administration shall establish procedures to stop a bonus when a recipient under this chapter no longer qualifies. When a recipient dies or discontinues his residency in the state his qualification for a bonus shall stop at the time of his last approved monthly application.

Sec. 47.45.140. PENALTY FOR FALSE STATEMENTS. A person who wilfully or knowingly makes a false statement, or falsifies or permits to be falsified any record required by this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both, forfeits all rights under this chapter, and shall make adequate restitution for any bonuses illegally received.

Sec. 47.45.150. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "bonus" means a monthly Alaska longevity bonus payment made to a person or his beneficiary who qualifies under this chapter;

(2) "domicile" means the place with which a person has a settled connection for determination of his civil status or other legal purposes because it is actually or legally his permanent and principal home.

Sec. 47.45.160. APPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. The Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) does not apply to this chapter.

Sec. 47.45.170. PURPOSE. The sole purpose of this chapter is to offer and provide all law-abiding Alaskans capable of managing their own affairs who have maintained a domicile in the state for at least 25 years and have reached a retirement age of 65, an incentive to continue uninterrupted residency in the state. Under no circumstances shall this chapter be considered a form, type, or manner of public relief. Bonuses made under this chapter are not predicated on need even though they may appear to provide supplemental income to some qualified persons who would otherwise be forced to become responsibilities of the state. The legislature further finds and states that this legislation recognizes the economic hardships suffered by many elderly Alaskans, Alaskans who through their tenacity and perseverance molded Alaska as we know it through skillful application of their talents. These pioneers are the same Alaskans, who in the prime of their life were in effect treated as second-class citizens by the federal government who paid much of their hard-earned income to a government in which they did not have the right to participate through the power of the ballot. The legislature also is aware of the fact that many of

these pioneers have been forced to live out their retirement years in areas far away from the land they loved and nurtured and thereby also suffering in many cases, the loss of familial relationship with their own kin, an experience that is sad and frustrating to them as well as depriving new generations of Alaskans the benefit of their wisdom and experience. This legislation hopefully will provide our pioneers with the economic means to remain in and continue to serve their state and to enjoy the opportunity of aiding the new Alaskan in making this state truly "The Great Land".

\* Sec. 2. AS 01.10.030 does not apply to this Act. If any provision of this Act, or the application of a provision of this Act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, this entire Act shall be considered invalid.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 1973.

## **Safety Net Programs Supporting Senior Citizens**

- **Adult Public Assistance** – 4,880 seniors for \$20 million annually through Old Age Assistance
  - a. Eligibility
    - i. Age 65; US citizen or legal alien; Alaska resident
    - ii. Less than \$2,000 (\$3,000/couple) in assets excludes house, car & burial fund
    - iii. Monthly income below \$1,025 for an individual or \$1,519 a couple, with both eligible.
  - b. Benefit
    - i. \$914 (\$1,357/couple) maximum per month
    - ii. Medicaid coverage
- **Assisted Living General relief** – Assisted living payments to 263 individuals served for \$2,463,000 annually
  - ❖ Eligibility Age 60, no income criteria, target Seniors in need
- **Food stamps** – approximately 1,092 seniors reside in households that receive \$2.8 million annually
  - ❖ Eligibility Income below \$1,201/month for single or \$1618/month for couple
- **Home and community based programs** (not waiver programs, but General Fund programs). \$1.5 million in grants for seniors served in these programs - approximately 70% have dementia, 74% live in rural areas
  - ❖ Eligibility Age 60, no income criteria, target Seniors in need
- **Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Services** – 1250 seniors eligible for nursing home care chose to receive care at home instead for \$19.7 million
  - ❖ Eligibility same as Adult Public Assistance
  - ❖ Also available to the Special Income group for nursing home (300%) which uses the income standard of \$1656/month for one person.
- **Alaska Pioneers' Homes** – Licensed assisted living facilities in Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan – 602 beds for \$34 million
  - ❖ Age 65, one year resident, rates are subsidized for low income

