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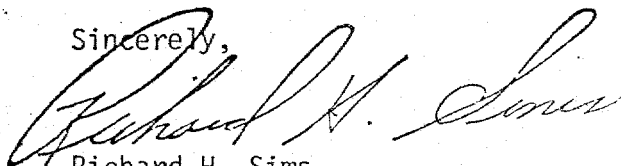
Dear Mr. Wise:

At the last meeting of the Alaska Water Resources Board HB 196 which would establish an Alaska State Climate Center and a state weather and climate program was very briefly discussed as one of the new pieces of legislation that might be of interest to the Board. Unfortunately, no one who had much information on either the background or purpose of the bill was present at the meeting. We understand that you probably have the most knowledge of the bill.

We are interested in learning more about the proposed legislation, especially its relationship to present water resources data collection efforts. We suspect a need exists for the establishment and funding of the activities described in the bill but are also concerned that it might overlap or duplicate responsibilities of existing state agencies. We would appreciate any information you can give us that would help enlighten us. Also, regardless of the success of the bill in this session, we would welcome a presentation on the State Climate Center at a future Water Resources Board meeting. Please contact Steve Mack of the Department of Natural Resources (279-5577) if you have any questions regarding our request for information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims
Chairman