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<u>Humphrey</u>	Don	M	02/18/65	Chile
<u>Hushaw</u>	Harry	M	03/10/81 31	Thailand
<u>Hyatt</u>	Janis	F	08/25/81 24	Swaziland
<u>Jacoby</u>	Curtis	M	08/25/74 23	Dominican Republic
<u>Jaffe</u>	Larissa	F	10/07/01 63	Zimbabwe
<u>Jandorf</u>	Daniel S.	M	06/07/70 23	Malaysia
<u>Johnson</u>	Wilburn	M	08/26/73 25	Senegal
<u>Johnson</u>	Paul E	M	07/15/76 24	Guatemala
<u>Johnson</u>	Mary K	F	05/01/93 70	China
<u>Jonas</u>	Robert K	M	09/06/78 54	Colombia
<u>Kallison</u>	Jole	F	03/13/98 23	Namibia
<u>Karrer</u>	Andrew E	M	07/88 24	Micronesia
<u>Kelly</u>	Richard	M	04/30/78 24	Belize
<u>Kenney</u>	Ann	F	05/29/71 23	Micronesia
<u>Kinsey</u>	Beverly	F	03/27/66 23	Tanzania
<u>Kirking</u>	Francis	U	06/23/65	Iran
<u>Kossowska</u>	Danuta	F	04/04/88 73	Thailand
<u>Kotzian</u>	Michall	M	03/17/69 26	Colombia
<u>Kowalczyk</u>	Stanley	M	04/16/65	Nigeria
<u>Krok</u>	Florence K	F	12/09/77 26	Kenya
<u>Krow</u>	Brian	M	07/08/99 27	Ukraine
<u>Kruger</u>	Raymond	M	07/03/85 27	Morocco
<u>Kuhn</u>	Ronald	M	01/09/71 22	Sierra Leone
<u>Laffey</u>	Thomas	M	12/21/68 25	Malawi
<u>Lane</u>	Lols	F	08/26/79 33	The Gambia
<u>Larson</u>	Curtis	M	03/22/66	Ecuador
<u>Larson</u>	David	M	01/08/67	Dominican Republic
<u>Lawyer</u>	Terry	F	02/19/71 24	Togo
<u>Leahy</u>	Richard	M	08/10/71 25	Ecuador
<u>Lee</u>	Jang	M	08/17/01 31	Uzbekistan
<u>Lesuer</u>	Thomas C.	M	09/30/80 27	Lesotho
<u>Leveille</u>	Kevin	M	02/05/95 26	Cote D'Ivoire
<u>Lilia</u>	Robert	M	12/11/72 23	Nepal
<u>Livingston</u>	Elizabeth	F	03/28/97 48	Costa Rica
<u>Lockhart</u>	Thomas D	M	02/23/80 27	Sierra Leone
<u>Long</u>	Robert	M	03/25/83 25	Liberia
<u>Losikoff</u>	Susan	F	11/02/69 24	Malaysia
<u>Luecke</u>	Christopher E	M	04/26/78 22	Liberia
<u>MacGillivray</u>	Kathryn	F	10/17/98 25	Malawi
<u>Mack</u>	Jeremiah	M	05/12/97 26	Niger
<u>Maggard</u>	Phillip	M	03/02/63 21	Phillippines
<u>Malone</u>	Stephen	M	07/07/76 27	Leeward Islands
<u>Manke</u>	Linda	F	01/29/71 27	Kenya
<u>Marshall</u>	John	M	09/02/81 25	Mali
<u>Masover</u>	Lynne	F	05/19/80 34	Fiji
<u>Mathis</u>	William J	M	10/23/84 28	Zaire

<u>Matthews</u>	Timothy	M	01/23/79	23	Sierra Leone
<u>McCarthy</u>	David	M	04/06/70	22	Micronesia
<u>McClellan</u>	Bridgette	F	12/22/81	25	The Gambia
<u>McFate</u>	Robert	M	09/17/78	63	Chile
<u>McKay</u>	Marilyn	F	01/13/70	23	Liberia
<u>McKeen</u>	Bruce	M	09/04/64	23	Nepal
<u>Mcmanus</u>	Rodger	M	12/09/63	24	Philippines
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<u>Morton</u>	Louis	M	09/17/72	23	Uganda
<u>Mulholland</u>	David	M	06/09/62		Philippines
<u>Mulvihill</u>	Richard	M	08/26/76	23	Cameroon
<u>Myers</u>	Cynthia	F	11/01/64	23	India
<u>Nelson</u>	Peter	M	09/01/67	25	Iran
<u>Nettesheim</u>	Chad	M	08/06/97	25	Dominican Republic
<u>Nitahara</u>	Diane	F	12/27/66	24	Nigeria
<u>Nonnemacker</u>	Joseph	M	12/24/70	65	Micronesia
<u>Nordmann</u>	William	M	07/31/92	24	Nepal
<u>O'Brien</u>	Shaun T.	M	01/22/84	29	Philippines
<u>Obrien</u>	John	M	11/17/68	22	Fiji
<u>Ohl</u>	Daniel	M	04/14/90	29	Kenya
<u>Olson</u>	William	M	04/13/66	25	Ethiopia
<u>O'Reilly</u>	Patrick	M	01/26/69	25	El Salvador
<u>Orton</u>	Jeffery	M	08/31/95	24	Niger
<u>Osborne</u>	Dorothy	F	08/11/89	68	Dominican Republic
<u>Ota</u>	Dennis	M	02/02/72	21	Togo
<u>Overholtzer</u>	Paul	M	10/21/70	68	Mauritius
<u>Owens</u>	Robert	M	11/19/78	23	Morocco
<u>Parker</u>	Robert	M	07/22/74		Dominican Republic
<u>Parrott</u>	John	M	11/02/65	22	Kenya
<u>Pasmore</u>	Judith	F	06/22/00	61	Lesotho
<u>Pastuszak</u>	Robert	M	02/08/75	32	Cote D'Ivoire
<u>Pearson</u>	Marcia	F	01/31/67	22	Turkey
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<u>Periard</u>	Michael	M	12/18/71	22	Liberia
<u>Perkins</u>	Cecil A	M	09/06/75	50	Windward Islands
<u>Pfaffenberger</u>	Layne	F	11/22/93	24	Guatemala
<u>Pfost</u>	Dennis D	M	03/06/74	25	Peru
<u>Phillips</u>	Karen	F	12/17/98	37	Gabon
<u>Pillsbury</u>	Wyatt	M	07/11/01	23	Tanzania
<u>Pinney</u>	Charles H	M	05/21/76	26	Malaysia
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<u>Prior</u>	Roy	M	12/15/75	57	Honduras
<u>Provinci</u>	Roseanne	F	07/09/76	29	Honduras
<u>Quilton</u>	Juanita	F	12/16/88	39	Swaziland
<u>Radley</u>	Lawrence	M	04/22/62		Colombia
<u>Ragno</u>	Marsha	F	08/24/71	23	Liberia
<u>Raimondo</u>	Lucille Ann Rose	F	05/22/95	22	Guatemala
<u>Raymaker</u>	Mark	M	03/03/68		Tanzania
<u>Redmann</u>	James	M	07/26/66		Windward Islands
<u>Reiser</u>	William	M	02/10/67		Ghana
<u>Ritger</u>	Robert	M	02/26/72	23	Ecuador
<u>Roberts</u>	Valerie	F	12/18/71	25	Liberia
<u>Robillard</u>	Ge. au	M	12/18/74	43	Zaire
<u>Robinson</u>	Linda	F	09/11/73	24	Niger
<u>Rodgers</u>	Susan	F	06/28/70	23	Kenya
<u>Rodriguez</u>	Annika	F	10/17/75	22	Honduras
<u>Rogers</u>	Varina	F	04/21/92	23	Malawi
<u>Rolfs</u>	Jeremy	M	03/31/97	27	South Africa
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<u>Rubin</u>	David	M	11/03/80	23	Micronesia
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<u>Russomanno</u>	Grace M	F	05/30/75	26	Liberia
<u>Ryal</u>	James	M	09/01/72	27	Ethiopia
<u>Sanftleben</u>	Lesla	F	10/30/84	29	Lesotho
<u>Schaffer</u>	William	M	11/04/84	28	Nepal
<u>Schaffer</u>	David	M	09/07/90	29	Tanzania
<u>Schaminghausen</u>	Kyrstin	F	11/17/96	22	Namibia
<u>Schutzius</u>	Magaret E	F	09/19/89	27	Chad
<u>Schwartz</u>	Frederick A.	M	01/11/70	23	Swaziland
<u>Sheriff</u>	Joseph G	M	05/13/83	62	Micronesia
<u>Sherman</u>	Mathew	M	09/08/88	22	Honduras
<u>Shine</u>	Henry	M	11/30/66	63	Nigeria
<u>Shuler</u>	Henry	M	04/03/69	64	India
<u>Simmons</u>	Gareth	M	06/25/65	22	Dominican Republic
<u>Smith</u>	Sandra	F	08/19/69	23	Bolivia
<u>Smith</u>	Audrey	F	08/27/85	39	Philippines
<u>Spratt</u>	Paul	M	10/30/72	34	Zaire
<u>Stafford</u>	Jeannette	F	07/23/69	72	Philippines
<u>Stilson</u>	Dennis	M	09/27/78	25	Leeward Islands
<u>Stout</u>	James	M	04/03/67	21	Morocco
<u>Streb</u>	Mark A.	M	02/22/84	23	Niger
<u>Strong</u>	Terry J	F	11/18/83	41	Lesotho
<u>Summers</u>	Harold R	M	07/19/75	25	Benin
<u>Swenson</u>	Dale	U	12/06/62		Brazil

