

Funds restored for Aleutian schools

JUNEAU — Funds for Aleutian Chain schools that were stricken from the legislature's bonding proposal have been restored through the action of District 15's representative Alvin Osterback.

Under a compromise redrafting of the bill (Senate Bill 564) that was recently reached by the House Finance Committee, Aleutian Chain communities will be included in the nearly \$60 million bond package to be offered to Alaskan voters this fall.

The communities and their amounts are: King Cove, \$576,000; St. George, \$432,000; Old Harbor and Port Lyons, \$1,200,000 each; and St. Paul, \$720,000.

In the previous, apparently final version of the bill, only King Cove and Old Harbor had been allotted funds, to a total of \$1,850,000. The current bonding allotments total \$4,128,000 for District 15.

Through Osterback's appeal of the committee's decision, SB 564 was returned to the House

Finance Committee for further work. Four percent was then taken from the amount allotted to each Alaskan village, in order to make up the funds necessary for schools on the Chain.