- **Assisted living licensing** -1,403 assisted living beds in approx. 131 homes
  - ❖ Eligibility Age 60, no income criteria, target Seniors in need
- **Nursing homes** -850-900 people, largely senior citizens, approx. \$58 million in FY02 Medicaid costs
  - ❖ Available for all eligibility groups, including the 300% Special Income group for individuals in need of nursing home or HCB waiver services, which uses an income standard of \$1656/month for one person.
- **Adult protective services** - 1,724 intakes
  - ❖ Adults and mentally incapacitated, no income criteria, and targets seniors in need.
- **Guardianships and conservatorships** serving 850 adults for \$1.4 million
  - ❖ Open to those in need. There is an income based sliding scale fee.
- **Personal Care Attendant Program** -- Serving 1,831(?) people with functional impairments for \$13.7 million
  - ❖ Eligibility same as Adult Public Assistance plus some who are eligible for HCB waiver services.
- **Assistance with Medicare costs for low income seniors**
  - ❖ Premium, co-pay, and deductible coverage eligibility set at 100% of poverty (\$935/month for single; \$1262/month for couple)
  - ❖ Part-B Premium only coverage eligibility set at 130% of poverty (\$1262/month for single; \$1704/month for couple)
- **Total Medicaid Program Assistance** - prescriptions, Medical care, hospitalization, etc. 6,300 elderly persons at a cost of \$95 million.
- **Nutrition transportation and support services** - 100+ communities
  - ❖ Eligibility Age 60, no income criteria
- **Senior Community Service Training & Employment program**
  - ❖ Eligibility Age 60, no income criteria
- **Help lines** - information on Medicare, Medicaid and other programs for seniors 1800+ calls annually.
- **Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office** -investigated 427 complaints for \$370,163

- **Senior Citizens Property Tax exemptions**
  - ❖ Over age 65, up to \$150,000 value of property
  
- **Senior Citizens sales tax exemptions**
  - ❖ Varies with community
  
- **Hunting and fishing license exemption**
  - ❖ Age 65
  
- **Assistance for Prescription Drugs**
  - a) Medicaid covers prescription drugs for seniors who are Medicaid eligible.
  - b) Medicare enrollees may qualify for The Together Rx program (eight companies) who offer 15-40% discounts on more than 150 covered drugs to seniors with incomes below \$28,000 for single, \$38,000 for couples.
  - c) Many pharmaceutical companies have their own low income patient assistance programs, each with their own financial eligibility requirements. Some are specific to seniors and some are limited to specific drugs. Medicare and AARP websites have links to these programs. Examples of two programs geared toward seniors are shown in d) and e)
  - d) GlaxoSmithKline "Orange Card" program provides discounts off retail for seniors with income below 300% of the poverty level and who have no other prescription drug coverage.
  - e) Pfizer, Inc. Share Card Program provides discounts for seniors who are enrolled in Medicare, have no other prescription drug coverage, and have gross income less than \$18,000 per year (\$24,000 for couples).
  
- **Housing Assistance**
  - a. AHFC Senior housing for incomes up to \$25,000 limits rents to 30% of income in those facilities.
  - b. Home Equity Conversions allows Seniors, age 62, to draw equal monthly payments as long as one borrower lives and continues to occupy property as principal residence.

**Adult Public Assistance Numbers:**

Anchorage (907) 269-6000

Juneau (907) 465-3537

AGE 65+ VOTERS COMPARED TO LONGEVITY BONUS RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT	AGE 65+ VOTERS	LONGEVITY BONDS RECIPIENTS	DIFFERENCES
			AGE 65+ NO-BONUS
NOT-AVAIL	5934	3880	2054
1	1170	455	715
2	1427	566	861
3	1281	529	752
4	764	262	502
5	1313	453	860
6	1211	384	827
7	898	318	580
8	723	206	517
9	1242	503	739
10	714	263	451
11	708	195	513
12	697	211	486
13	1085	389	696
14	956	348	608
15	1168	372	796
16	943	306	637
17	589	173	416
18	253	89	164
19	1076	432	644
20	684	240	444
21	933	294	639
22	883	334	549
23	1635	677	958
24	1088	401	687
25	1180	522	658
26	1276	581	695
27	727	259	468
28	801	244	557
29	737	222	515
30	549	146	403
31	779	266	513
32	847	273	574
33	1294	445	849
34	1440	433	1007
37	543	199	344
38	727	274	453
39	792	316	476
40	757	314	443