<u>Sylvester</u>	Michele	F	08/25/93 28	Senegal
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<u>Waid</u>	Karren	F	07/12/93 23	Togo
<u>Waldinger</u>	Natalie	F	01/07/01 24	Tanzania
<u>Warren</u>	Robert D	M	05/12/78 24	Honduras
<u>Weber</u>	Donald L	M	06/18/95 69	Hungary
<u>Weeks</u>	James O.	M	05/06/72 27	Mauritius
<u>Weland</u>	Robert	M	10/23/66 22	Nepal
<u>West</u>	William L	M	12/08/72 36	Kenya
<u>White</u>	Deborah G	F	12/06/78 26	Togo
<u>Whitfield</u>	Robert	M	10/14/71 22	Ghana
<u>Wilcox</u>	Gary D	M	02/27/77 24	Fiji
<u>Wilis</u>	John	M	02/07/70 67	Jamaica
<u>Wiseman</u>	Gloey	F	10/13/91 46	Bolivia
<u>Wolf</u>	Louise	F	10/22/76 28	Morocco
<u>Wolfe</u>	Peter	M	10/28/84 27	Guatemala
<u>Wood</u>	Michael D.	M	08/23/83 23	Guatemala
<u>Wood</u>	James	M	12/24/83 23	Togo
<u>Woodward</u>	Mitchell	M	07/01/80 24	Ecuador
<u>Wright</u>	John	M	03/10/85 26	Ecuador
<u>Zbitnoff</u>	Alexei	M	07/02/68 23	El Salvador
<u>Zech</u>	Robert	M	06/25/65 24	Dominican Republic
<u>Zimmerman</u>	Polly	F	10/22/76 23	Morocco
<u>Zink</u>	Virginia	F	11/27/68 26	Nigeria

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Incidents against Peace Corps volunteers

Year	All	Agg.	Simple	Death threats	Sex (rape)
1991	126	41	42	0	43 (13)
1992	140	43	45	0	52 (9)
1993	168	57	48	1	62 (10)
1994	166	45	78	0	45 (6)
1995	164	62	62	3	37 (9)
1996	208	78	72	1	57 (13)
1997	251	88	88	2	73 (20)
1998	264	87	105	2	70 (19)
1999	326	102	131	4	89 (11)
2000	278	88	99	1	90 (20)
2001	319	93	108	5	113 (16)
2002	283	87	100	2	94 (13)
2003*	132	47	48	4	32 (3)
1991-2002 percentage increase	125	112	139		119 (0)

The number of Peace Corps volunteers increased 29.3% between 1991 and 2002 while the number of reported assault cases increased 125% during the same period.

Incidents may have more than one victim.

*2003 figures are from Jan. 1 to June 30

Source: Dayton Daily News analysis of the Peace Corps Assault Notification database.

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WHERE THEY SERVE

Dayton Daily News

Worldwide distribution of Peace Corps volunteers

Inter-American, Caribbean and Pacific total	2,075
Europe, the Mediterranean and Asia total	1,469
Africa total	1,894

Africa breakdown

Benin	80
Botswana	25
Burkina Faso	74
Cameroon	122
Cape Verde	48
Gabon	60
Ghana	107
Guinea	92
Kenya	99
Lesotho	97
Madagascar	25
Malawi	97
Mali	126
Mauritania	71
Mozambique	42
Namibia	82
Niger	83
Senegal	136
South Africa	87
Tanzania	82
The Gambia	63
Togo	60
Uganda	24
Zambia	107

Europe, the Mediterranean and Asia breakdown

Armenia	55
Bangladesh	13
Bulgaria	105
China	72
Georgia	34
Kazakhstan	123
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Macedonia	18

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Moldova	83
Mongolia	70
Morocco	147
Nepal	89
Philippines	133
Romania	149
Thailand	51
Turkmenistan	54
Ukraine	151
Uzbekistan	54
Inter-American, Caribbean and Pacific breakdown	
Belize	50
Bolivia	149
Costa Rica	22
Dominican Republic	125
East Timor	17
Eastern Caribbean	78
Ecuador	143
El Salvador	119
Guatemala	193
Guyana	37
Haiti	55
Honduras	234
Jamaica	86
Kiribati	51
Micronesia	61
Nicaragua	163
Panama	106
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Vanuatu	45

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Dear Senate State Affairs Committee:

My wife Irene and I read with great interest the article in the 13 February 2005 edition of the *Anchorage Daily News* regarding Rep. Lesil McGuire's efforts to restore PFD eligibility for Peace Corps Volunteers. Our daughter Amanda, 21, began her service with the Peace Corps in Mozambique last fall, departing Anchorage on 1 Oct 04. Amanda is a remarkable young woman. She graduated in the upper ranks of her Bartlett High School Class of 2000, attended the University of Alaska Anchorage for two years as an Alaska Scholar and was an active member of the UAA student government organization. Finally, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York University in May of 2004 and is now teaching eight graders in Tete, Mozambique. We speak with her regularly (surface mail is extremely slow and can be unreliable) and marvel at her incredibly positive outlook and all that she has accomplished and experienced in the few months since she left home. You can be certain that not only is she a wonderful ambassador for our nations, she also epitomizes the beauty and warmth that is Alaska.

I was quite taken with one quote in the newspaper about Rep. McGuire in particular because it so closely mirrored something I said to my daughter when we said our good-byes at the airport some 4-5 months ago and have repeated to her several times since then. The newspaper quote said:

"I can't think of a more important statement to make. We make it for the military,' she said, explaining that soldiers and Peace Corps volunteers are working to protect and promote the same goal: democracy."

I have told my daughter several times how proud I am of her and what she is doing. I also told her that I viewed what she was doing as every bit as important and patriotic as my own service in the Army. In fact, she is putting up with living conditions, pay, and an overall environment that makes my first tour of duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in West Germany (1978-1981) seem quite luxurious in comparison. My wife and I were not aware that Peace Corp Volunteers were not currently eligible for the PFD until reading the newspaper article, and we are both quite dismayed by the notion. Every one of those wonderful folks from Alaska who serve with the Peace Corps deserve the same recognition afforded to members of our armed services

from Alaska who serve Outside and remain eligible for the PFD. The Peace Corps is part of the Executive Branch of our government, like the armed services, and are every bit as important to the slow but steady advancement of freedom, human dignity, and democracy world-wide as is our fine military. Amanda told me how proud she felt when the United States Ambassador to Mozambique swore them all in as Peace Corps Volunteers following completion of their training phase. She raised her right hand and took an oath not at all different from the one I took on 8 June 1977 when I entered the Army and what countless young men and women do everyday entering the armed forces.

We urge you both to support Rep. McGuire's initiative to reinstate PFD eligibility to Peace Corps Volunteers. Sen. Guess, if the past is any indicator, the harder road might once again be the State Senate, so please let us know what we can do to help.

Thanks to you both for your fine service to our little region of Anchorage, and a special thanks to Rep. McGuire for your work on this matter. Good luck to you all.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Irene Gardner
770 Hunt Circle
Anchorage, AK 99504

Dear Representative McGuire,

I support your efforts to add Peace Corps Volunteers to the PFD eligibility list. During his last term, the president began promoting that every American should volunteer two years of service, either at home or abroad.

While this is a nice idea, the reality of the situation is that most Americans can't afford to take two years off from their job. Allowing Peace Corps Volunteers to receive the PFD will show Alaska's commitment to sharing our country's blessings with the rest of the world.

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central America from 1996-1998. Although I was not an Alaska resident at the time, a fellow volunteer was, he received the PFD during his service, and it literally was the reason he was able to leave his job and join the Peace Corps. As I am sure you know, Peace Corps service is volunteer commitment. Volunteers are given living expenses, at about the level of a teacher in the community, in our case about \$150 month. Although the Peace Corps is open to everyone who qualifies, one of the major barriers to making a two year commitment is money, more specifically, debt.

Before embarking on a tour of duty, the volunteer must either sell, pay off or defer any student/education loan, mortgage, car payment or credit card debt. Student loan companies allow deferral of payment during Peace Corps service. If they didn't, most of the Volunteers currently serving would not have been able to make a two-year commitment without an income.

My point is, unless potential Volunteers have parents or supporters willing to pay their bills while they are gone, volunteer service becomes unavailable to regular people who have even minor amounts of debt. In that sense, even volunteer work becomes available only to people of higher socioeconomic background. (Most of my fellow volunteers had parents who took care of their debts. I, and others like me, sold everything I owned.) Eligibility for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend could easily make the difference between a college age person with a small amount of debt being able to join the Peace Corps versus "getting a real job."

In our society, when a person enters the work force just out of college, they enter the consumer role as well. Once they buy a car, set up an apartment, get nice clothes to go to work in, etc, it takes a frugal person 5-7 years to pay all that off. And in the mean time, they will get married and buy a house, and once that happens, Peace Corps will be just something they had always wished they could have done, but never had enough money.

The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend can really make a difference between the dream of overseas volunteer service and the reality of reaching it.

Thank you for your time.
Christina Logan
RPCV Honduras '96-'98

State of Alaska
Finance Committee
Re: HB 127
March 2, 2005

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing to give my support for passing HB 127, specifically to support adding currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers to the Permanent Fund Dividend eligibility list. During his last term, President Bush began promoting that every American should volunteer the equivalent of two years of service, either at home or abroad. Most Americans would willingly donate their time for this service, however the reality of the situation is that most Americans cannot afford to take two years off from their job. In my opinion, supporting Peace Corps Volunteers is the very best way to promote the spread of democracy and peace in other nations. Allowing Peace Corps Volunteers to receive the PFD will show Alaska's commitment to sharing our country's blessings with the rest of the world.

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Central America from 1996-1998. As I am sure you know, Peace Corps service is volunteer commitment. Volunteers are given living expenses, at about the level of a teacher in the community, in our case about \$150 month. Although the Peace Corps is open to everyone who qualifies, one of the major barriers to making a two year commitment is money, more specifically, debt. Before embarking on a tour of duty, the volunteer must either sell, pay off or defer any student/education loan, mortgage, car payment or credit card debt. Student loan companies allow deferral of payment during Peace Corps service. If they did not, most of the typical, just out of college Volunteers currently serving, would not have been able to make a two-year commitment without an income. Unless potential Volunteers have parents or supporters willing to pay their bills while they are gone, volunteer service becomes unavailable to regular people who have even minor amounts of debt. In that sense, even volunteer work becomes available only to people of higher socioeconomic background. Eligibility for the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend could easily make the difference between a college age person with a small amount of debt being able to join the Peace Corps versus "getting a real job."

For example, the PFD would guarantee a potential Volunteer the ability to make a minimum monthly payment on an outstanding debt and allow them to enter Volunteer service. In our society, when a person enters the work force just out of college, they enter the consumer role as well. Once the person buys a car, sets up an apartment, gets nice clothes to go to work in, etc, it takes a frugal person 5-7 years to get back to the zero baseline financially. And in the mean time, they will get married and buy a house, and once that happens, Peace Corps will be just something they had always wished they could have done, but never had enough money. The Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend can really make a difference between the dream of overseas volunteer service and the reality of reaching it.

