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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to investments by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 37.13.120(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) The corporation may not borrow money or guarantee from principal of the fund the obligations of others except as provided in this subsection. With respect to real property investments of the fund, the corporation may, through an entity in which the investment is made, borrow money if the borrowing is without recourse to the corporation and the fund.

10 * Sec. 2. AS 37.13.120(g) is amended to read:

11 (g) Subject to the limitations contained in this section, the board may invest fund assets at the competitive national market rates or prices that are applicable to each investment only in

14 (1) obligations of, or obligations insured by or guaranteed by, the
(2) obligations secured by reserves paid in by the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States or obligations of corporations in which the United States is a shareholder or member;

(3) certificates of deposit and term deposits of United States domestic banks that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and that may be readily sold in a secondary market at prices reflecting fair value or that are fully secured at all times as to payment of principal and interest as described in (m) of this section;

(4) certificates of deposit and term deposits of federally chartered savings and loan associations in Alaska that are fully secured at all times as to payments of principal and interest as described in (m) of this section;

(5) certificates of deposit and term deposits of mutual savings banks in Alaska that are fully secured at all times as to payments of principal and interest as described in (m) of this section;

(6) fixed-term certificates of indebtedness of federally insured credit unions in Alaska that are fully secured at all times as to payments of principal and interest as described in (m) of this section;

(7) [DOMESTIC CORPORATE] debt instruments that have been issued by domestic entities and [SECURITIES] that are rated investment grade [BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RATING SERVICE], or [NONDOMESTIC CORPORATE] debt instruments [SECURITIES] of comparable quality issued by nondomestic entities:

(8) short-term

(A) [DOMESTIC CORPORATE] promissory notes that have been issued by domestic entities and that are rated investment grade [OF THE HIGHEST RATINGS ASSIGNED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RATING SERVICE]; or

(B) [NONDOMESTIC CORPORATE] promissory notes of comparable quality issued by nondomestic entities, the interest on which may be payable in either United States dollars or nondomestic currencies;
(9) bankers' acceptances drawn on and accepted by United States banks each of which has a combined capital and surplus aggregating at least $200,000,000;
(10) repurchase agreements, the securities underlying the agreements being any of the items in (1) - (6) of this subsection;
(11) the portions of business and industrial loans made under the Rural Development Act of 1972 that are guaranteed by the Farmers Home Administration;
(12) the guaranteed portion of Farmers Home Administration loans;
(13) notes secured by mortgages granting a first lien on residential real estate improved by completed buildings if the mortgages are insured by a private mortgage insurance corporation that is authorized to do business in this state and has combined capital and surplus aggregating at least $20,000,000[,] and if loan-to-value ratios do not exceed 90 percent; however, mortgage insurance is not necessary for residential loans having a loan-to-value ratio of less than 70 percent and the minimum coverage of other residential loans shall be 10 percent for those having a loan-to-value ratio greater than 70 percent but less than 90 percent and 20 percent for those having a loan-to-value ratio of 90 percent;
(14) preferred and common stock and other equity interests in entities organized [OF CORPORATIONS INCORPORATED] in the United States;
(15) certificates of deposit, term deposits, or bankers' acceptances, that are issued by a United States or nondomestic bank or trust company located outside of the United States and are denominated in United States or nondomestic currency [,] if either (A) they may be readily sold in a secondary market at prices reflecting fair value, or (B) the issuing bank or trust company has capital, surplus, and retained earnings at the date of issue equaling at least $500,000,000; investments made under this paragraph are not subject to the collateral requirements for domestic certificates under (m) of this section;
(16) equity interests in, and debt obligations secured by mortgages granting a first lien on, real estate if the real estate is located in the United States, is professionally managed, and is 

(A) improved by completed and substantially rented buildings;
(B) located within the market area of real property in which the fund holds an existing interest and is acquired

(i) for the purpose of creating or adding to a portfolio of similar properties; or

(ii) to retain or service the needs of existing tenants

[AND LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES IF THE TOTAL VALUE HELD BY THE FUND IN EACH INVESTMENT DOES NOT EXCEED $150,000,000, AND, IF THE TOTAL VALUE HELD BY THE FUND IN EACH INVESTMENT EXCEEDS $150,000,000, THESE INVESTMENTS ARE MADE]