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## District 35 Communities

Community	District	Senate	District Description		# recipients per zip code
Anchor Point	35	R	Homer/Seward	99556	63
Bear Creek	35	R	Homer/Seward	99664	139
Bradley Lake	35	R	Homer/Seward	no people	
China Poot Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Chinitna Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	99566	7
Chisik Island	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Cooper Landing	35	R	Homer/Seward	99572	43
Crown Point	35	R	Homer/Seward		
English Bay ( Nanwalek )	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	324
Fox River	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Fritz Creek	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Halibut Cove	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Homer	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Ismailof Island	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Jakolof Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Kachemak	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Kachemak Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Kalgin Island	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Kenai Lake	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Lakeview	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Little Tutka Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Lowell Point	35	R	Homer/Seward	99664	
MacDonald Spit	35	R	Homer/Seward	99663	18
Moose Pass	35	R	Homer/Seward	99631	6
Nanwalek ( English Bay )	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Nuka Island	35	R	Homer/Seward	no people	
Port Chatham	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Port Graham	35	R	Homer/Seward	99603	
Red Mountain	35	R	Homer/Seward	99663	
Sadie Cove	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Seldovia	35	R	Homer/Seward	99663	
Seward	35	R	Homer/Seward	99664	
Tutka Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
Tuxedni Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Windy Bay	35	R	Homer/Seward		
Yukon Island	35	R	Homer/Seward	#	
					600

## District 36 Communities

Community	District	Senate	District Description		# recipients per zip code
Afognak	36	R	Kodiak		
Akhiok	36	R	Kodiak	99615	253
Cape Chiniak	36	R	Kodiak		
Igiugig	36	R	Kodiak		
Iliamna	36	R	Kodiak	99606	11
Karluk	36	R	Kodiak	99608	0
Kodiak	36	R	Kodiak	99615	253
Kodiak Island Borough	36	R	Kodiak	99615	
Kokhanok	36	R	Kodiak		
Kokhanok Bay	36	R	Kodiak		
Larsen Bay	36	R	Kodiak	99624	6
Levelock	36	R	Kodiak	99625	6
Nelson Island	36	R	Kodiak		
Newhalen	36	R	Kodiak		
Nondalton	36	R	Kodiak	99640	8
Old Harbor	36	R	Kodiak	99643	5
Ouzinkie	36	R	Kodiak	99644	12
Pedro Bay	36	R	Kodiak	99647	3
Pleasant Harbor	36	R	Kodiak		
Port Alsworth	36	R	Kodiak	99653	4
Port Bailey	36	R	Kodiak		
Port Lions	36	R	Kodiak	99550	14
Raspberry Island	36	R	Kodiak		
Seal Bay	36	R	Kodiak		
Shuyak Island	36	R	Kodiak		
Spruce Island	36	R	Kodiak		
					575

# Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Governor Murkowski  
**CC:** Alaska State Legislature  
**From:** Rebecca Morris  
**Date:** 3/27/2003  
**Re:** Longevity Bonus

I work with Seniors Citizens daily, and assist them with procuring financial assistance, housing, medical care, and food. For many Elders, the income from the Longevity bonus makes a difference between barely subsisting at poverty level, and living at a standard that allows them to maintain a sense of dignity, independence and wellness.

As one who is all too familiar with the Medicaid Waiver system, may I remind you that unless an applicant is almost completely incapacitated, and suffering from serious life threatening disease, they are deemed ineligible and most often denied.

If you must rob Peter to pay Paul, why not at least, maintain the Longevity Bonus for Seniors who can show financial need!! Heavens knows there are thousands of vital, contributing Elder Alaskans who struggle daily to even make ends meet because of the outrageously HIGH COST of living in our great state.

I implore you to please consider other alternatives to elimination of the Bonus!!

