

OEO - Less Endangered Than Before

According to recent reports from Washington, there is every indication that the Office of Economic Opportunity will be funded through FY 1974.

Mike Harper, Executive Director of RurAL CAP, reports that the OEO appropriations bill (what is attached to the Department of Labor - HEW appropriations bill) has passed the House of Representatives and is currently in the hands

of the Senate.

Indications at this point are that the Senate will pass the bill as approved by the full House. This would provide \$338.8 million dollars for OEO during the present fiscal year.

The problem with the appropriations bill in the past has been a general fear that the President would veto the bill once it reached his desk.

However informed sources

relate that the White House will no longer challenge the will of Congress on the OEO appropriations issue.

In commenting on the information, Harper said: "It is still too early to tell exactly how this will effect OEO programs in Alaska, but we at RurAL CAP feel quite confident that we will be able to run our program for at least another year."