

05/18/87	1645	(S)	EFFECTIVE DATE SAME AS PASSAGE
05/19/87	1645	(S)	RETURN TO (H), TRANSMIT TO GOVERNOR NEXT
05/26/87	1720	(H)	11:50 AM 5/26/87 TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR
06/30/87	1753	(H)	SIGNED INTO LAW 6/12 CHAPTER 56 SLA 87
06/30/87	1753	(H)	EFFECTIVE DATE OF LAW 6/13/87

HB 125

"An Act relating to a cause of action for certain conduct involving discriminatory harassment."

PRIME SPONSOR: RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

CURRENT STATUS: (H) JUD STATUS DATE: 02/11/87

JRN-DATE	JRN-PG		ACTION
02/11/87	195	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
02/11/87	195	(H)	JUDICIARY, THEN FINANCE
02/11/87	195	(H)	ZERO FISCAL NOTE PUBLISHED 2/11/87
02/11/87	195	(H)	GOVERNOR'S TRANSMITTAL LETTER

HB 126

CSHB 126(FIN)

"An Act relating to the public school foundation program, employer contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System, and community school programs; and providing for an effective date."

PRIME SPONSOR: RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

CURRENT STATUS: CHAPTER 91 SLA 87 STATUS DATE: 06/17/87

JRN-DATE	JRN-PG		ACTION
02/11/87	196	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
02/11/87	196	(H)	HESS, FINANCE
02/11/87	197	(H)	ZERO FISCAL NOTE PUBLISHED 2/11/87
02/11/87	197	(H)	GOVERNOR'S TRANSMITTAL LETTER
03/18/87	533	(H)	HES RPT CS(HESS) 7DP
03/18/87	534	(H)	LETTER OF INTENT /HESS RPT FORTHCOMING
03/20/87	572	(H)	LETTER OF INTENT FOR HES REPORT
04/23/87	943	(H)	FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 7DP 4NR
04/23/87	944	(H)	LETTER OF INTENT WITH FIN REPORT
04/23/87	944	(H)	FISCAL NOTE PUBLISHED 4/23/87
04/24/87		(H)	RULES TO CALENDAR 4/24/87
04/24/87	972	(H)	READ THE SECOND TIME
04/24/87	973	(H)	FIN CS ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
04/24/87	973	(H)	ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT
04/24/87	973	(H)	READ THE THIRD TIME CSHB 126(FIN)
04/24/87	973	(H)	PASSED Y34 N1 X5
04/24/87	973	(H)	EFFECTIVE DATES SAME AS PASSAGE
04/24/87	974	(H)	AM TO LETTER OF INTENT ADP Y28 N7 X5
04/24/87	975	(H)	(H) ADP FIN LETTER OF INTENT Y31 N4 X5
04/24/87	975	(H)	PETTYJOHN NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION
04/27/87	1001	(H)	RECON TAKEN UP - IN THIRD READING
04/27/87	1003	(H)	RETURN TO 2ND FOR AM FLD Y17 N23
04/27/87	1003	(H)	PASSED ON RECONSIDERATION Y37 N3
04/27/87	1003	(H)	EFFECTIVE DATES SAME AS PASSAGE
04/27/87	1004	(H)	(H) ADOPTED FIN LETTER OF INTENT AM
04/27/87	1004	(H)	TRANSMITTED TO (S)

HB 124

conservation tax is included in most of the conservation Acts of the 30 oil and gas producing states. The tax would be in the amount of four mills per barrel of crude oil and 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas. Proceeds from the tax would be placed in the general fund. The commission has calculated that approximately \$2,680,000 would be collected annually if this bill were enacted.

The concept of a tax related to oil and gas conservation activities is not new to the state. Section 15, ch. 40, SLA 1955, which created the commission, provided funding by levying a tax on the gross amount of oil and gas produced. The tax rate was then five mills per barrel of oil and per 50,000 cubic feet of natural gas. After statehood, sec. 15 became AS 31.05.130 and 31.05.140.

The original tax was repealed effective July 1, 1970, by ch. 247, SLA 1970.

Effective July 1, 1974, AS 43.57.010, the Oil and Gas Regulation and Conservation Tax, was enacted. Sec. 1, ch. 5, FSSLA 1973. This tax is still in effect. It assesses a tax of 1.25 mills (one-eighth of one cent) per barrel of oil, a 75 percent reduction from the amount of the conservation tax levied up to July 1, 1970. The amount of revenue generated by this tax is not even equal to the operating costs of the commission, and may be perceived by the oil and gas industry as little more than a "nuisance tax." As described earlier, the tax in AS 43.57.010 would be adjusted to include a tax on production of natural gas, and to increase the amount of the tax.

Sincerely,

/s/

Steve Cowper  
Governor"

HB 125

HOUSE BILL NO. 125 by the Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to a cause of action for certain conduct involving discriminatory harassment."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

A zero fiscal note was published February 11, 1987.

The Governor's transmittal letter, dated February 10, 1987, appears below:

HB 125

"Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that addresses the problem of discriminatory harassment -- that is, wrongful acts committed with the intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, or physical or mental disability.

The bill creates a statutory private right of action under which a person can sue another for physical harm or property damage caused with the intent to intimidate or harass another person because of the factors just listed. The court may award actual and punitive damages to a prevailing plaintiff. Creating a special civil action such as this gives specific statutory authority for such an action, rather than relying on the broad authority of the common law. It also allows for easier tracking of lawsuits involving discrimination harassment, because an informational copy of a complaint filed under this statute along with the answer to it is to be served on the executive director of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights. This service is the responsibility of the plaintiffs and defendants.

As is the Human Rights Commission, I am committed to the passage of legislation that seeks to discourage acts of malicious harassment based on discriminatory motivation. Human rights agencies nationwide are taking note of the significant number of racial incidents, of hate groups advocating violence and extremism, and of other instances of harassment motivated by various types of bigotry. We must all remain steadfast in our resolve to protect Alaskans from such offensive conduct and the odious intolerance that it represents. This bill will help.

Sincerely,

/s/

Steve Cowper  
Governor"

HB 126

HOUSE BILL NO. 126 by the Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the public school foundation program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education & Social Services and Finance Committees.