Thank you for your time.
Christina Logan, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
Honduras 1996-1998

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Wednesday, February 23, 2005

RE: HB127

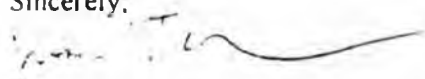
Dear Honorable McGuire and House members

I am writing in support of the proposed legislation by Representative McGuire, changing the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend eligibility to include Alaska Residents Serving as Volunteers in the Federal Peace Corps program or as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service.

These are honorable services to our country, government and state. As our country works for a democratic and peaceful world, these individuals are on the front line. Denying eligibility for our dividend to these Alaskans is not only a disservice to the brave individuals who risk everything in the name of peace and democracy, but contrary to President George W. Bush's call for ALL Americans to provide volunteer service. Peace Corps volunteers are just that, volunteers. They do not travel to under developed regions for personal or financial gain, but to serve humanities children. Isn't continued denial of the PFD to these Alaskans, not only a disservice to this great nation, but to our volunteers and diplomats serving in our country's name?

I encourage all members to support our Volunteers and diplomats by supporting this bill

Sincerely,



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March 28, 2005

Dear Co-Chairs Chenault and Meyer
and House Finance Committee Members:

Re: Supporting HB 127, restoring to Alaskans their right to continue receiving their Permanent Fund Dividends while away serving in the United States Peace Corps

I ask legislators to adopt HB 127, thus reinstating the provision of Alaska Statutes that used to (until about 1998) list U.S. Peace Corps service as an allowable absence for Alaskans to continue to receive their PFDs. Somehow, that provision was stripped from the statute (while I was away with the Peace Corps in Nepal) at the same time as "the Hilary Lindh provision" was deleted.

Just as Alaskans who serve their country in the National Guard or Army Reserve do continue to receive their PFDs while out of state for training and overseas after mobilization, so should Alaskans who are away serving their country as U.S. Peace Corps volunteers. Originally, that was the way it was. It is taking far too long to correct the mistake that prior legislature made, in deleting Peace Corps service as allowable absence.

I've been an Alaskan for the past quarter century. I was 64 when I left my house in Juneau, my husky dog, and my car in my adult daughter's safekeeping until my return, and boarded a plane out of San Francisco along with thirty-some other Peace Corps trainees, headed for Nepal, in February 1997. After three months of training and a language exam, we took an oath to serve our country, and departed for our new assignments, all over Nepal. I was a horticulture extensionist assigned to His Majesty's Department of Agriculture Development, initially posted to south-western Nepal.

Like our troops deployed overseas, Peace Corps volunteers also experience dangers. Where I was, there were diseases for which no immunization exists (e.g., dengue fever), there were four kinds of deadly poisonous snakes and no life-saving antivenin within hours of our post. By my 13th month, the Maoist insurgency had grown so violent, with a USAID jeep (with its embassy license plates) being blown up on the road and its occupants shot, in the district just next to mine, that PC/Nepal evacuated me and its other PCVs out of western Nepal and found new, safer posts for us in eastern Nepal. In my training group, about half of the original members went home by the end of their first year, most of them with medical discharges. I was determined to stay, and served on the Safety Committee during my second year. (Recently, Peace Corps has "suspended" its operations in Nepal because of the rising civil unrest, after being there since 1962.) But most PCVs are so highly motivated toward their work, their village and the people they serve, that it is hard to pull them away from their village even when there is no other safe alternative and the evacuation order comes. One great blessing we have, compared to Alaskans who serve in the military, is that we are never called upon to shoot or kill anyone. But otherwise, we serve our country just as much as do Alaskans in the military. Why, then, have PFDs become disallowed for Alaskans away in the Peace Corps? You can remedy this! Such a remedy is several years overdue.

While I was in Peace Corps I continued to vote (absentee) in Alaskan elections, pay the mortgage on my house and the property taxes on it, even pay the utility bills, maintain my membership in the Alaska Bar Association, and generally behave as the Alaskan I still was. My first year away, I did receive my PFD, and having that money allowed me to buy round trip air fare to come home after my first year for a brief family reunion. (Peace Corps does not pay for its volunteers to return home until their two years are up or their service is otherwise ended, e.g., by a medical discharge or resignation - unless a close family member is at death's door or having a funeral.)

But then my second year and the year I returned home, NO PFD, because that legislature had changed the law. What a slap in the face it was! It was equivalent to having the State tell me I was no longer an Alaskan, regardless of my intentions to return to my home and the facts I could have brought to bear to prove that. It was totally inconsistent with the legal concept of "domicile" that underlies the PFD statute - one's domicile being the state where one resides and when one is away, the state to which one always intends to return. (My daughter's sizing up of that legislative decision is hardly fit to print.)

Need should not be a criterion for getting one's PFD - it isn't for any other Alaskans. But if anyone ever needed their PFDs, it is Peace Corps volunteers. I was not unique; many PCVs have continuing financial obligations at home that require money. PCVs don't get a salary. We get good medical support but a quite meager living allowance, set purposely low so that we live simply, much like the locals around us. It is a concept with which I agree, but sometimes it's tough to live with. My living allowance was \$150 per month. Peace Corps even urged us, in the written instructions sent us before we left home, listing what to bring - to bring some money of our own if we could. Otherwise there would be a lot of things we would be unable to do, such as travel around within our host country during our vacation times.

President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Then, together with Sargent Shriver and the Congress, he established the United States Peace Corps in March 1961. It was one of the best things this country has ever done. And our current President continues to support Peace Corps, urging in his first inaugural address that more Americans should serve in the Peace Corps. Besides the practical development aid work PCVs do, we show people abroad what real Americans are like, as opposed to the fictitious versions they see in exported movies and TV shows. When we come home, we help Americans understand the country and people where we have served. Nowadays more than ever, our country needs this kind of outreach abroad and education at home.

Please, help the State of Alaska to stop dishonoring its citizens who are temporarily away to serve in the U.S. Peace Corps. Restore to the PFD statute the provision that Peace Corps service is an allowable absence for purposes of receiving the PFD. Enact HB 127 into law. I ask this on behalf of the Alaskans who are now away in Peace Corps service, and other Alaskans who will serve in the future.

Respectfully,



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Respectfully submitted to the House Finance Committee, Alaska State Legislature
Representative Meyer, Co-Chair
Representative Chenault, Co-Chair

I write in support of **HB127** in order that Peace Corps Volunteers be approved to receive Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends while they are out-of-state serving the US government.

My understanding is that military volunteers qualify for the Permanent Fund, which I support. The military is essential for our defense. I would submit that the Peace Corps is contributing equally to our defense by gaining the cooperation, trust and respect of "host country nationals" in accomplishing projects important to their countries.

I served two years as a physician for Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) in Ethiopia. I found them to be idealistic, hard-working individuals, willing to endure less-than-ideal conditions in order to serve their country abroad in various ways. They were elementary and high school teachers and teacher-trainers, health workers, community project coordinators, and lawyers with government ministries, to name a few. They lived day-to-day at the economic level of local "host country nationals", not separated in American enclaves from the "real" people of the country.

In Ethiopia a majority of PCVs serve for two years in remote villages, some more than a day's walk from a main road used by vehicles. As a consequence these Peace Corps Volunteers were highly regarded, if not loved by the Ethiopians, thereby serving as ambassadors of good will for the United States. They are paid a minimal wage similar to that of the host country individual with the same job, thus, far less than other volunteer jobs with the US government.

The conditions are often harsh. By living as the locals live, they inevitably contract diseases and experience accidents. While I was in Ethiopia one Volunteer was eaten by a crocodile, another killed as a pedestrian hit by a car, others suffered shrapnel wounds when an explosion happened in a theater. We treated many for diseases strange to Americans (malaria, tapeworm and other parasites), as well as for common pneumonia, diarrheal disease, sore throats, infected flea bites, and emotional problems related to "culture shock".

Volunteers return with an understanding of and respect for different cultures--a perspective which has led to improvement in foreign relations and achievement of positive humanitarian goals in our country and abroad. They have returned motivated to help mankind by entering medical school, becoming teachers, lawyers, ministers, and advocates for those less fortunate than themselves. Personally, I continue to be very

proud of having been a part of the Peace Corps program. In many ways, the experience helped me practice medicine in another frontier area, Alaska.

We should be encouraging this kind of commitment, not discouraging it by denying a Permanent Fund Dividend to Alaskan citizens who volunteer service to their country.

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3/29/05

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to see the current House Bill (HB 127), which would reinstate the United States Peace Corps as an allowable absence from Alaska for the purposes of the Permanent Fund Dividend.

I am a life-long resident of Juneau, Alaska. I served in the United States Peace Corps from 1993-1995 in a small West African nation called Guinea-Bissau. Before being sworn in as a volunteer in October of 1993, (and taking an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America), I completed 11 weeks of intensive training in the Cape Verde Islands. This training was excellent and included language, cross-cultural as well as technical training. During training, we studied six days a week (with only Sundays off).

The nation of Guinea-Bissau is about the size of Rhode Island, has a population of about 1 million and is very poor. As a volunteer, I received a small living allowance to pay for food and daily expenses. This money was not a salary per se but a stipend to make ends meet. Upon completion of two years of Peace Corps service, volunteers are given a readjustment allowance to help settle in to life back in the USA. Receiving a Permanent Fund Dividend adds greatly to the financial help.

I must admit I was dumbfounded when the United States Peace Corps (which, as its name indicates, is part of the Federal Government as, of course, is the United States Army or United States Navy) was removed from the list of allowable absences. It has always greatly upset me that such an injustice occurred and has not yet been rectified. It is not fair or right to put the US Peace Corps in the same category as missionaries or other volunteers who are not affiliated with the United States government. Let's give equal rights to Peace Corps Volunteers, federal employees, wishing to serve our nation in a way other than the military.

Please reinstate the Permanent Fund Dividend to the Peace Corps volunteers who serve our nation in all areas of this world. Remember, the United States Peace Corps volunteers return to Alaska and help make this state a better place to live. We are well-informed, caring citizens of this great state. Please don't dishonor the service of the Peace Corps volunteers any longer by not allowing them to receive their PFD. Of those serving our nation abroad as part of the Federal Government, I can say with great certainty that the need for the dividend is greatest for the Peace Corps Volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. If you should need to reach me for any reason, my number is (907) 364-3517 (h) and (907) 465-2270 (w).

Sincerely,



Justine Bishop

Regarding HB 127

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March 28, 2005

To the House Finance Committee:

As a former Peace Corps volunteer, 1995, '96, '97 to Paragua I certainly support requalifying Peace Corps volunteers as recipients of the Permanent Fund dividend. I am proud to have served my country as a Peace Corps volunteer. Four times a year I rode the 3rd class bus, 20 hours to the capital city and back, to collect the very modest stipend offered me. The Peace Corps Office was a relatively safe haven. Each time I entered that facility I felt grateful to be an American working for my country.