Respectfully,

*Rebecca C. Morris*

Rebecca C. Morris

**March 27, 2003**

**To: The Honorable Governor Frank Murkowski  
Honorable Men and Women of the Alaska State Legislature**

**I am writing to urge you to reconsider the Governor's suggestion of eliminating the Alaska Longevity Bonuses.**

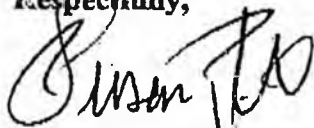
**So many of our seniors depend on this income to make ends meet; many already live on very meager allowances and will not qualify for other programs because they will fail to meet the ever-tightening eligibility criteria. For these folks there are no alternatives and they are very frightened and pleading that their voices be heard!**

**Our seniors have contributed so much to making Alaska the great state that it is – isn't it our responsibility to help keep them as comfortable and secure as we can in their remaining years?**

**Please consider other alternatives to this – too many lives will be adversely affected.**

**Thank you.**

**Respectfully,**



**Susan J. Walker  
P.O. Box 35124  
Juneau, AK 99803**

To: Governor Frank Murkowski

3/24/03

From: Dorathy Tow, 1940 Sutherland Dr., Juneau. AK  
99801 (907) 463-2530  
healthshare@gci.net

*Fax to 465-3532  
465-3517*

Re: Longevity

Dear Governor Murkowski:

I have resisted writing this letter because I did not come to Alaska for give-aways. I brought with me enough money to build a house that would have made me independent of all government, even Social Security.

My project did not go well because of a problem that the Juneau city council had swept under the rug at the time I built (specifically, avalanches). As a consequence I have spent about 16 years, and all the money I could get my hands on, trying to compensate for the errors that occurred. And now, in a masterpiece of bad timing, I am ready to complete the rest of the house.

Should you be successful in canceling Longevity I will have an income of less than \$950 per month, including adult public assistance. I can not run a house and drive a car on that! (The car is necessary because I live out of town and I have a problem walking.) Hence, I will have to sell the house for what I can get out of it unfinished and move south where I would not have such horrendous heat bills. (The \$200+ heating assistance takes care of about one month.) Further, the building project probably will not materialize - no room for optimism - and my proceeds will go south too. Add that up, please. My permanent fund pays for sewer and road LID's which kept people employed.

My point is that senior citizens are not necessarily economic dead-beats. I have tried to be independent and am still trying. But at 77 the idea of moving south seems like a monumental task, especially considering that I am still recovering from a serious illness and have just had my help yanked because I have made some progress. I am not costing anyone thousands of dollars per month for nursing care.

Anyway I would be in serious trouble without Longevity. Isn't there a less regressive way to solve this problem?

Sincerely,

*D. Tow*

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FAX # (907) 465-3517

To: Senator Gary Stevens, Chairman  
State Affairs Committee  
From: Barbara C. Lewis Haines Tele: 766-3413

Senator Stevens and Committee Members,

I am forwarding 44 statements regarding the Longevity Bonus Program - 28 from Seniors and 16 from concerned citizens who support saving the Longevity Bonus Program. We have Seniors who were born in Alaska; others who were here during the Territorial days. These seniors made sure the community had power plants, cleared the roads themselves if necessary, built safe, secure schools, made sure the school had heat, books, and hired an adequate number of qualified teachers, served on City Councils and School boards without compensation. Built churches, hired ministers, and supported them. They did not have 2 cars, 2 snow mobiles, a pleasure boat and a vacation home. They worked hard and took care of essentials. These seniors need the bonus for essentials. Last but not least, their word was their bond.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 19, 03 date

David Andrews

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

David Andrews  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 514

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2729

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: meds, food + emergency

I am opposed to cutting the  
longevity checks. I need mine for  
emergency and non prescription  
medicines

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevbruch@legis.state.ak.us

Mar 19, 03 date

1. Name: Charlotte J. Bell  
Signature

CHARLOTTE JANE BELL  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99327 P.O. Box No. 742

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2883

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: groceries.

medicine - I am low income - the  
bonus program helps me a lot - all of it  
is spent right here in Haines.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhurch@legis.state.ak.us

3/20/03 date

1. Name: John J. Bielecki  
Signature

JOHN J. BIELESKI  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1282

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2527

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_  
To defray expenses  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

Mar 22, 03 date

1. Name: Sally Burattin  
Signature

Sally Burattin  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 274

3. Telephone No. (907) 767-5425

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: I don't get it yet  
I don't believe you should pick on the elderly  
they need help at home & pioneers home & medical  
you should cut excess amt. for government  
unnecessary projects