(A) IN A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, TRUST, OR OTHER ENTITY IN WHICH, AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INVESTMENT TRANSACTION, AT LEAST 33 PERCENT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE HELD BY OTHER INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS, AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS BY A BANK, INSURANCE COMPANY, OR OTHER MANAGER OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS THAT HAS HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS; OR

(B) WITH CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, TRUSTS, OR ENTITIES IN WHICH, AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH INVESTMENT TRANSACTION, AT LEAST 33 PERCENT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE CO-INVESTING ENTITY OR ENTITIES AS A WHOLE ARE HELD BY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS, AND IF

(i) AT THE TIME OF INVESTMENT THE FUND HAS NO MORE THAN A 67 PERCENT BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE INVESTED IN AS A WHOLE;

(ii) THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FUND ARE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE OTHER INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS, EXCEPT FOR THE
PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; AND

(iii) THE PROPERTY IS MANAGED AND OPERATED BY AN ENTITY THAT HAS HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS;

(17) securities of nondomestic governments and nondomestic government agencies, the principal of, or interest on, which is payable in either United States dollars or nondomestic currencies;

(18) securities of other nondomestic entities [CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK,] whose dividends, if any, may be payable in either United States dollars or nondomestic currencies;

(19) taxable municipal or state debt instruments [SECURITIES] that are rated investment grade [BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RATING SERVICE];

(20) shares in a money market or short-term investment fund that has either collateral securities of a type authorized elsewhere in this section as acceptable collateral or securities of similar quality to those authorized elsewhere in this section as acceptable collateral;

(21) interests in a titleholding entity, real estate investment trust, real estate operating company, or other entity whose assets consist predominantly of

(A) equity interests in real property or debt obligations secured by mortgages granting a lien on real property, so long as the property is of a type in which the corporation is otherwise permitted to invest fund assets under this subsection; or

(B) interests in other entities in which the corporation is permitted to invest fund assets under this paragraph.

* Sec. 3. AS 37.13.120(h) is amended to read:

(h) The board may enter into future contracts for the sale of investments purchased under (g) of this section, or for the sale of nondomestic currencies, only for the purpose of hedging an existing equivalent ownership position in these investments
or as a means of implementing asset allocation strategies.

* Sec. 4. AS 37.13.120(i) is amended to read:

(i) The fund may at no time own more than five percent of the voting stock of a corporation unless the issuing corporation is an entity in which the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation is permitted to invest fund assets under (g)(21) of this section. Domestic stocks, except for bank and insurance company stocks and stocks of corporations in which the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation is permitted to invest fund assets under (g)(21) of this section, must be listed at the date of purchase on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as otherwise permitted under (k) of this section, at [AT] the time of each investment, the aggregate investment of the fund in each stated category of investment may not exceed the following stated percentage of the total investments of the fund:

(1) mortgages under (g)(13) of this section - 15 percent;

(2) real estate investments under (g)(16) and 21 of this section - 15 percent;

(3) certificates of deposit, term deposit, or bankers' acceptances under (g)(15) of this section - 20 percent;

(4) interests in domestic and nondomestic entities [CORPORATE STOCKS] under (g)(14) and (18) of this section - 55 [50] percent [

(5) REPEALED].

* Sec. 5. AS 37.13.120(j) is amended to read:

(j) The assets of the fund may not be used for the purchase of debt instruments [BONDS] of a corporation or other entity [,] upon which any regular interest payment has been defaulted within five years before purchase, except debt instruments [BONDS] never in default but which have been outstanding for less than five years.

* Sec. 6. AS 37.13.120(k) is amended to read:

(k) The board shall establish and from time to time as necessary modify guidelines for the investment of the assets of the fund. Before adoption of any guidelines, the guidelines shall be reported to the Legislative Budget and Audit
Committee for review and comment. **Notwithstanding (g) of this section or the percentage investment limitations under (i) of this section and so long as doing so satisfies the prudent-investor rule under (a) of this section, the board may invest up to five percent of the total assets of the fund in either or a combination of the following:**

(A) other types of investments not specifically listed in (g) of this section;

(B) categories of investment subject to the percentage investment limitations established in (i) of this section, even though investing additional assets in a category will cause the aggregate investment in the category to exceed the applicable percentage limitation.

*Sec. 7.* AS 37.13.120 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(p) For purposes of applying the percentage investment limitations established in (i) of this section, if the board determines that a particular form of investment authorized under (g) of this section may appropriately be classified in more than one category of investment, it may elect the category to which that form of investment is assigned.

*Sec. 8.* This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).