State Department employees in Paraguay actually receive hardship pay because of the challenges they confront in a climate with sudden, radical barometric pressure changes which cause middle ear problems and vertigo. I received less than \$200 a month, which was adequate because I knew how to be frugal, and I raised much of my own food. Without the Permanent Fund dividend it would have been impossible for me to pay the property tax on my Juneau home.

In my opinion the United States Peace Corps is one of the most effective services of the U.S. government. Paraguay was only three years out from under the 35 year dictatorship of Stroessner when I arrived in country. While I was there a military coup was aborted by university students who flocked to the streets to defend their fledgling democracy. Throughout the country there were/are people who have been acquainted with Peace Corps volunteers over the 32 year history of Peace Corps in Paraguay. Volunteers share their stories as a free people. Commonly Paraguayans spoke of a volunteer who had befriended them 4 years, 10 years, or even more years ago.

Peace Corps has three goals for each volunteer:

- 1) Share one's own life, culture and traditions with host country.
- 2) Serve the needs of the host country.
- 3) Share the culture and traditions of the country of service with people in the United States upon return.

I have organized more than 100 presentations in classrooms, at the university, in community gatherings, since September 1997 when I returned. I find it imperative to share my experience because I am so grateful for the opportunity my government gave me to be of service in the world representing my country.

I took my teaching career into a country where creative thinking and problem solving were not a part of school curriculum. I demonstrated that a single woman, 60 years old at the time, a widow, could live productively independently and joyously. I started a library with Spanish books purchased in the U.S. with funds donated by my friends and relatives. First children and then student teachers discovered the wonder of books, a resource which had been denied to them under a dictator. Finally even teachers learned how to use literature in their teaching. A literary revolution took place in that tiny one room library on the dirt road in the center of San Pedro de Yvamarandyyü, Paraguay.

The learning experiences, the friendships made, the seeds planted are the real remuneration for Peace Corps service. I received my PFD and hope that future Peace Corps volunteers from Alaska will also be awarded the dignity and respect they deserve for serving in the U.S. Peace Corps. I urge you to reinstate Peace Corps volunteers as recipients of the Alaskan Permanent Fund dividend.

Sincerely, Judith Maie
Judith Maie



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Dear Legislators,

I am a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer. I served for two years in Nepal. Since then, I have conducted ten trainings for Peace Corps Volunteers and Host Country staff in four countries (Nepal, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan). I have also conducted numerous trainings for Host Country Nationals.

Because I have had the opportunity to return to countries of service, I have been able to see the positive impact that Peace Corps Volunteers have in their countries of service. Often Volunteers finish their two years of service not knowing the depth and breadth of their impact on the people they have worked with. I could tell you numerous stories of Host Country people who have said to me, "I learned how to do that from my Peace Corps Volunteers", or "I decided to attend school in the US because of my Peace Corps Volunteers", or "My Peace Corps Volunteers helped us build that school or business or clinic". Peace Corps Volunteers also put a human face on the United States and its government. People remember that. I have spoken to people who talk about their Peace Corps Volunteer from 25 years ago. They don't forget. That Peace Corps Volunteer meant a great deal to them. To hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of people in other countries, Peace Corps Volunteers are the only Americans they know, and America is what their Peace Corps Volunteers showed them by their unselfish dedication to working for the community. Consistently Peace Corps Volunteers return home and continue to work in their communities at home and abroad.

Peace Corps Volunteers work in communities, in schools, in clinics, in small businesses, and in civil society organizations who work to bring democracy to countries that don't have it. They live with families and devote every day of their two years' service to helping those communities. They receive a living allowance, but no salary or wages. Their living allowance is based on the cost of living in the country and they are paid on a par with their Host Country counterparts. When I was a Volunteer, I received \$125.00 per month for all my expenses, rent, food, clothes, etc. They also receive vacation pay. Mine was \$12.00 per month. Upon completion of service, Volunteers receive a readjustment allowance as well. Mine was \$200 per month. Not exactly living high on the hog. They live a third world lifestyle. The PFD amounts to a lot of money for a Volunteer.

I just did a training in Kyrgyzstan. There has been some trouble there in the last few days over elections, and if the trouble becomes worse, the Volunteers could be sent home. I got an email from one of my former trainees. Here is what she has to say about her service: "We all remain thrilled and excited to be here in the midst of such a decisive time in Kyrgyzstan's history. Honestly, though, I just want to get back to teaching!!! The last two weeks I've settled into such a good pace with my students, totally have the hang of things with my classes and clubs, even the Russian language... and it's just the best job I've ever had... I am praying fervently that this isn't the end of my time in Kyrgyzstan. Having to face

the possible end has been a really good reality check for me to see how much I do want to be here, and that even though I do miss things in the States, that I am not ready to trade the depth and meaning of my work here for the creature comforts."

Our President has been very supportive of Peace Corps. He has worked consistently to expand Peace Corps programs. He has consistently called for increased recruitment, and submitted budgets in line with that. Peace Corps is, as one ambassador said, the cheapest and most effective diplomacy we have.

Peace Corps is a U.S. Government program, just as the military is. Peace Corps Volunteers serve just as those in the military do. They volunteer just as people in the military do. They risk their lives just as those in the military do. And some of them die, just as some of those in the military do. I believe that is service to our country that should be honored. Peace Corps Volunteers should receive their Permanent Fund Dividends for their service just as the military do.

Sincerely,



Pamela T. H. Randles

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Bill Version: CSHB 127 (FIN)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Peace Corps/Diplomat Sanctions RDU Revenue Programs & Support
Component Permanent Fund Dividend
Sponsor McGuire
Requester _____ Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 (FY2005) cost: 00
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 127 adds service in the Peace Corps as allowable absences for permanent fund dividend eligibility.

The Peace Corps advises that 42 current Peace Corps volunteers name Alaska as their home of record. Forty two additional applications in an estimated pool of 640,000 total applicants will have negligible impact on the PFD workload.

The bill also includes needed clarification of the civil penalty provisions for PFD fraud and includes penalty determinations under the PFD appeals process.

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Division: Permanent Fund Dividend Date/Time 3/31/05 3:24 PM
Approved by: Jerry Burnett, Special Assistant to the Commissioner Date 3/31/2005
Agency: Department of Revenue

HB

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN COGHILL

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2006

To: Senator Therriault, Chair
Senate State Affairs

From: Representative John Coghill *JCO*

Re: HB 133 – Local Boundary Commission

Please schedule this bill for a hearing in Senate State Affairs at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

**Statement to the Senate State Affairs Committee
Regarding *CSSSHB 133(JUD)am*
By Darroll Hargaves, Chair, Local Boundary Commission
May 2, 2006**

The Local Boundary Commission (LBC) as a whole has not had the opportunity to express its position on the version of the bill before this committee. Prior to yesterday's hearing before the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, the bill had been dormant for nearly one year.

Last year, however, the LBC unanimously opposed an earlier version of House Bill 133 (*CSSHB 133(STA)*) for "fundamental policy and legal concerns." I trust that the prior written statements of the LBC regarding this bill are available to committee members.

Current laws provide substantial opportunity for public input on matters before the LBC (at least seven weeks to file briefs and written comments on a petition, at least four weeks to file comments on the Department of Commerce's report to the LBC, and the opportunity to testify and comment at a hearing of the LBC). Section 1 of the bill would provide further opportunity for input in the case of a city or borough incorporation. Inexplicably, however, it would not provide the same opportunity for any of the other 11 types of proceedings that come before the LBC (city annexation, borough annexation, city dissolution, borough dissolution, city merger, borough merger, city consolidation, borough consolidation, city reclassification, city detachment, and borough detachment). If the additional measures are warranted for city or borough incorporation, why would not similar measures be warranted for all other types of actions that come before the LBC? Moreover, it should be recognized that the requirement in Section 1 will extend the time it takes for a city or borough incorporation.

Section 3 of the bill seems to be ambiguous in terms of its construction. I have heard the testimony as to the intent of Section 3; however, I am uncertain that the bill would accomplish that intent. Moreover, even if it does accomplish the intent, here again, the bill would extend requirements to certain proceedings before the LBC but not others. In particular, in this case, it is purported that the bill would require, for a local action annexation, approval of the voters of the annexing municipality and, separately, approval of the voters of the area proposed for annexation. If such is appropriate public policy, why would it not then be appropriate, for example in the case of a local action detachment, to require voter approval in the area proposed for detachment and, separately, the remainder of the municipality?

I wish to note further that due to the additional LBC hearings required under this bill, I have asked the Department of Commerce to reflect this fiscal impact in a fiscal note that was prepared yesterday.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

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CSSSHB 133 (CRA) Local Boundary Commission SPONSOR STATEMENT

Committee Substitute for Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 133 makes four changes in the way the Local Boundary Commission deals with municipal incorporation, annexation, detachment, merger, consolidation, reclassification, and dissolution.

This legislation protects the voters' right to incorporate, outline the boundaries, and select the levels of service. The Local Boundary Commission will no longer be able to amend the petition or impose conditions on the incorporation.

Also we will add a provision that requires at least two public meetings and voter approval by a majority of the votes cast in an election before the Local Boundary Commission can take a proposal directly to the legislature.

AS 29.06.040(c)(1) requires a proposed annexation to be approved by a "majority of the votes on the question cast by voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed". The Local Boundary Commission has a regulation that expands that requirement to "an aggregate vote of the people in the borough and the people in the area to be annexed." This is a requirement above and beyond what the legislature had in mind and dilutes the voting rights of those voters in the area to be annexed.

HB 133 requires a majority approval of the voters residing in the area to be annexed and a majority approval of voters residing in the existing municipality.

This legislation is about fairness, preserving a representative form of government, and making sure that laws implemented by non-elected servants of government through regulation do not extend beyond the laws implemented by elected legislators.

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CSSSHB 133(STA)
Sectional

Section 1. Eliminates Local Boundary Commission's ability to amend petitions or impose conditions on petitions approved by a vote of the people. Article 10, Section 12 of the Alaska State Constitution provides that the local boundary commission "may consider any proposed local boundary change." It does not give power to amend proposals or place additional requirements on the petitioners. This Section requires the commission to consider the proposal and vote it up or down.

Sec. 2. When a proposal is to be submitted to the legislature for approval, the proposal would still be required to have two public hearings in the area of the proposed action and voter approval of the voters in the proposed area. This language strengthens the constitutional provisions in Article I, section 2: "Source of Government ~ All political power is inherent in the people. All government originates with the people..."