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-22-03 date

1. Name: Valentino Burattin  
Signature

VALENTINO BURATTIN  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 278

3. Telephone No. (907) 767-5425

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO ✓

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: I don't get it yet  
I don't agree in cutting out  
the longevity program.  
The majority of the elders they  
do not have enough for a moderate  
living

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/19/03 date

1. Name: Joan Terry Comerford  
Signature

Joan Terry Comerford  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 34

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2421

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: monthly bills

Water, sewer, lights, oil, taxes, insurance,

I'm now 87 yrs. old and I need this  
\$1250. to help me with my bills. I will  
soon be going to the Pienner home

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-19-2013  
date

1. Name: Clifford E. Froeman  
Signature

CLIFFORD E. FROEMAN  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 237

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2796

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Expenses

I use this money to pay bills.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/22/3 date

1. Name: Constance Griffith  
Signature

Constance Griffith  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1975

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2408

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: food, and  
other necessities.

I could manage w/out the Long-  
evity Bonus, and I know seniors  
who could not manage without  
the \$250.- per month. Consider  
making it related to income of  
the seniors who receive it and do  
not wipe out the Bonus for  
seniors who need it.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/19/09 date

1. Name: Mimi G Gregg  
Signature

MIMI G. GREGG  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 75

3. Telephone No. (907) -766-2925

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Heating Oil

As a fairly recent widow, I no longer  
have my husband's income, so I may have  
to move from my home of 50 years, to  
live with some relatives. I would  
hope I will financially be able to stay  
in Alaska and in my own home.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-22-03 date

1. Name: Maurice E. Hallman,  
Signature

Maurice E. Hallman,  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1405

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3059

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: food

I oppose the bills to stop the  
longevity for us seniors- We need  
this money every month to help  
our family with food-

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E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 22, 03 date

1. Name: Judith L Hallman  
Signature

Judith L Hallman  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1405

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3059

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: my husband

uses his check for food & things  
he needs during the month - it  
would be "cobbed" to take this  
small amount of cash from our  
seniors - They need to feel like a  
viable part of the community by being  
able to purchase things they need  
& "put back" their monies into their  
communities -

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03/19/03 date

1. Name: Gale Hay  
Signature

GALE HAY  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1010

3. Telephone No: (907) 766-3222

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I object to cutting the Longevity Bonus,  
I know a lot of senior citizens  
that depend on this bonus.  
In 16. at this time, & some  
later I will also need this bonus  
Gale Hay

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3-19-03 date

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

MILDRED E HOPPER

Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 245

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2249

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus?  YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: HELP WITH

FUEL OIL AND ELECTRICITY

PLEASE DO NOT CUT

I CAME TO ALASKA IN 1954

THE BONUS HAS HELPED

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E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-18-03 date

1. Name: Merle M. Howser  
Signature

MERLE M. HOWSER  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 309

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2161

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: pay bills  
like drugs, elec, water rent  
I do not want to lose this  
longevity check. Its all the  
income I have coming in  
monthly

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhurch@legis.state.ak.us

3-19-03 date

1. Name: Olive E. Jackson  
Signature

Olive E. Jackson  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 207

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2598

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: paying for  
living expenses such as utilities,  
transportation and medical bills.  
I strongly object to the Longevity  
Bonus program being discontinued

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweybruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/22/03 date

1. Name: Josephine P. Johnson  
Signature

Josephine P. Johnson  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 695

3. Telephone No. (907) 767-5646

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I support the senior citizens continuing to get  
the longevity Bonus checks.

