

Older Worker Community Service Prog.

Ted Stevens reported that the senate has passed legislation to authorize the establishment of an older worker community service program.

The bill is designed to promote useful part-time work opportunities for unemployed, low-income persons who are 55 years of age or older.

Positions will be available in the areas of health, education, conservation, environment, community development and economic development.

The programs will be coordinated at the state level with federal funds made available on the basis of the population of eligible participants in the state.

"If the \$100 million authorized in the bill is appropriated for the program, Alaska will receive a minimum of \$500,000 for work in this area," reported Senator Stevens.