Sec. 3. This section requires two separate votes for an annexation and both elections separately must be approved by a majority of the voters. One election is a vote of the people to be annexed and the other election is a vote of the people in the existing municipality.

Sec. 4. Makes it very clear that regulations cannot extend requirements beyond those requirements set in statute and clears up the conflict of aggregate votes. The aggregate vote regulation adds to the statutory requirements and way to annex property that is inconsistent with the constitutional provision of Article 12, section 11: "Law-Making Power ~ As used in this constitution, the terms "by law" and "By the legislature," or variations of these terms, are used interchangeably when related to law-making powers. Unless clearly inapplicable, the law-making powers assigned to the legislature may be exercised by the people through the initiative, subject to the limitations of Article XI. (Article XI deals with initiatives, referendums, and recall)

Sec. 5. This applicability clause directs the existing applications before the LBC that have not been finalized before the enactment of HB 133 to be processed by the conditions of HB 133.

Sec. 6. This is an effective date clause.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CSSSHB 133(JUD) am
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 5/01/06 Dept. Affected: Commerce
 Title: Municipal Boundary Changes/Commission RDU: Comm Assist & Ec Dev (405)
 Component: Community Advocacy
 Sponsor: Coghill et al
 Requester: Senate Community & Regional Affairs Component No: 2703

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Contractual	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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TOTAL OPERATING	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0

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TOTAL	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 00

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would require the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) to provide public notice and an opportunity for public comment for each municipal incorporation petition that was proposed to be amended or have conditions imposed by the Commission. This fiscal note assumes one city or borough incorporation petition with proposed amendments and/or conditions each year.

The travel projections assume the Commission would travel back to the area affected by the incorporation petition to resume the initial public hearing and decisional session after taking further comment on each proposed amendment or condition. The projected costs are for travel, overnight accommodations, and per diem for 5 members of the LBC (one member appointed from each of four judicial districts), one member of the LBC staff, and a court reporter.

Contractual costs are for public notice of opportunity for public comment on each proposed amendment or condition.

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 Approved by: William C. Noll, Commissioner Date: 5/1/2006
 Agency: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

AML Borough Formation Task Force Recommendation

Amendments to Title 29

AS 29.05.031 Amendment: Add new subsection (c) as follows:

(c) In setting boundaries of a proposed borough or unified municipality, consideration shall be given to existing administrative or corporate boundaries and to drainage basins or other regional geographic features. However, while corporate and administration boundaries may be considered, such boundaries shall not be entitled to any presumption in the determination of the appropriate boundaries under subsection (a) of this section. The following apply:

(1) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the Local Boundary Commission shall, while acting in the best interest of the State, strive to preserve maximum flexibility, local preference, and areas of common interests when approving petition boundaries.

(2) All boundaries approved under subsection (a) of this section shall be structured such that all bordering areas have a reasonable potential to form viable political subdivisions. If the proposed boundary of a new borough would leave an enclave or a non-viable area between it and an existing borough, and the standards for establishing borough boundaries would call for annexation of that area to the existing borough rather than the proposed borough, the Local Boundary Commission shall extend the boundaries of the existing borough to include that area. Petitions will not be approved that would leave enclaves or non-viable areas between boroughs. Existing boroughs affected by potential boundary changes shall be given notice and have the opportunity to offer input prior to the determination of final boundaries.

(3) The Local Boundary Commission will not consider incorporation of a proposed borough containing more than one home rule and/or first class city unless its petition includes resolutions of support from each city council.



Alaska State Legislature

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

committee on HB 133, dated 5/2/06
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AMENDMENT # _____

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TO: CSSSHB 133(JUD)

- 1 Page 2, line 16:
- 2 After the word "annexation"
- 3 Insert:
- 4 **or detachment**
- 5
- 6 Page 2, line 17:
- 7 After the word "annexing"
- 8 Insert:
- 9 **or detaching**
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**Statement to the Senate State Affairs Committee
Regarding CSSHB 133(JUD)am
By Darroll Hargraves, Chair, Local Boundary Commission
May 2, 2006**

The Local Boundary Commission (LBC) as a whole has not had the opportunity to express its position on the version of the bill before this committee. Prior to yesterday's hearing before the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, the bill had been dormant for nearly one year.

Last year, however, the LBC unanimously opposed an earlier version of House Bill 133 (CSSHB 133(STA)) for "fundamental policy and legal concerns." I trust that the prior written statements of the LBC regarding this bill are available to committee members.

Current laws provide substantial opportunity for public input on matters before the LBC (at least seven weeks to file briefs and written comments on a petition, at least four weeks to file comments on the Department of Commerce's report to the LBC, and the opportunity to testify and comment at a hearing of the LBC). Section 1 of the bill would provide further opportunity for input in the case of a city or borough incorporation. Inexplicably, however, it would not provide the same opportunity for any of the other 11 types of proceedings that come before the LBC (city annexation, borough annexation, city dissolution, borough dissolution, city merger, borough merger, city consolidation, borough consolidation, city reclassification, city detachment, and borough detachment). If the additional measures are warranted for city or borough incorporation, why would not similar measures be warranted for all other types of actions that come before the LBC? Moreover, it should be recognized that the requirement in Section 1 will extend the time it takes for a city or borough incorporation.

Section 3 of the bill seems to be ambiguous in terms of its construction. I have heard the testimony as to the intent of Section 3; however, I am uncertain that the bill would accomplish that intent. Moreover, even if it does accomplish the intent, here again, the bill would extend requirements to certain proceedings before the LBC but not others. In particular, in this case, it is purported that the bill would require, for a local action annexation, approval of the voters of the annexing municipality and, separately, approval of the voters of the area proposed for annexation. If such is appropriate public policy, why would it not then be appropriate, for example in the case of a local action detachment, to require voter approval in the area proposed for detachment and, separately, the remainder of the municipality?

I wish to note further that due to the additional LBC hearings required under this bill, I have asked the Department of Commerce to reflect this fiscal impact in a fiscal note that was prepared yesterday.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

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CSSSHB 133 (CRA) Local Boundary Commission SPONSOR STATEMENT

Committee Substitute for Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 133 makes four changes in the way the Local Boundary Commission deals with municipal incorporation, annexation, detachment, merger, consolidation, reclassification, and dissolution.

This legislation protects the voters' right to incorporate, outline the boundaries, and select the levels of service. The Local Boundary Commission will no longer be able to amend the petition or impose conditions on the incorporation.

Also we will add a provision that requires at least two public meetings and voter approval by a majority of the votes cast in an election before the Local Boundary Commission can take a proposal directly to the legislature.

AS 29.06.040(c)(1) requires a proposed annexation to be approved by a "majority of the votes on the question cast by voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed". The Local Boundary Commission has a regulation that expands that requirement to "an aggregate vote of the people in the borough and the people in the area to be annexed." This is a requirement above and beyond what the legislature had in mind and dilutes the voting rights of those voters in the area to be annexed.

HB 133 requires a majority approval of the voters residing in the area to be annexed and a majority approval of voters residing in the existing municipality.

This legislation is about fairness, preserving a representative form of government, and making sure that laws implemented by non-elected servants of government through regulation do not extend beyond the laws implemented by elected legislators.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CSSSHB 133(JUD) am
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 5/01/06 Dept. Affected: Commerce
 Title: Municipal Boundary Changes/Commission RDU: Comm Assist & Ec Dev (405)
 Component: Community Advocacy
 Sponsor: Coghill et al
 Requester: Senate Community & Regional Affairs Component No.: 2703

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Contractual	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0

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	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X, if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would require the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) to provide public notice and an opportunity for public comment for each municipal incorporation petition that was proposed to be amended or have conditions imposed by the Commission. This fiscal note assumes one city or borough incorporation petition with proposed amendments and/or conditions each year.

The travel projections assume the Commission would travel back to the area affected by the incorporation petition to resume the initial public hearing and decisional session after taking further comment on each proposed amendment or condition. The projected costs are for travel, overnight accommodations, and per diem for 5 members of the LBC (one member appointed from each of four judicial districts), one member of the LBC staff, and a court reporter.

Contractual costs are for public notice of opportunity for public comment on each proposed amendment or condition.

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To: Senator Gene Therriault, Chair
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From: Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee

Re: House Bill 167, Death Certificate for Deceased Veterans

The House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee respectfully requests that House Bill 167 be scheduled in the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. Included in this packet is the following information:

- Current Version of Bill
- Sponsor Statement
- Sectional Analysis
- Backup material

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Lynn

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CS HB 167 (STA)

Death Certificates for Deceased Veteran

Sponsor Statement

HB 167 provides a death certificate without cost to a surviving spouse, next of kin, or other relative of a deceased veteran. The bill is modeled after Arizona statute, and will provide one certified copy to the eligible recipient.

HB 167 also creates the Governor's Memorial Certificate Program to allow the Adjutant General to honor deceased veterans who are residents of Alaska, by issuing to their family memorial certificates. The certificate program is modeled after the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program. It is the intent that the Governor's Memorial Certificate Program will simply be a certificate given to surviving family members or other eligible recipients as defined, acknowledging the State's appreciation for the service of the deceased veteran. This portion of the bill was previously in HB 166.

- The bill was amended on the House Floor to expand eligible recipient to include veteran's surviving spouse, next of kin, relative of deceased veterans or other representative (trustee, administrator) of the veteran.

Sectional Analysis

Section 1 (7) outlines who is eligible to receive a free death certificate and indicates that one free death certificate be issued to eligible recipient.

Section 2 adds the Governor's Memorial Certificate Program to AS 26.10. It outlines the procedure for the program

(b) (1) This section defines who is an "eligible individual" of a deceased veteran.