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E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-2-07 date

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

*William Johnson*

William Johnson  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 695

3. Telephone No. (907) 267-5507

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I support the longevity program  
the senior citizens need the  
help

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhutch@legis.state.ak.us

3/22/03 date

1. Name: Georgiana Hotch  
Signature

Georgiana Hotch  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 857

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 3660

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: na

I support leaving the Senior's  
Longevity Bonus "ALONE"

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/22/03 date

1. Name: Joe Hatch  
Signature

Joe Hatch  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 857

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3660

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: FURNACE FUEL

Food, other

I Support retaining the longevity  
to Alaska seniors

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/18/03 date

1. Name: Carol N Lawrence  
Signature

Carol N Lawrence  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 650

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2870

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: our house

budget depends on my husband's

income. I oppose this bill. and

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**FAX #(907) 465-2273**

**E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us**

3/22/03 date

1. Name: Paul Wilson Jr  
Signature

PAUL WILSON JR  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 235

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2947

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I support those who receive Longevity  
Bonus

**FAX #**(907) 465-2273

**E MAIL:** representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 22 date

1. Name: *Paul Samuel Phillips*  
PAUL SAMUEL Phillips  
Signature

PAUL SAMUEL Phillips  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. P 0165

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2903

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not receive Longevity  
I was US Army Retired 1955 - 4 July 93  
Alaska Veteran Disabled Vet.  
I support Longevity to Senior Person

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 20, 03 date

1. Name: Mary Ann Price  
Signature

Mary Ann Price  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 414

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2203

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: paying bills,  
buying groceries, help pay for my hearing aids  
and glasses and house repairs when  
we need them most.  
I support the Bonus program

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 20, 2003 date

1. Name: Warren C Price Sr  
Signature

WARREN C PRICE SR  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 414

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2203

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY BILLS BUY FOOD PAY INCOME TAX  
to support the bonus program with money

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweybruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/18/03 date

1. Name: Roy L. Lawrence,  
Signature

Roy L. LAWRENCE,  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 650

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2870

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: living  
expenses, and Haines is an expensive  
place to live in. I am against the  
legislation curtailing the longevity program.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucevevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/18/03 date

*Georgiana Hotch*

1. Name: Matilda W. Lewis  
Signature

Matilda W Lewis  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 183

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2164

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Food

Social Security pays for household bills:

Longevity helps with monthly food expense.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/20/03 date

1. Name: June B. Lynn  
Signature

JUNE B. LYNN  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1178

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3808

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not receive the longevity bonus. As a Health Care professional in Haines I know the importance of this bonus to many SR's and cannot believe the state is even considering such action. Shame on you.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/20/03 date

1. Name:

Terry M. Lynch  
Signature

TERRY M. LYNCH  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1178

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3888

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevbruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-19-03 date

1. Name: Marjorie C. Matthews  
Signature

MARJORIE C. MATTHEWS  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 96

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2647

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Travel to Juneau  
for medical purposes. Since I am visually  
impaired, I use it for extra help to  
support local programs like recycling  
etc. I object to the termination of the  
Longevity Bonus program.

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-19-03 date

1. Name: Elsie Mellott  
Signature

Elsie Mellott  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 153

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2141

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: food, kills

I oppose HB 158 and Senate  
Bill 117.  
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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 27, date 2003

1. Name: Albert D. Morgan  
Signature

Albert D. Morgan  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1374

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-3635

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO ✓

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I oppose cancellation of the  
Longevity Bonus Program for our  
elders.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhurch@legis.state.ak.us

3/18/03 date

1. Name: Erma Schnabel  
Signature

ERMA SCHNABEL  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 149

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2228

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Bills.

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhurch@legis.state.ak.us

3/18/03 date

1. Name: John Schnabel  
Signature

John Schnabel  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 149

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2228

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: charity - Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 20 - 03 date

1. Name: Erma Slater  
Signature

ERMA SLATER  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. Box 714

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-8725

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: to assist me

in my everyday living as I pay 506<sup>00</sup> a month  
for rent and I am in the low income bracket  
so I just get a social security check of 700<sup>00</sup> a month.  
So without the longevity check I don't know what  
I'll do

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/19 date

1. Name: J.S. TANLEY - RETIRED  
Signature

J.S. Tanley  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 127 - HAINES AK  
99821

3. Telephone No. (907) 0

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: FOOD-LIVING EXPENSE  
I - UPGET. TO-LOSING - BONUS -  
AT - MY AGE 84 YRS. Y01Y6

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3-20 date

1. Name: Lillian Taylor  
Signature

Lillian Taylor  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 1052

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2582

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

Helping with Rent.  
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FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhurch@legis.state.ak.us

