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### Summary of Changes

**HB 154** *“An Act relating to natural and cultural history collections at the University of Alaska Museum of the North.”*

HB 154 amended AS 14.57.010(a) by adding the University of Alaska Museum of the North under Title 14. Education, Libraries, and Museums; Chapter 57. Museums; Article 1. The State Museum. This version of the bill established the Museum of the North as a branch museum and an official state repository of natural and cultural history collections.

**CS for HB 154** *“An Act relating to natural and cultural history repositories.”*

The CS for HB 154 amends AS 14.40 by adding a new section (14.40.072) under Title 14. Chapter 40. The University of Alaska and the Community Colleges. Article 1. Establishment, Organization, and Programs of the University of Alaska. CSHB 154 version N adds a new section to AS 14.40 that authorizes the University of Alaska to designate the University of Alaska Museum of the North in Fairbanks as a repository of state natural and cultural history collections.

Subsections to this section address accepting and expending funds for specific purposes and qualifications for a facility to be designated as a repository.

### Summary of Changes between HB 154 and CSHB 154

HB 154 adds a new section to the statutes under Education, Libraries, and Museums, State Museum in AS 14.57.010(a). The CS for HB 154 adds a new

section to the statutes under The University of Alaska and the Community Colleges in 14.40.072.

The change in statute placement ensures that the Museum of the North will not be classified as a branch museum under the Alaska State Museum (as in HB 154) but rather remain its own entity, be designated as a repository by the University of Alaska, and have the ability to accept and expend funds (as in CSHB 154).