(b) (2) This section defines "veteran" as the meaning given in AS 26.10.080

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DEATH NO. D 102-

1 NAME OF DECEASED		AKA A FIRST SEYMOUR		B MIDDLE		C LAST EPSTEIN		2 SEX		3 DATE OF DEATH			
4 RACE (e.g., white, black, American Indian, specify tribe) etc.		5 WAS DECEASED OF HISPANIC ORIGIN (SPECIFY YES OR NO)				6 IF YES, INDICATE MEXICAN, SPANISH, PUERTO RICAN, CUBAN, ETC.				7 WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (SPECIFY YES OR NO)			
8 PLACE OF DEATH		A COUNTY		B TOWN OR CITY		C HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION		9 (IF RESIDENCE, GIVE STREET ADDRESS)			10 <input type="checkbox"/> OOA <input type="checkbox"/> OP EMER <input type="checkbox"/> IN PATIENT		
11 DATE OF BIRTH		MONTH DAY YEAR		12 AGE (YEARS LAST BIRTHDAY)		13 IF UNDER 1 YEAR MOS DAYS		14 IF UNDER 1 DAY HRS MIN		15 MARRIED NEVER MARRIED WID./WED. DIVORCED (SPECIFY)		16 SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)	
17 STATE AND CITY OF BIRTH (if not in USA, name country)		18 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? SPECIFY		19 SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		20 USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done most of working life, even if retired)			21 KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY				
22 USUAL RESIDENCE		A STATE		B COUNTY		C TOWN OR CITY		D ZIP CODE		23 HOW LONG IN ARIZONA?		24 EDUCATION HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	
25 STREET ADDRESS OF R.F.D.		26 INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (SPECIFY Yes or No)		27 IN RESERVATION (SPECIFY Yes or No)		28 PREVIOUS STATE OF RESIDENCE		29 ELEMENTARY SECONDARY (9-12)		30 COLLEGE (1-4 or 5 +)			
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33 INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE		34 RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED		35 ADDRESS		STREET NO.		CITY AND STATE		36 ZIP CODE			
37 BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify)		38 DATE		39 CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME, LOCATION		40 EMBALMER'S SIGNATURE		41 CERT NO.		42 FUNERAL HOME			
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70 MANNER OF DEATH		71 INJURY AT WORK? (Specify Yes or No)		72 DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED		73 WHERE LOCATED		STREET ADDRESS		CITY OR TOWN STATE			
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39-122. Free searches for and copies of public records to be used in claims against United States: liability for noncompliance

A. No state, county or city, or any officer or board thereof shall demand or receive a fee or compensation for issuing certified copies of public records or for making search for them, when they are to be used in connection with a claim for a pension, allotment, allowance, compensation, insurance or other benefits which is to be presented to the United States or a bureau or department thereof.

B. Notaries public shall not charge for an acknowledgment to a document which is to be so filed or presented.

C. The services specified in subsections A and B shall be rendered on request of an official of the United States, a claimant, his guardian or attorney. For each failure or refusal so to do, the officer so failing shall be liable on his official bond.

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Sec. 112. - Presidential memorial certificate program

(a)

At the request of the President the Secretary may conduct a program for honoring the memory of deceased veterans, discharged under honorable conditions, by preparing and sending to eligible recipients a certificate bearing the signature of the President and expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the Armed Forces. The award of a certificate to one eligible recipient will not preclude authorization of another certificate if a request is received from some other eligible recipient.

(b)

For the purpose of this section an "eligible recipient" means the next of kin, a relative or friend upon request, or an authorized service representative acting on behalf of such relative or friend

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**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 167(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to providing a death certificate for a deceased veteran without cost;**
2 **and relating to a program to honor the memory of a deceased veteran."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.50.320 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 18.50.320. Copies of data from vital records.** Except as otherwise
6 provided and in accordance with the regulations adopted under AS 18.50.310,

7 (1) the bureau and the custodian of permanent local records shall, upon
8 request, issue a certified copy of a certificate or record in their custody, or a part of it;
9 each copy issued must show the date of registration or recording, and copies issued
10 from records marked "delayed," "amended," or "court order" shall be similarly marked
11 and must show the effective date;

12 (2) a certified copy of a certificate or a part of it issued in accordance
13 with (1) of this section is considered the original for all purposes and is prima facie
14 evidence of the facts stated; however, [PROVIDED THAT] the evidentiary value of a

1 certificate or record filed more than one year after the event, or a record that has been
2 amended, or a presumptive death certificate, shall be determined by the judicial or
3 administrative body or official before whom the certificate is offered as evidence;

4 (3) the National Office of Vital Statistics may be furnished the copies
5 or data it requires for national statistics if the bureau is reimbursed for the cost of
6 furnishing the data; the National Office of Vital Statistics may not use the data for
7 purposes other than statistical purposes unless authorized by the state registrar;

8 (4) federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies, upon
9 request, may be furnished copies or data for statistical purposes on the terms or
10 conditions prescribed by the bureau;

11 (5) a person or agency may not prepare or issue a certificate or part of
12 a certificate that purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of
13 birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, except as authorized in this chapter or the
14 regulations adopted under it;

15 (6) upon request, the bureau shall furnish a copy of a certificate or
16 record registered by the bureau to the child support services agency created in
17 AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another state, for child
18 support purposes authorized under law; such a certificate or record that is prepared or
19 maintained in an electronic data base may be supplied by providing the requesting
20 agency with a copy of the electronic certificate or record and a statement certifying its
21 contents;

22 (7) upon request and without cost to the individual making the
23 request, the bureau shall issue one certified copy of the death certificate of a
24 veteran to an eligible recipient for the purpose of satisfying an eligibility
25 requirement for a benefit related to the death of the veteran; in this paragraph,
26 "eligible recipient" and "veteran" have the meanings given in AS 26.10.085.

27 * Sec. 2. AS 26.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

28 **Sec. 26.10.085. Governor's memorial certificate program.** (a) Upon request
29 of the governor, the adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans'
30 Affairs may conduct a program for honoring the memory of a deceased veteran, who
31 was a resident of the state and was discharged under honorable conditions, by

1 preparing and sending to an eligible recipient a certificate bearing the signature of the
2 governor and expressing the state's grateful recognition of the veteran's service. The
3 award of a certificate to one eligible recipient does not preclude authorization of
4 another certificate if a request is received from another eligible recipient.

5 (b) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall determine the form
6 and content of the certificate and may adopt regulations necessary to administer the
7 program.

8 (c) In this section,

9 (1) "eligible recipient" means the veteran's surviving spouse, or next of
10 kin, or relative of the deceased veteran, the deceased veteran's heir or devisee, and the
11 administrator, executor, personal representative, foreign personal representative,
12 beneficiary, conservator, fiduciary, special administrator, successor personal
13 administrator, or trustee of the deceased veteran's estate;

14 (2) "veteran" means an individual who

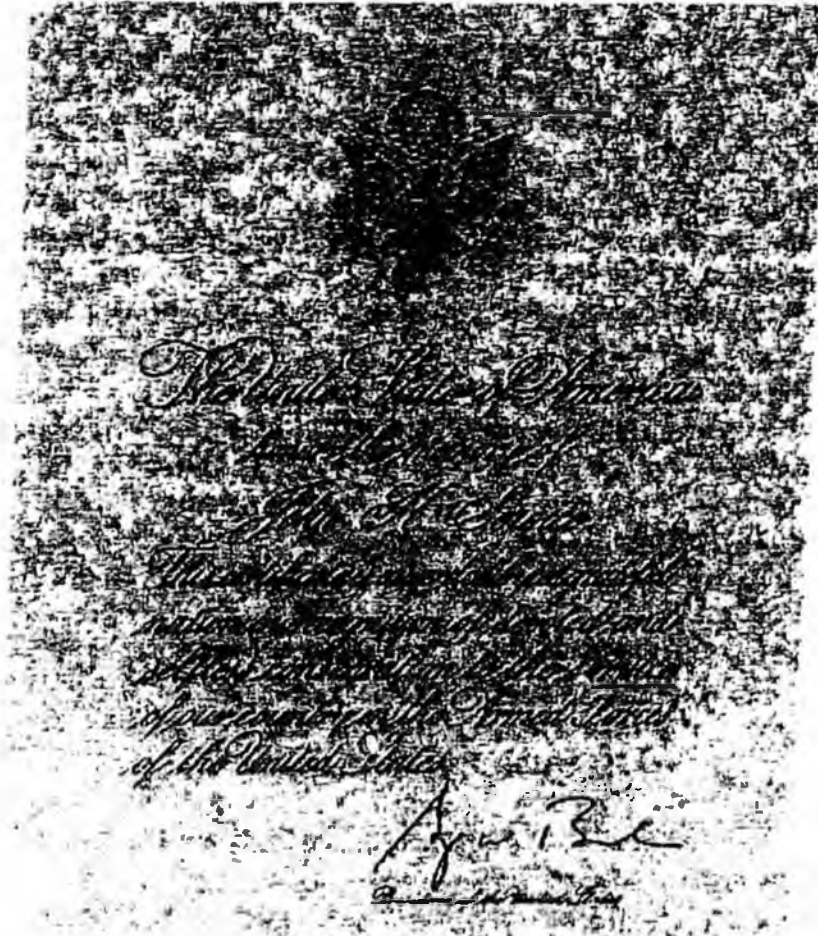
15 (A) is on active duty or has received an honorable or general
16 discharge from a branch of the armed services of the United States, the Alaska
17 Scouts, the Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard, the
18 Alaska Naval Militia, or a reserve unit of the United States armed forces in
19 Alaska; and

20 (B) was a resident of Alaska at the time of the individual's
21 death.

Burial & Memorial Benefits

Veterans Benefits & Services

Presidential Memorial Certificates



A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

History

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones. More than one certificate may be provided.

Application

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail only. Requests cannot be sent via email. There is no form to use when requesting a PMC. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate. Please submit copies only, as we cannot return original documents. We are presently receiving mail at our Washington, D.C. address, however mail delivery is considerably slower than normal.

If you would like to request a Presidential Memorial Certificate, or if you requested one more than eight (8) weeks ago and have not received it yet, we ask that you either:

1. Fax your request and all supporting documents (copy of discharge and death certificate) to: **(202) 565-8054**, or
2. Mail your request and all supporting documents using either the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial mail service, such as one of the overnight or express mail delivery services, to:

**Presidential Memorial Certificates (402E12)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420-0001**

If you have any questions about a certificate you have received, a request you have already sent in, or about the program in general, you may call **(202) 565-4964**. Or you may email us at:

PMC@mail.va.gov

PLEASE NOTE: The above telephone number and email address are for questions about the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program only. We do not accept e-mail requests. All requests must be in writing.

Veteran Service Officers and Funeral Homes - Please contact us at **(202) 565-4259** or **(202) 501-2004** for information about submitting requests.