03/19/03 date

1. Name: Norman F Taylor  
Signature

NORMAN F TAYLOR  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 232

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2661

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: I HAVE CAD

AND NEED EXPENSIVE MEDICATION. MY MONTHLY  
MED. BILLS AVERAGE \$141.98 OUT OF POCKET  
I AM ON THE NEBULIZER 4 TIMES A DAY. I HAVE  
OIL, ELACTAID, GARDOL, AND OTHER EXPENSES.  
AND MORE THINGS I HAVE TO PAY MONTHLY.  
I HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA SINCE 1963.  
I NEED THE LONGEVITY BONUSES TO LIVE HERE

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

Nov. 19, 2003 date

1. Name: Helen B. Tengs  
Signature

Helen B. Tengs  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 148

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2188

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: my expenses  
for my monthly groceries, oil, car  
insurances. I feel the Longevity was  
set up for the seniors and should be  
continued. This gives us a feeling of  
security and certainly improves our  
welfare.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhutch@legis.state.ak.us

19 March 03 date

1. Name: Margie Ward  
Signature

MARGIE J. WARD  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 208

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2661

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: Medications

Household expenses including food. The Longevity  
Bonus is essential for my being able to stick in  
Alaska - which has been my home since 1947.  
I am very much in favor of keeping the  
Longevity Bonus. We Senior Citizens spend  
nearly all our money here in the State and hope  
to be able to continue to do so. At least old would  
not want to go on welfare and for food stamps!

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

MAR. 25 2003 date

1. Name: *Doris Ward*  
Signature

DORIS WARD  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 14

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2206

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Citizen Center lunch, groceries, other bills

I oppose cutting the Longevity Bonus because it was  
intended for Alaskans who have contributed to the  
state since early days and continue to volunteer  
and give back of their experience

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewvhruch@legis.state.ak.us

3/19/03 date

1. Name: Bruce B. Ward  
Signature

Bruce B. Ward  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 549

3. Telephone No. (907) 766-2888

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

paying for some of my medication -  
it doesn't cover it all - but certainly  
helps my monthly bill - Medication <sup>costs</sup>  
continued to climb - and as I get older  
to take another type of pill along  
with the others -

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E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

MARCH 27 date 2003

1. Name: Edward T. Warren, II  
Signature

Edward T. Warren, II  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 255

3. Telephone No. (907) 767-5539

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES  NO

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: propane heating,  
cooking range and water heater.  
I appreciate the wisdom to create  
and maintain this program.

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebruceweyhruch@legis.state.ak.us

March 22 2003 date

1. Name: Patricia Warren  
Signature

Patricia WARREN  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 255

3. Telephone No. (907) 767-5539

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

The people who receive a longevity Bonus check  
are our frailest citizens and they are on a fixed income.  
They need this income to make it through each month.  
Please find another place to make up the budget deficit.  
Do not pick on our Senior Citizens, Please !!!

FAX #(907) 465-2273

E MAIL: representativebrucewevhruch@legis.state.ak.us

03/20/03 date

1. Name: Dwayne B. Wilson  
Signature

Dwayne B. Wilson  
Printed

2. Address: Haines, Alaska 99827 P.O. Box No. 235

3. Telephone No. (907) 766 2947

4. Do you receive the Longevity Bonus? YES \_\_\_ NO X

5. I use the Longevity Bonus check for: \_\_\_\_\_

I support longevity bonus.  
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## REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

March 27, 2003

To the Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I disagree with the Governor's efforts to balance the budget on the backs of Alaska's seniors.

Eliminating the Longevity Bonus Program will cause real hardship to people in their later years who have made life decisions based on our promise of this small stipend. In some cases the Longevity Bonus is the difference of being able to afford food AND medicine. In other cases it simply allows our elders to live with a little bit more dignity.

I have heard overwhelming opposition to eliminating the Longevity Bonus Program from my constituents. I have promised the people who have called, written, and e-mailed my office that I would add their voices to mine in opposition to this bill. Please consider this testimony with the weight of the 56 names at the bottom.

