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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

SENATE BILL 71 (version O)

Alaska State Council on the Arts

Sec. 1: AS 28.10.421(a)(3), relating to fees paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for vehicle license plates, allows for an additional fee, set by Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) regulation, and not to exceed \$50, when a person chooses a new ASCA artistic plate.

The subsection also provides that these additional fees will be accounted for separately and that the total amount that exceeds the costs of the Artistic License Plate Program may be appropriated to the arts and cultural investment fund established in section 6 of the bill, described below.

Sec. 2: AS 35.27.020(h), relating to the Art Works in Public Buildings and Facilities program, adds a new subsection to specify ASCA's management responsibility for public artwork created under the program, to include the management of the relocation, disposition, or exchange of such artwork.

Sec. 3: AS 37.05.146(c), adds the Alaska arts and cultural investment fund created in Section 6, identifying that the program receipts of the Alaska arts and cultural investment fund are accounted for separately and appropriations are not made from the unrestricted general fund.

Sec. 4: AS 44.27.050(7) and (8), relating to the duties of the ASCA, is a cross reference to the prior section, specifying ASCA's management responsibility for public artwork created through its programs, to include the management of the relocation, disposition, or exchange of such artwork, and to manage the arts and cultural investment fund.

Sec. 5: AS 44.27.053(a), establishes the Attorney General being legal counsel for ASCA, similar to other state agencies, and allows the ASCA to retain additional legal counsel as needed, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

Sec. 6: AS 44.27.059(a), establishes the arts and cultural investment fund, consisting of monies appropriated to it by the legislature, or donated to the arts council

Sec. 7: AS 44.27.080(a), relating to an ASCA-sponsored competition for artistic plates design, from being mandatory to being optional, every four years, at the discretion of ASCA.

Sec. 8: AS 44.27.080(c), relating to the artistic plate design competition, restores authority for the ASCA to award the artist of the winning design a monetary amount set in regulation, from the funds generated by the artistic plates. This provision was repealed in 2018.

Sec. 9: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2022.