We do not administer other VA programs or have access to other VA records. For assistance with other VA benefits or records please use the "Contact the VA" link below. Or call your Regional office at:

1-800-827-1000

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS
CSHB 178(STA) am
SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES

- * Sec. 1 - Removes unnecessary language from Vehicle Registration and Title Statute 28.10.181(b). Also makes a technical change.
- * Sec. 2 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase "vanity" plates.
- * Sec. 3 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase veterans with disabilities, disabled while in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or disability plates, if qualified.
- * Sec. 4 - Allows elected state officials to use their plates on vehicles which are not visually identifiable as commercial vehicles. Allows an elected official to retain their plates after they have expired.
- * Sec. 5 - Allows Alaska National Guard personnel specialty plates on any motor vehicle.
- * Sec. 6 - Allows special request university plates on any motor vehicle.
- * Sec. 7 - Removes the requirement that veterans use their specialty plates only on non-commercial vehicles.
- * Sec. 8 - Same as above for recipients of the Purple Heart specialty plates.
- * Sec. 9 - Permits dog mushing plates on any motor vehicle.
- * Sec. 10 - Permits Alaska children's trust plates on any motor vehicle.
- * Sec. 11 - Same as above for special plates commemorating the arts.
- * Sec. 12 - Same for Alaska Veterans plates.
- * Sec. 13 - States that commercial registration fees must be paid in addition to specialty plate fee.
- * Sec. 14 - July 1-2005 effective date.

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Official Business

Sponsor Statement CSHB 178(STA) AM Special Request License Plates

The State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for all motor vehicle registration. Part of the registration process includes the issuance of license plates displaying the registration identification (plate number) with the month and year of the vehicle's registration expiration. Currently the DMV is issuing the gold and blue "Last Frontier" plate as the standard plate, which is included in the cost of registering the vehicle.

Passenger vehicle owners interested in plates other than the standard "Last Frontier" plate have several options. DMV currently offers 32 specialty plates including veteran's plates, recipient of the Purple Heart, collector vehicles, children's trust plates and university plates. Some of the specialty plates are available to only those that meet certain criteria (e.g. veterans plates) and others are sold as revenue generators for a specific purpose (e.g. a portion of the fee for plates commemorating Alaska veterans may be appropriated to programs benefiting Alaska veterans). The purchase of these plates is separate from the fee for the vehicle registration. In addition to the specialty plates, passenger vehicle owners are able to purchase "vanity" plates that display up to six characters as requested by the vehicle owner.

Owners of vehicles used in commercial activities do not have the same options above as owners of passenger vehicles. The statute restricts the use of "vanity" plates and the use of most specialty plates to passenger vehicles, motorcycles, noncommercial vans or pick-ups, or motor homes.

This bill will change that practice. It will allow all motor vehicles subject to registration the opportunity to display the standard, "vanity" or a specialty plate offered by the DMV. Each additional plate sold will generate additional revenue for the State of Alaska.

This bill was amended to allow elected state official's registration plates to be retained after they have expired. Elected state officials may not display their special plates on visually identifiable commercial vehicles.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: CSHB 178(FIN)
 (H) Publish Date: 4/4/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title Act relating to the registration RDU Division of Motor Vehicles
and registration plates for certain Component Motor Vehicles
 Sponsor Rep. Olson
 Requester (H) Finance Component No 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (1156)	5.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	43.5	43.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 Receipts supported services	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will allow the greater use of personal, specialty and veteran license plates. Current Statutes limit what type or class of vehicle may use such plates. With this correction, all plates approved by the Department will be available for all motor vehicle registration. Change in Capital Expenditures and Revenue increase are due to additional projected plate sales. (1500 additional sets of plates in FY 06 & 07) One time change in Operating Expenditures will pay for programming changes required.

Revised 4/1 to reflect change of Purple Heart plate fee discontinued. Decrease in revenue is projected to be \$1.5 annually (50 new sets @ \$30.00 / set). No other changes are expected as a result.

Prepared by: Duane Bannock, Director Phone 269 5008
 Division Motor Vehicles Date/Time 4/1/05 8:54 AM
 Approved by: Michael Tibbles, Deputy Commissioner Date 4/1/2005
 Agency Department of Administration

HB

181

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN COGHILL

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2005

To: Senator Gene Therriault, Chairman
State Affairs Committee

From: Representative John Coghill *JBC*

Re: HB 181

I am requesting that HB 181 "An Act authorizing a waiver for active duty military service of continuing education requirements for renewal of occupational licenses" be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Attached are HB 181, sponsor statement, and fiscal notes.

Thank you.

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REPRESENTATIVE JOHN COGHILL

SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 181 Continuing Education Waiver for Members of the Armed Forces of the United States

This legislation is introduced to eliminate the possibility of a professional licensee losing his or her license because of failure to fulfill statutory requirements for continuing education while serving on active duty.

Many professional license holders are full-time active duty military or members of reserve or auxiliary components of the armed forces. Oftentimes the men and women serving our country no longer have the ability to fulfill the educational requirements to maintain their specific license, registration, permit or certificate.

HB 181 provides a waiver of the educational requirements and allows the license holder to return to Alaska and have an extended period of time to fulfill the continuing education requirements without losing their license for non-compliance.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 181(MLV)
 (H) Publish Date: 3/18/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Commerce
 Title Waive Continuing Education RDU Occupational Licensing (117)
Requirement for Military Component Occupational Licensing
 Sponsor Coghill
 Requester House Military and Veterans' Affairs Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 (1156)	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 1156 - Receipt Supported Services						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 181 establishes a waiver of continuing education requirements for renewal of occupational licenses for the period in which a licensee is engaged in active duty military service. This legislation has no fiscal impact on the operations of the division.

Prepared by: Rick Urion, Director Phone (907) 465-2144
 Division: Occupational Licensing Date/Time 3/17/05 11:24 AM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 3/17/2005
 Agency: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: CSHB 181 (MLV)
 (H) Publish Date: 3/18/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Military and Veterans Affairs
 Title An Act establishing a waiver for active duty RDU Military and Veterans Affairs
military service of continuing education requirements . . . Component Office of the Commissioner
 Sponsor Military and Veterans Affairs
 Requester (H) Military and Veterans Affairs Component No. 414

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
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Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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1002 Federal Receipts						
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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 (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
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Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 There is no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: John Cramer Phone (907) 465-4602
 Division: Division of Administrative Services Date/Time 3/8/05 1:54 PM
 Approved by: Commissioner Craig E. Campbell Date 3/8/2005
 Agency: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

HB

183

Representative Mike Hawker

Alaska State Legislature



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To: Senator Gene Therriault
Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Representative Mike Hawker

Date: April 21, 2005

Re: House Bill 183

I request that House Bill 183, which would make two changes to our campaign finance reporting statutes, be scheduled at your earliest convenience. The bill would allow one candidate to reimburse another candidate for a shared expense and also allow a candidate or political party to give a fundraising list to another candidate or political party.

Currently, when more than one candidate is involved in an event, vendors must collect separately from each candidate. This complication is an unnecessary inconvenience for vendors and does not substantially enhance Alaska's strict campaign finance regulation.

The intent of current law is to prohibit one campaign from making a loan or contribution to another campaign. This prohibition is accomplished by imposing the burden of compliance on business owners rather than candidates. It is reasonable to expect candidates to know and comply with campaign statutes, but it is not appropriate to impose this expectation on merchants during the ordinary conduct of their business.

The second change, to allow the sharing of fundraising lists, was an amendment added on the House Floor.

I have one amendment, proposed by the Alaska Public Offices Commission, to change "five working days" to "seven days" to conform to existing statutory language. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information. You may also contact my legislative aide, Juli Lucky.

Representative Mike Hawker

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CS for House Bill 183 (JUD) am Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to the use of campaign contributions for shared campaign activity expenses and to reimbursement of those expenses; and amending the definition of 'contribution' in regard to sharing fundraising lists between candidates and political parties without compensation.”

House Bill 183 allows a candidate to reimburse another candidate for costs incurred in a shared campaign expense within five working days of the expenditure. Currently, when more than one candidate is involved in an event, vendors must collect separately from each candidate. This complication is an unnecessary inconvenience for vendors and does not substantially enhance Alaska's strict campaign finance regulation.

The intent of current law is to prohibit one campaign from making a loan or contribution to another campaign. This prohibition is accomplished by imposing the burden of compliance on vendors rather than candidates. It is reasonable to expect candidates to know and comply with campaign statutes, but it is not appropriate to impose this expectation on merchants during the ordinary conduct of their business.

This bill allows one candidate participating in a shared campaign activity to pay a vendor if the other candidate(s) involved reimburse their portion of that payment within five working days. If the complete reimbursement were not received within that time limit, the expenditure would be an illegal campaign-to-campaign contribution.

The proposed statute relieves vendors of unnecessary responsibilities while maintaining our strict statutory prohibition of campaign-to-campaign loans or contributions.

Staff Contact: Juli Lucky 465-4949

Revised 4/21/2005

Representative Mike Hawker

Alaska State Legislature



House Bill 183

Changes between original and committee substitutes

House Bill 183 allows a candidate to reimburse another candidate for costs incurred in a shared campaign expense within a certain period of time from the date of the expenditure.

The original bill specified that the payment must be received within 48 hours.

The House State Affairs Committee extended the repayment period to three working days.

The House Judiciary Committee further extended the repayment period to five working days.

A House Floor amendment allows a candidate and political party to share a fundraising list.

The Senate State Affairs Committee changed "five working days" to "seven days" at the request of the Alaska Public Offices Commission to conform to existing statute.

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Fact Sheet for House Bill 183

Short Title: Campaign Finance: Shared Expenses

Current Version: CS HB 183 (JUD) am

Staff Contact: Juli Lucky, 465-4949

Summary:

- Clarifies that a payment for a shared expense made by one candidate that is reimbursed by the other participating candidate(s) within five working days is not an illegal campaign-to-campaign contribution.
- Allows a candidate and political party to share a fundraising list.

Benefits:

- Puts the onus for complying with campaign finance regulations regarding shared expenses on the candidate.
- Reduces paperwork and helps vendors receive prompt payment when providing services for political campaigns.
- Removes a prohibition against sharing a list of nominal value.

Background:

Current statute and regulations do not give clear guidance about payment for shared campaign activities, such as jointly hosted fundraisers. The statute clearly states that one campaign cannot make a contribution to another. The regulations clarify that candidates (or groups) may share campaign efforts if the costs and income are accounted for separately. The regulation has been interpreted to prohibit one candidate from paying a bill in full then collecting a reimbursement from each participating candidate.

This prohibition puts the burden on businesses to collect from each candidate on a pro-rata basis and reimburse any funds received over the pro-rata amount. House Bill 183 would allow for one candidate to make the expenditure and then collect from the other campaigns within five working days, thereby reducing the burden on businesses.