**I believe a deal is a deal. I urge you to vote AGAINST SB 117.**

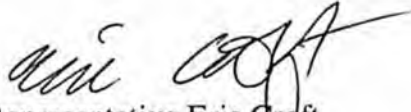
On behalf of:

Ms. Betty A. Bergstrom, 2309 W. Tudor, Anchorage AK 99517  
Mr. Rodger Borer, 1307 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Pl., Anchorage AK 99503  
Mr. Alex Calugan, 1001 Boniface #22N, Anchorage AK 99504  
Mr. James Carrol, PO Box 90070, Anchorage AK, 99509  
E. M. Casey, 8480 Jewel Lake Rd. #2, Anchorage AK 99502  
Ms. Jane Cason, 2110 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage AK 99517  
Mr. Robert P. Clark Jr., 200 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. #344, Anchorage AK 99503  
Ms. Marianne Clock, 3302 Montpelier Ct., Anchorage AK 99503  
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Ms. Maybelle German, 3318 Monticello, Anchorage AK 99503  
Ms. Marion Gregory, PO Box 190183, Anchorage AK 99519  
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Mrs. Ellen Helgason, 4103 North Star St., Anchorage AK 99503  
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Ms. Shirley Helmholtz, 1003 Chugach Way, Anchorage AK 99503  
Mr. Carl N. Jensen Sr., PO Box 47027, Pedro Bay AK 99647



Mr. Gus Jensen, 1711 Adonis Dr., Anchorage AK 99515  
Mrs. Mary Jensen, 1711 Adonis Dr., Anchorage AK 99515  
Martin Johansen, 2040 Muldoon Rd., Unit 110, Anchorage AK 99504  
Mrs. Anne Johnson, 4600 Early Spring, Homer AK 99603  
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Mr. Francisco Malone, Anchorage AK  
Mrs. Evelyn Mamaloff, 8761 Midland Pl., Anchorage AK 99515  
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Mr. Frank Neeley, 1604 E St., Anchorage AK 99501  
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Mr. Frank Pagano, 2247 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage AK 99517  
Ms. Ethel Peyton, 1640 Oxford, Anchorage AK 99503  
Mr. Joseph Poletti, 1508 W. 43<sup>rd</sup>, #30, Anchorage AK 99503  
Mr. James Rickteroff, 8800 Centennial Cir, #305, Anchorage AK 99504  
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Sincerely,

  
Representative Eric Croft

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March 13, 2003

Hon. Gary Stevens  
State Capitol, Room 417  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Sen. Stevens:

Govenor Murkowski made a bold but proper move requesting elimination of the longevity bonus.

Initally this program was very good as it was intended for those that had been residents of Alaska prior to statehood, had lived here 25 years and were 65 years old. The program got out of hand when some liberal organizations and their lawyers searched out and found an individual that had arrived in the state just after statehood, then sued the state on his behalf. The state made a most feeble attempt to defend the program and lost the case. In other words the state just rolled over. When we lost the Rodney Vest case the program should have been terminated at that time.

When the program was allowed to continue it precipitated a migration of elderly to the state for the "free Money" which got out of hand. Means testing of the program was suggested by Governor Knowles which is the wrong way to go about reducing the cost due to assurance of another law suit and the administrative costs involved to administer that program plus fraud. There was another chance to terminate the program entirely in 1993 when elimination was stairstepped as it is now. There are adequate welfare programs in the state to take care of the needy elderly or some could be expanded to do so.

In the past few years the program has been liberalized to allow recipients to remain out of state for longer periods of time and even re-enter it.

I heard Steve McDonald an anchor on KTUU Channel 2 state on Anchorage Edition KAKM Channel 7 that the program enabled many grandparents to come up here and be near their grandchildren. Since when is it a responsibility of the state to bring and keep grandparents and grandchildren together at the expense of everyone else

\$48,000,000.00 is a lot of money to save. Means testing is the wrong answer. The program should be eliminated.

There are 38,000 residents over the age of 65 in the state and only 13,000 are receiving the bonus. More elderly residents are not receiving the bonus than are and they seem to be making out

alright without it.

Incidentally I am a recipient of the program and feel that it should be entirely eliminated.

*Roy E Hoyt Jr.*

Roy E. Hoyt Jr.

Governor Murkowski's Public Opinion Message

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long. funds?  
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