Revised 4/21/2005

AMENDMENT

TO: CS HB 183 (JUD) am

- 1 Page 2, line 20, following "within"
- 2 Delete "five working"
- 3 Insert "seven"

HB

201

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

04/26/05

To: Senator Therriault, Chair
Senator Wagoner, Vice Chair
Senator Huggins, Member
Senator Davis, Member
Senator Elton, Member

From: Representative Mike Chenault

Subject: Request for Senate State Affairs Committee Hearing

This office respectfully requests a hearing of the Senate State Affairs Committee on HB 201 "An act relating to an application for a permanent fund dividend for a member of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty outside of the state; and providing for an effective date" at your earliest convenience.

If you have further questions on the scheduling of this committee hearing, please contact Sue Wright in Room 505 (907) 465-3779.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsor Statement

HB 201 "An act relating to an application for a permanent fund dividend for a member of the armed services of the United States serving on active duty outside the state of Alaska"

The purpose of this bill is to permit the person who has power of attorney for an individual who is serving on active duty with the United States armed services outside the state of Alaska to sign and file a permanent fund application for said individual.

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MEMORANDUM

March 9, 2005

SUBJECT: Permanent fund dividends for members of the armed forces;
sectional summary (HB 201)

TO: Representative Mike Chenault,
Co-chair, House Finance Committee
Attn: Erich DeLand

FROM: Tamara Brandt Cook
Director

TBC

Sec. 1. Permits another person to complete and file a permanent fund dividend application for a member of the United States armed forces who is serving outside of the country. The person must have a power of attorney from the member of the armed forces that authorizes the person to file the application.

Sec. 2. The effective date is January 1, 2006, the day before the beginning of the filing period for 2006 permanent fund dividend applications.

TBC:med
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Erich Deland

From: Linda Zimmerman [lzimmerman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2005 10:24 PM
To: Erich Deland
Cc: troy.zimmerman@us.army.mil
Subject: HB 201 testimonial

Erich,

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the teleconference regarding HB 201 on Thursday, March 17. :(I have prepared a statement to be read & know that it would have a bigger impact if I was to speak. Being a teacher makes it difficult for me to be present at the time. Thank you for all you have done & all that Rep. Chenault has done with this situation. I pray that HB 201 gets passed quickly!

Linda

My name is Linda Zimmerman. I am a teacher on the Kenai Peninsula. My husband, Troy, is a History & Spanish teacher at the local high school in the town of Nikiski. We have 3 young children. My husband is also an Alaska Natl. Guardsman. My husband has been in the Natl. Guards for 21 years! Although he could have retired in February 2004 after receiving his 20 year letter, he decided to sign on for more years to serve his country.

On October 2004, our world was totally turned upside down. My husband was being deployed & would be overseas for 12 to 18 months serving his country with the Army. Never in a million years did I ever think this would happen to my family. There were a lot of emotions that we went through initially & still are going through. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions, disappointments & frustrations.

One of those frustrations was in January 2005 when I got a call from my husband & he informed me he would be heading "out" soon. I picked up my Permanent Dividen Fund application packet & asked him to help me fill out his so I could submit it with the General Power of Attorney I had. I was told that if I did it online it would be easy. The process was anything BUT easy! I was told via email that,

"Despite the fact that you may have a Power of Attorney for your husband, he is still physically able to sign his own application. He will have to sign before he will receive his 2005 dividend. When the application is processed, it will go through the intial review stage, and your husband will be mailed a letter requesting his signature. If you are in contact with your husband and he can sign the application and get it USPS postmarked back to us by March 31, 2005, you may want to do that. Or, you can mail in the application and we will process it and send your husband a signature page.

Please ensure you provide us with a copy of the Power of Attorney so we have it for our records and can discuss his application with you." (taken from the actual rejection email I received)

Now, I am a person who follows protocol & rules as a teacher, but I was so frustrated & confused by this rejection letter. My husband was going into a Combat Zone & the PFD office was more concerned over follow the proper protocol! I knew that I was not the only military spouse going through this, so that is when I decided to contact Representative Mike Chenault's office. I was told at a meeting the month before my husband left that having General Power of Attorney meant I could conduct official business on behalf of my husband's part. I even sent the PFD office a copy of the General Power of Attorney paperwork along with the 2 sets of orders for my husband. I sent 13 pages of documentation that proved that I in fact had General Power of Attorney for my husband. In the next 3 to 4 weeks, NEVER did the PFD office leave a message at my work phone number, home phone number or my cellular number. All of which they had. I found this very impersonal. All of my contact with them was via email. I tried calling the PFD office & I even left messages, but I never spoke to a human being.

Although my husband has email/computer access, I can count on 1 hand the number of times my husbaad has emailed me from Iraq. The soldiers have to sign up for their time on the

computers, & that time is only 20 or 30 minutes long. Internet connection can sometimes be tricky since they use jammers for security reasons, thus breaking phone connections. The power was out for 3 days recently in my husband's area, something unexpected for the soldiers, as is the situation in any war. The soldiers in Iraq & other places in the Middle East have an important job to do. Filing their PF online is the LAST thing that they want to think about doing after a 12 hour shift of military duty. Also, you can imagine, the mailing system can be rather slow & unreliable when you are half way around the world.

I am very proud to say that my husband is serving his country, as are my children. I know that he has a long & difficult task before him, just as we do on the homefront. The PFD office has NO clue what they are talking about when they ask for my husband's signature, using the internet & sending things via email. My husband is a very busy soldier, doing what soldiers do in a combat situation. THIS takes priority over physically filling out a PFD form. THAT is what General Power of Attorney is for.

It is time that the PFD Dept. take a long hard look at their policies & seriously think about modifying some of the rules & policies, particularly when it comes to military spouses & their soldiers. As time goes by, more & more soldiers from Alaska are being deployed. Other spouses & soldiers will have to deal with the stress & headaches I have had to endure. The situation we military wives are in, is stressful enough! I beg you to please consider passing HB 201, not just for me, but for ALL Alaskan soldiers & their families. My husband is serving his country for goodness sake, doesn't that mean anything to anyone anymore?

Thank you for your time!

Linda L. Zimmerman
4/5th Multiage Educator
Student Council Coordinator
Nikiski North Star Elementary

"The 6 Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, & Citizenship. Have you hugged your PILLARS today?"

Correct use makes power of attorney useful tool

A power of attorney is a very powerful document where one person designates another person to act as their agent. A power of attorney can be very useful but, if misused, can also be damaging to the person granting the power.

The grantor becomes irrevocably bound by the actions of the agent who uses a valid power of attorney. A general power of attorney allows the agent to do almost anything in the name of the person giving the permission.

Do I need a power of attorney?

If you are available to manage all of your affairs, then you do not need a power of attorney.

If you are deployed, TDY or otherwise unavailable to conduct your affairs, then you may need to give someone the power to conduct them for you.

With a power of attorney, your agent can act in your place.

Do not give someone a power of attorney unless it is absolutely necessary.

Do not get a power of attorney simply because your chain of command says you need one. It is important to select a grantee who is trustworthy and reliable.

There are two types of powers of attorney.

With a general power of attorney, your agent has the authority to manage and conduct all of your affairs. This includes, but is not limited to:

- sell, lease and buy property for you
- enter into contracts for you,
- represent you in any claim or litigation involving you or your interests,
- sign and cash checks for you,
- prepare, execute and file tax returns.
- receive money for you, and
- receive Leave and Earnings Statements

There are limitations with a general power of attorney

These limitations include:

- Your grantee may not cancel your life insurance policies or change any of your beneficiaries.
- Your grantee may not act for you when representing someone else.
- Your grantee may not change any allotments in your paycheck.
- All powers of attorney are subject to the acceptance policies of the organizations with which you are dealing. Some organizations may require a special power of attorney.

This is a limited power of attorney in which you give the grantee authority only to act for you in specific matters.

For example, you can give someone a special power of attorney to sign for government quarters or pick up your POV.

Army Emergency Relief requires a special POA if you wish to give your agent authority to act on your behalf with them.

The Finance office does not require a special POA but it does require the use of specific language. So, while you can use either power of attorney with the Finance office, the language must be specific. Dependents with general powers of attorney may only obtain a Leave and Earnings Statement from the Finance office.

If you want your agent to have broader authority to deal with the Finance office, you can have these options placed in your GPOA:

- cash checks
- change savings deposit program
- start allotment
- stop savings deposit program
- change allotment
- start thrift savings program
- stop allotment
- change thrift savings program
- file claims
- stop thrift savings program
- obtain service relief loan
- stop BAH
- start savings deposit programs or change pay options such as monthly pay or direct deposit.



When Soldiers deploy, a power of attorney is usually needed for the family.

All powers of attorney must be completed in ink. Do not sign until you are in the presence of the notary public.

It is U.S. Army Alaska policy that powers of attorney not exceed one year. However, if you are deploying for a period of a year or more, your POA may be drafted to allow it to expire beyond the date of your expected redeployment.

If you find it necessary to give someone a power of attorney, give the most specific, least powerful, shortest duration power of attorney possible.

Retain a copy of the power of attorney for yourself. Copies should not be certified.

Check with the person or place that you intend to have the power of attorney used. Make sure the power of attorney will be accepted and find out if any special language or instructions are necessary. Many businesses and institutions will not transact business with agents using powers of attorney. No law requires them to do so.

Register the power of attorney with the clerk of courts at the court house in the area where it is to be used. There is usually a fee for this.

A power of attorney can be revoked at any time by the grantor.

The best way to revoke a power of attorney is to destroy it. If you cannot destroy the power of attorney, the next best thing is to execute a revocation of power of attorney.

Have a copy served on the agent named in the power of attorney. You should be able to prove that the agent was served.

Furnish a copy of the revocation to any place you think the agent might use the power of attorney. Make notification of revocation through an advertisement in the appropriate newspaper.

Register the revocation with the clerk of courts where the power of attorney might be used.

Soldiers with questions concerning powers of attorney should contact their Legal Assistance Office at 384-0371 for Fort Richardson or 353-6534 for Fort Wainwright.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB 201
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title Perm Fund Dividend Apps of Military RDU Revenue Programs & Support
 Component Permanent Fund Dividend
 Sponsor Chenault
 Requester _____ Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 201 would allow a power of attorney to complete, sign and file an application for a military member stationed outside of the US. A total of 6,205 applicants claimed a military absence from the state in 2004. The PFD does not track how many of these individuals were stationed outside the US. The bill would not result in any significant increased cost for processing PFD applications.

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 Approved by: _____ Date 3/16/2005
 Agency _____